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2014 Year in Review Issue

By Melinda McCutchen
Publisher

We are rapidly approaching the end of yet another year. As the clock ticks down on 2014, I hope readers enjoy this look back at a few of the stories which made headlines this year. While combing through all of the 2014 issues, I quickly realized that there was no possible way to include everything. I'll apologize in advance if a story important to you was omitted. Also, we have not included any of the school activities. Our area students are extremely talented, earning

honors in academics, sports, UIL, and other extra curricular activities. There would be no way to include all of the honors earned in 2014 by these students.

Coke County turned 125 in 2014. The July 4th issue of The Observer/Enterprise was dedicated entirely to that milemark. Ivey Motor Company celebrated their 100th anniversary and The Observer/Enterprise celebrated our 125th birthday. I sincerely want to thank our readers, contributors and advertisers for your support this last year.



Jail Dedication! Descendants of Coke County pioneer families, descendants of Coke County sheriffs, present and past sheriffs, and honored guests made up a special audience for the dedication of the 1907 Coke County Jail on Saturday, September 20, 2014. A room full of people with various connections to the history of the county and the preservation process of the Coke County Historical Commission listened to Bobby Blaylock, the event's Master of Ceremonies, and added to the support for preserving the history of Coke County.

The Old Jail has a dedication plaque to Roberta Cole Johnson of Brenham, Texas, whose bequest funded the restoration and future maintenance of the building. The annex building has been named the Blake Annex to honor Charles and Joy Millican Blake who were entrusted by Mrs. Johnson to name the projects worthy of her bequest.

Future plans for the annex are developing and the area will soon be ready to preserve and exhibit Coke County history.



Dedication! On Sunday, September 7, 2014, the Bronte First United Methodist Church dedicated their new Fellowship Hall and Salt of the Earth Food Pantry. The morning began with a worship service, followed by the dedication. The services were led by Bronte FUMC's current pastor Rev. Everett Boyce. Over 100 church members and guests enjoyed a lunch and fellowship in the new facility. Bishop Dorff reminded the crowd that Methodists do two things very well – meet and eat. The group is adding a third thing – trying to feed their brothers and sisters.

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Perhaps one of the biggest stories of the year centered around the old Coke County Juvenile Justice Center in Bronte. Coke County and a San Antonio firm entered into a lease agreement for the old facility and the 38+/- acres on May 1, 2014, which angered many county residents. The owners of the firm met with Bronte residents the last week in April. The City of Bronte disconnected all water and sewer to the property following this meeting. Coke County Commissioners held a rare evening public meeting in Bronte in mid-May to attempt to address residents concerns. Over 100 citizens from both sides of the county were in attendance. Before it was over, the Texas Rangers were called in to investigate. Although the lease appeared to be extremely one-sided in favor of the San Antonio company and a former Coke County consultant on the project was eventually employed by the San Antonio firm, the investigation revealed no grounds for prosecution. The Coke County Commissioners Court voted to list the property for sale this fall and it was revealed in late fall that the San Antonio company was terminating the lease.



The Living Bible Series presentation of "The Last Supper" was held at First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee on April 12 and 13. Members of the cast include David O'Dell, Todd Smith, Robert Longest, Robert Wink, Matthew Curry, Hal Spain, Joe White, Michael Curry, Drake Arthur, Everett Wilson, Steve Giudici, Blake Smith, Kaden Hayes, Abi Arthur, Rachelle Arthur, Jacey Brashear, Brenner Sherwood, and Denver O'Dell. Narrators were Gaylon Childers and Rev. Cyndi Weidner. Judy Gibbs, Gayle Bolding and Karen Hodge were in charge of costuming, with Carla Wojtek in charge of props. Media Tech was Barbie Arthur with Claire Giudici serving as Manager. Photo Courtesy of Leta Caston.



Picnic in the Park! Picnic in the Park, supporting the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department's building fund, was held Saturday, May 17, 2014, at the Bronte Park. The large crowd bought all the barbecue from the VFD by just after 12 noon. The day's activities concluded with a dance.

