

...Don't Mess with Texas scholarship
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The contest will award a total of \$9,000 in scholarships to three winners in May 2021.

"We're looking for students who are developing exciting and creative solutions to keep Texas litter-free," said Becky Ozuna, program administrator for the Don't mess with Texas program. "We aim to shine a spotlight on their innovations in the hope of inspiring other Texans to do their part to keep our state beautiful."

To enter the Don't mess with Texas Scholarship Contest, visit dontmesswithtexas.org. Applications must be received via online submission by 5 pm (CST) March 31, 2021. Sponsors for the Don't mess with Texas Scholarship include Buc-ee's and iHeart Media.

Don't mess with Texas has been educating Texans about litter prevention since 1986. The program includes a grassroots partnership with the Keep Texas Beautiful organization, annual "Trash-Off" community outreach events and the Adopt-a-Highway volunteer program.

On This Day in Texas History
January 15, 1874

On this day in 1874, Democrat Richard Coke was inaugurated as governor of Texas. Nevertheless, Republican governor Edmund J. Davis refused to vacate the office. Coke had overwhelmingly won the gubernatorial election in 1873. But the election was tainted by irregularities on both sides, and the state Supreme Court had voided the contest in Ex parte Rodriguez. Davis cited these facts and refused to budge. He even called in the Travis Rifles, but these troops supported Coke when they got into the Capitol. Davis then appealed for federal troops to President Grant, who telegraphed a refusal. Coke took over when Davis resigned on January 19.

Deadline to submit information to

The Observer/Enterprise is Monday at 5 pm.

Since 1889, newspapers have served Coke County beginning with the Coke County Rustler. In the 1980s, the Bronte Enterprise and the Robert Lee Observer combined to become The Observer/Enterprise. The history told in these publications is fascinating and we want to share it with our readers of today. Each week, we will include items from the archives.