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 Wed. 6 pm

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 424 S. Washington Bronte
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 6 pm Youth
 Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting

First United Methodist Church
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 Bronte
 (325) 473-3281
 Rev. Everette Boyce, Pastor
 Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship

Forgiven Ministries
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 Russ Frasier, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am
 Tuesday 6 pm Table Time

St. James Catholic Church
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 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
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Robert Lee

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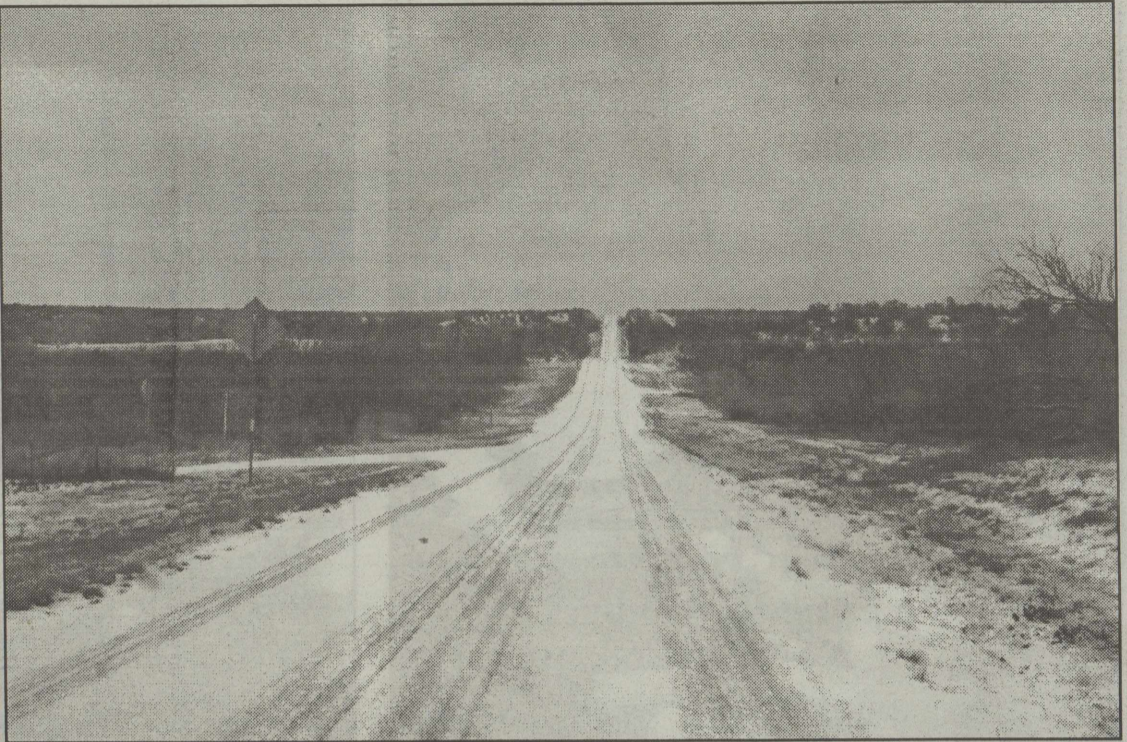
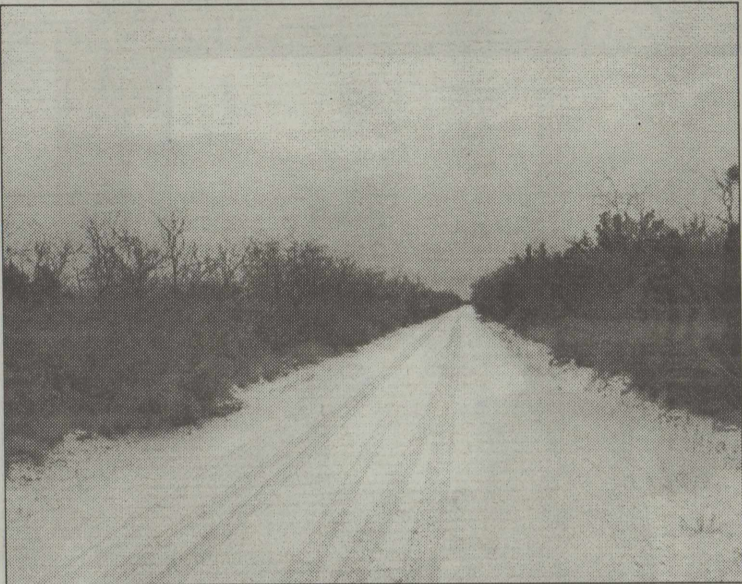
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 Sat. 6 pm

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 Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting



Wild Weather! Snow began to fall in Coke County last February. Before it was over, the snow turned to ice. Snow totals ranged from just under 1/2" near Robert Lee to 1' at Blackwell. The above photo at right was taken on the west end of FM 2662 and the left top photo is Mays Road. Once the ice began to form on our roadways, county schools were first delayed and then cancelled. Coke County Sheriff's Deputy Trey Davis came in on his day off to assist Sheriff Wayne McCutchen with the numerous accidents throughout Coke County.

Residents of Coke County met at Oak Creek Lake later that month to pray for rain (right photo). God has been good to Coke County as the photo below shows. The picture is of a stock tank southeast of Robert Lee in late September.



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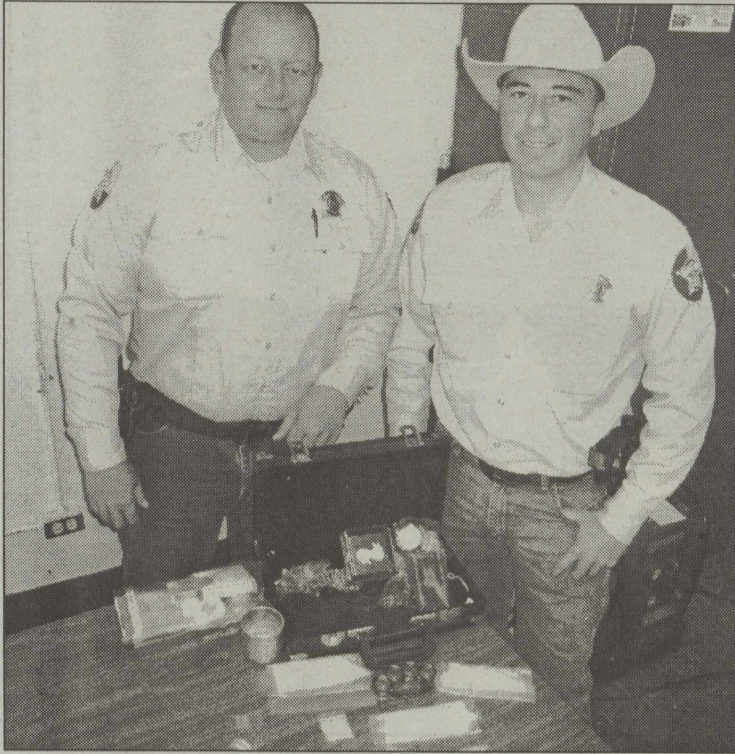
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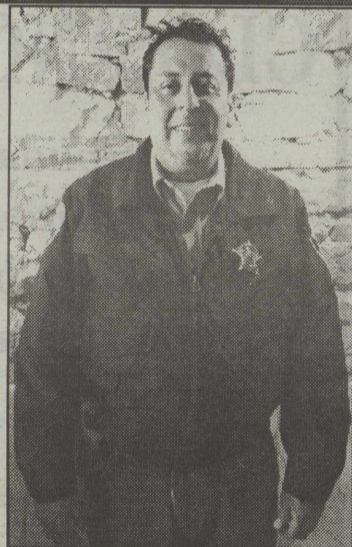
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Drug Bust! A December 21, 2013, search warrant for a residence in Bronte netted a great deal. The warrant was served by Coke County Sheriff's Deputy Trey Davis (left) and Deputy Christopher Fox (right) and Sheriff Wayne McCutchen. The officers found over 60 grams of methamphetamine, illegal weapons, burglary tools, and drug paraphernalia. This bust occurred during the investigation of the burglaries which have been plaguing Coke County over the last few weeks. Both of these deputies left the Coke County Sheriff's Office for higher paying positions.



New Deputies this year with the Coke County Sheriff's Office include (top photo, from left) Russell Johnson, Terry Crenshaw, and Anthony Lopez (at right). At the end of the budget process, citizens requested commissioners to reconsider the deputies' salaries and proposed the men in the department receive a 7% increase. Commissioners agreed to the proposal and met the requirements necessary to satisfy the legal process.



Lana and Garland Richards and the Fort Chadbourne Foundation in Coke County, were honored this year with the R. C. Crane Heritage Service Award by the Texas Historical Association in Odessa, Texas. The award recognizes non-profit organizations for their preservation efforts to West Texas History. Nominees must show a contribution to our Texas heritage through projects of restoration, community partnerships, and most importantly work with local and area schools, teachers and students, through educational events and activities.

The Fort Chadbourne Foundation organized in 1999 as a non-profit charitable organization, to preserve and present the historic 1852 fort site, was chosen for its preservation work, and meeting all the requirements of their original mission statement. In all six buildings have been restored and all ruins stabilized. The Foundation has educated and entertained well over 25,000 students and teachers at their annual Fort Chadbourne Days Living History Event held the first weekend each May. And, they opened a new 12,500 square foot Visitor Center/Museum in April 2012. Much work at Fort Chadbourne, such as archeological excavations has been completed by volunteerism with groups such as the Concho Valley Archeological Society and the SMARTS.

The prestigious R. C. Crane award comes with a \$500.00 monetary award. Shown are (from left) Brent Bryan, Janie Ruth Cooper, Ann Pate, Garland Richards and Lana Richards.

The Fort Chadbourne Foundation has contributed heavily to the historic preservations in Coke County, along with the Texas Forts Trail, and many other cities and communities throughout West Texas.



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New AgriLife Ag Agent

Morgan Runyan came to Coke County in the spring of 2014 as the new Texas AgriLife Extension Service agriculture and natural resources agent.

Morgan replaced James Jackson, who took a position as an Ag Agent closer to his home in Central Texas.

In August, County Commissioners terminated long-time AgriLife Agent Jan Yanez.



Bronte Kids! Bronte First Baptist Youth spent Spring Break volunteering their time in the Community. One project was painting street signposts for the City of Bronte. Shown above are Hanna McKinney (from left), Katelyn Swecker and Emily Davidson. Below are Ryan Jones (from left), Ryan Matlock of Robert Lee and Ismael Cecilio.



Robert Lee Kids! Robert Lee young people from local churches gathered this past weekend to study, pray and support the community with clean-up efforts downtown and at the cemetery. Photo Courtesy of Leta Caston.

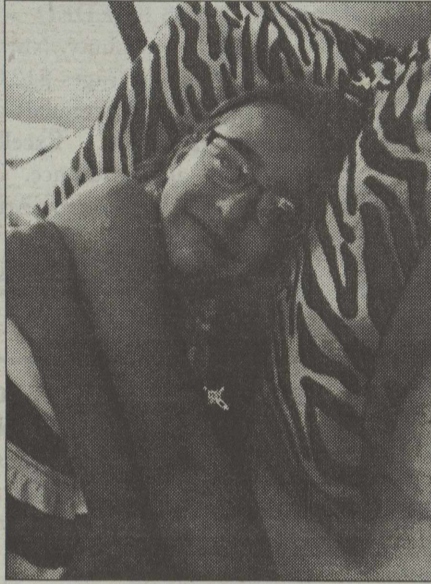
2014 Coke County Livestock Show Showmanship Winners!

Earning Showmanship awards at the 2014 Coke County Livestock Show were (from left) James Roberts, Clay Antilley Memorial Steer Showmanship Award; Kassie O'Dell, Swine Showmanship Award; Carson Kelso, Lamb Showmanship Award; Katlyn Reeves, Goat Showmanship Award; and Rachel Everheart, Frank Percifull Memorial Overall Showmanship Award.

Zoie's Story

By Rona Clark

A year ago December 21, 2013, my husband Robert Clark and daughter Zoie were heading home after a blessed day of delivering toys to children on the Forgiven Ministries Tom Green County Biker Toy Run. Sadly they did not make it



home. A truck turned in front of them, taking my husband's life and sending Zoie to Cooks in Fort Worth for 5 weeks.

After suffering extensive injuries, Zoie has recovered nicely and is able to do most of what she had before. She's also getting back on a bike and riding with a fellow brother in the San Angelo Toy Run on December 20th.

It is hard to find words adequate enough to express how truly grateful we are for the outpouring

of prayers, love and kindness the community of Robert Lee, Bronte and San Angelo gave us. People who did not know us reached out to us. We would like to say Thank You. Thank you for loving, praying for and supporting us through this painful time. We are truly blessed. As my husband Robert would say ' God Is Good All The Time .

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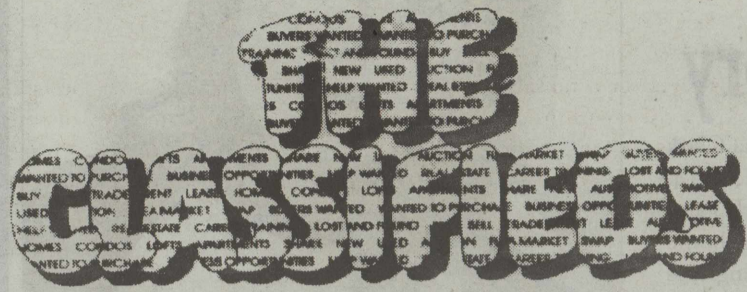
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ORDINANCE NO. 14-10

Repeal of all Ordinances in Conflict with this Ordinance

WHEREAS. The City Council desires to update the City provisions dealing with Public Nuisances to better serve the health and needs of those living within it's limits;

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BRONTE, TEXAS, DEFINING PUBLIC NUISANCES ON REAL PROPERTY, AND PROVIDING REMEDIES AND PENALTIES FOR PUBLIC NUISANCES.

WHEREAS, the City Council of Bronte, Texas declares it intent to define and eliminate public nuisances to enhance the safety and well-being of its Citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRONTE TEXAS:

A. NUISANCE ON REAL PROPERTY

SECTION 1. NUISANCE OF PRIVATE PROPERTY DEFINED

For the purposes of this ordinance, the term "nuisance" is defined to mean any condition or use of premises or of building exteriors which is detrimental to the property of others or which causes or tends to cause substantial diminution in the value of other property in the neighborhood in which such premises is located. A nuisance is a condition or thing to be or act,

or omission that either:

(a) Injures or endangers the comfort, health, or safety of others; or

(b) Offends decency; or

(c) Is offensive to the senses; or

(d) Unlawfully interferes with, obstructs or tends to obstruct or renders dangerous for its intended use any public or private street, highway, sidewalk, stream, creek, waterway, ditch, or drainage; or

(e) In any way unreasonably renders other persons insecure in life or the use of property; or

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(d) Noxious weeds or other rank vegetation.

(e) Accumulation of rubbish, trash, refuse, junk or other abandoned materials, metals, lumber or other things;

(f) Any condition which provides harborage for rats, mice, snakes, and other vermin;

(g) Any building or other structure which is in such a

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(i) The carcasses of animals or fowl not disposed of within a reasonable time after death.

(j) The pollution of any public well or cistern, stream, lake, canal, or body of water sewage.

(k) Any accumulation of stagnant water permitted or maintained on any lot or piece of ground;

(l) Plants, trees, brush, or artificial structure which would impede the normal flow of water on, over, within, or across streams, creeks, drainage ditches or other waterways, natural or manmade;

(m) Permitting or allowing any weeds, filth or rubbish of any kind to remain on any sidewalk in front of or at the side of any premises, to the curb line, in front or at the side of any lots;

(n) Permitting, allowing, constructing, maintaining: a fence, walk, tree, hedge, structure, vehicle, or any other obstruction over, on, or across any public property, way, alley, street, sidewalk, or park.

(o) Posting bills, signs, flyers, notices, or advertisements on any utility pole on public property.

SECTION 3. NUISANCES PROHIBITED

It shall be unlawful for any person to cause, permit,

maintain or allow the creating or maintenance of a nuisance.

SECTION 4. NOTICE TO ABATE

Whenever a nuisance is found to exist within the City's jurisdiction, the City Secretary or his or her designated representative shall give ten (10) days written notice to the owner or occupant of the property upon which such nuisance exists or upon the person causing or maintaining the nuisance. Such notice shall be served by Certified mail with a five (5) day return receipt requested, or by personal service. The City Secretary shall also provide a copy of the notice to the holder of any mortgage or deed of trust or other lien or encumbrance of record and the owner or holder of any lease of record. If the notice is returned undelivered by the United States Post Office, official action to abate such nuisance shall be continued to a date not less than ten (10) days from the date of such return.

SECTION 5. CONTENTS OF NOTICE

The notice to abate a nuisance issued under the provisions of this ordinance shall contain:

(a) An order to abate the nuisance within a stated time, which shall be reasonable under the circumstances, or to request a hearing within ten (10) days after service of notice to abate the nuisance. Request for a hearing shall be in writing and shall be addressed to the Municipal Judge.

(b) The location of the nuisance, if the same is stationary.

(c) The description of what constitutes the nuisance.

(d) A statement of acts necessary to abate the nuisance.

(e) A statement that if the nuisance is not abated as directed and that no request for a hearing is made within the prescribed time, the City, and its option, shall abate such nuisance

and assess the cost thereof against such person.

SECTION 6. HEARING OF NUISANCE

A public hearing must be held prior to the abatement of the nuisance by the City when such hearing is requested by the owner or occupant of the property upon which such nuisance exists or by the person causing or maintaining the nuisance. The hearing shall be held before the Judge of the Municipal Court. The Judge of the Municipal Court shall determine at the hearing whether or not a nuisance exists. If a nuisance is found to exist, the Judge shall order the abatement of the nuisance. Any ruling or order by the Judge of the Municipal Court at this hearing shall become final unless appealed within (10) days to a Court of proper jurisdiction.

SECTION 7. ABATEMENT BY CITY

Upon failure of the person upon whom notice of abate a nuisance was served or attempted to be served pursuant to the provisions of this article to abate the same, or to request a hearing before the Judge of the Municipal Court, the Mayor or his or her designated representative may proceed to abate such nuisance and a statement of cost incurred in the abatement shall be prepared thereof. The expenses of such procedure and the civil penalty shall be charged against the owner and shall thereupon become a valid and enforceable personal obligation of the owner, tenant, or person in control of such premises which may be recovered by the City in a suit brought for that purpose.

SECTION 8. CITY'S COST DECLARED LIEN

(a) Any and all costs incurred by the city including civil penalty, in the abatement of a nuisance under the provisions of

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this chapter shall constitute a privileged lien against the property upon which such nuisance existed, which privileged lien shall be filed, proven and collected as provided by law. Whenever the City shall have performed any work or paid any necessary expenses in connection with any work done in the removal of abatement of any nuisance, it shall be the duty of the City Secretary to immediately prepare and deliver or mail to the owner of the property upon which the nuisance was located an itemized statement with certificate by notary attached to verify all such work performed, all costs and expensed incurred and paid by the City in connection therewith, and the civil penalty assessed. Said statement shall be sent to the owner of said property if his true address is known; if not, then to the owner of record according to the last official tax roll of the City at the address on the roll. Such expense statement shall contain the following:

- (1) Name and address of owner, and name and address of tenant or agent of property, if known, and if unknown recite that fact;
- (2) Description of the property sufficient to identify same, and where property had been subdivided, a description by lot and block number of any particular subdivision shall be sufficient, or the description as per the map of the City;
- (3) Statement of the action of the City;
- (4) Itemized statement of the work done and performed, together with the cost thereof opposite each item, and penalties assessed; and
- (5) Statement of payment made by the City to other parties, and to who made, or reasonable charges by any concerned City department.

(b) Upon delivery of mailing of the statement provided for above, the City shall be entitled to the payment of the aggregated amount so expended, or reasonable charges for City work, or Costs paid, and penalties assessed, as therein set forth. Should the owner fail or refuse to pay the amount due within thirty (30) days thereafter, the notarized statement containing the cost information, signed by the City Administrator, shall be filed with the County Clerk of Coke County, Texas. Such statement, when filed, shall constitute a lien upon the property on which the expense was incurred second only to tax liens, and liens for street improvements and the amount remaining unpaid on said statement shall accrue interest at the rate of 10% per annum from the date of the expenditure by the City or from the date that the City itself performed such work and incurred said expense, or at a rate otherwise specified in Texas Health and Safety Code, section 342.007 or subsequent statute. The City may bring a suit for foreclosure of the lien in the name of the City.

SECTION 9. DISPOSITION OF ITEMS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

In the event there are salvageable items of personal property of more than minimal value removed from the real property according to the provisions of this ordinance, the items shall be placed in storage. Additional notice shall be given to the effect that if such items of personal property are not retrieved from the city within ninety (90) days, the city may cause the same to be sold at auction. The proceeds of the sale shall be used to pay for any costs incurred in the storage of the property and any excess amount shall be set off against the costs and penalties to be charged against the owner, tenant, or person in control of the premises.

SECTION 10. VARIANCE B. WEEDS, ETC.

SECTION 1. MAXIMUM GROWTH

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, partnership, association of persons, owner, agent, occupant or anyone having supervision, possession or control of any lot, tract, parcel of land or portion thereof, occupied or unoccupied, improved or unimproved, within the corporate limits of the City to suffer or permit vegetation other than cultivated crops or vegetation maintained for landscaping purposes to grow to a height greater than twelve (12) inches on any lot, tract, parcel of land or portion thereof within the corporate limits of the City which is adjacent to any public street or road extending back from said street or road a reasonable distance as determined under the circumstances, but in my circumstance no less than twenty five (25) feet or within one hundred (100) feet of any lot, tract, parcel of land or portion thereof that is occupied by a residence or business within the corporate limits of the City

SECTION 2. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS AND ANNUAL NOTICE

When any violation of this article is found to exist, a notice by letter will be addressed to the owner of the property in question by certified mail return receipt requested; or if the address of the property owner is unknown, then notice may be given by publication one time in the local newspaper.

Annual notice may be given to property owners, as above provided, prior to the grass growing season.

Upon the giving of said annual notice, no further notice shall be required pursuant to the subsection.

SECTION 3. NOTICE OF VIOLATION

The notice of violation shall contain the following:

- (a) You are required to maintain all of your property so as to keep grass, brush and weeds at a height of less than twelve (12) inches;
- (b) In the event you fail to do so, the City or someone hired by

the City will enter upon your property and mow or have it mowed at thirty (30) day intervals during such annual growing season;

(c) You have ten (10) days from the date of this notice to correct the violation; and

(d) Tall weeds are breeding ground for rats and mice; and are a source of fuel for many fires. Please help us clean up Bronte.

SECTION 4. ACTION BY CITY

In addition to court action, the City may enter upon the property found in violation of this article and mow or have said property mowed at thirty (30) day intervals during such annual growing season in the event such owner fails to mow same.

SECTION 5. ASSESSMENT OF CITY'S EXPENSES; BILLING

Expenses incident to the action taken by the City to correct any condition coming under the provisions of this article, including a service charge to cover the administration costs, plus a penalty charge of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) assessed against the owners of all outstanding interest in the lot or parcel of land involved. An itemized bill of such costs shall be mailed by the City Secretary to each owner if his address is known.

SECTION 6. CITY'S EXPENSES DECLARED A PRIVILEGED LIEN; RECOVERY

If the bill for the City's expenses in correction any

condition coming under the provisions of this article including the administrative and penalty charges, shall remain unpaid for a period of thirty (30) days after the date of the mailing of such bill, the City Secretary shall file a statement of such bill and the reasons therefore with the County Clerk. From the date of such filing, the City shall have a privileged lien on the lot or parcel upon which such expenses are incurred second only to tax liens and liens for street improvements. The amount of such debt shall accumulate interest at the rate of ten (10%) per annum from the date on which payment was due. For any such debt and interest, suit may institute and recovery and foreclosure held in the name of the City. In such suits, the aforementioned statement, or certified copy thereof, shall be deemed prima facie evidence of the debt and interest thereon.

C. LIABILITY

Neither the City of Bronte nor any authorized agent acting under the terms of this

ordinance shall be liable or have any liability by reason of orders issued or work done in compliance within the terms of this ordinance.

D. FINE

Persons found in violation of this ordinance, and found guilty by a Judge of the Municipal Court, will be guilty of a Class "C" Misdemeanor, and be fined not more than \$500 except for health violations which may be fined not more than \$2000. Each day such violation continues, or be permitted to continue, shall be a separate offense.

E. NON-EXCEPTION.

No exception to this ordinance shall be made for any condition which existed at the time of this passage.



PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of October, 2014.

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