

# CCSWCD hosts 7th annual Field Day at Fort Chadbourne

The Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District hosted the seventh annual Coke County Conservation Field Day on October 15, 2014. The outdoor classroom was also sponsored by: Coke County Underground Water Conservation District, Fort Chadbourne Foundation, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Texas Agri-Life Extension, First National Bank of Sterling City in Bronte, Robert Lee State Bank, Kickapoo Water Control and Improvement District, Bronte Grocery, Super H, Albertson's, Sam's, and Walmart.

Seventy-four, fifth and sixth grade students of Bronte and Robert Lee Elementary schools gathered at the historical Fort Chadbourne Ranch for a fun filled day of soil and water conservation education. They were welcomed by Lana Richards, Fort Chadbourne Foundation and Donna Waldrop, Coke County SWCD District Technician.

Garland and Lana Richards along with Ann Pate and Brent Bryan of the Fort Chadbourne Foundation, played host to Station #1 which included a tour of the awesome visitors' center and remarkable history of the Fort.

Brad Teplicek and Derrick Fuchs, NRCS, hosted Station #2. They explained to students the many different types of grasses and plants grown on rangeland. If the students learned only one thing it would be the state grass of Texas.

Dr. Travis Arledge of Pioneer Vet of Winters, Texas, with assistance from Wade Day, NRCS, hosted Station #3. This proved to be very interesting to the students as he showed different types of instruments used to care for different types of animals.

Ryan McClintock and Grant Teplicek, NRCS, hosted Station #4. They discussed with the students the needs of plants and animals including daily requirements of food and water for each.

The rainfall simulator was Station #5 hosted by Cliff Kinnibrugh, NRCS Zone Agronomist and Chris Wolfenbarger, NRCS. The simulator shows the affect rainfall has on grass covered soil as opposed to bare ground and the difference in the quality of water runoff from these.

Station #6 featured the many different types and profiles of soils found in Coke County hosted by Amanda Bragg. Students were allowed to "feel" the difference in soil textures when they are dry and how they change when they become wet from rainfall.

Following a hot dog lunch with all the trimmings, outdoor education day concluded with students alternating between the edible aquifer station and a hayride to the buffalo pasture. A model of the underground aquifer was demonstrated by

Coke County Extension Agent, Morgan Runyan and Winton Milliff, Coke County Underground Water Conservation District. Following the demonstration, the students enjoyed their own version of an "edible aquifer" built with gummi bears, sprite, ice cream, sprinkles and chocolate syrup.

## Kickapoo Water Board Sets Election

Coke County Kickapoo Water Control and Improvement District #1 will hold an election on January 13, 2015, for the purpose of electing three directors.

Directors filing for re-election to the board are Gerald Sandusky, Mark Duncan, and Ronnie Robbins.

The election will be held at Bronte City Hall.

For further information concerning the election, contact Clerk Fran Sonnenberg by 5 pm on Friday, November 21, 2014.

## There's a New Wesley Nurse in Town

By: Bonnita Bale, RN

There is a new addition to the First United Methodist Church Family in Robert Lee and Bronte. My name is Bonnita Bale, and I am a Methodist Healthcare Ministries' Wesley Nurse. What is a Wesley Nurse you ask? I am a Registered Nurse, but instead of working in a hospital or clinic setting, I work in the community in partnership with the church to offer holistic health education and services, while practicing the values of the faith community.

I can provide blood pressure and glucose screenings and education on various conditions and diseases at no cost. Likewise, I may also be a resource to those who are uninsured and in need of supplies or referring to other agencies for additional programs or services. I focus of caring for the whole person-body, mind and spirit. Everyone is welcome and all classes are free. Our ministry is to help prevent illness and disease by educating the public, while helping the underserved in our community.

The Wesley Nurse office is located behind the Methodist Church in Bronte and Robert Lee. I'm in Bronte on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings; and in Robert Lee I am in the Office Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoon. Please stop by my office anytime with any question you might have, or call 325-473-2069.



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## Family attends graduation

Maria Olguin and Juan Garses, both of Robert Lee, traveled to Fort Benning, Georgia, this month to attend her son's graduation from basic training for the US Army Infantry. Pvt. Efrain Olguin graduated from Robert Lee High School last year.

He was given a one week pass after his Fort Benning graduation and came home with his mother. He had a great visit with family and friends before reporting two weeks ago to his next assignment for further training.

Pvt. Olguin will be stationed in Fort Polk, Louisiana, for three years. He told his mother he would see her when he is on leave at Christmas.

## West Coke County Hospital Board Meeting

By Pat Stephens

The Board of Directors of the West Coke County Hospital District met in regular session October 22, 2014. President Mary Bessent called the meeting to order and declared a quorum was present. Other Board members present were Sarah Green, Pat Stephens and Pat Carwile. Monica Toney, Administrator, and Janie Munoz, BOM, were also present at the meeting. The invocation was given by Pat Stephens. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved, and there were no absent members from that meeting.

In the census count, there are currently 31 residents in the facility, as of the meeting date.

In the staffing update, the need continues for additional nurses and CNA's, as well as additional kitchen staff. There is currently

an ad running for these positions. The facility is sufficiently staffed at this time.

Under capital projects, the asbestos abatement is still pending, and Monica continues to stay in contact with Walter Curry concerning the renovation of the east wing.

Under building maintenance, Monica reported no major issues.

Accounts Receivable/Collections were discussed. The financial statements were discussed and accepted. The date for the annual audit is set to begin November 3.

Future agenda items were discussed, and the next meeting date, November 25, was selected. The meeting adjourned.

Checking out the calendar for November, it will be another busy month as the holidays are fast approaching. On Nov. 7, at 3:00 PM, there will be a special Veteran's

Day observance at the facility, provided by Odyssey Hospice of San Angelo. Then, on the 11th, residents who desire to do so, accompanied by staff members, will attend the special Veteran's Day remembrance at 3:00 at RLHS. The monthly birthday celebration will take place Nov 18, at 3:00, sponsored by the '64 Study Club. This month's birthday honorees are John Walker and Alice Beaty. The monthly Sing-A-Long led by the one and only Roger Alexander is scheduled for November 21, at 3:00. On Nov. 23, the annual Thanksgiving Luncheon will be provided at noon, at the facility, for all the residents, their family members, and invited guests. On Nov. 27th, Thanksgiving Day, will be celebrated by the residents with a traditional meal of turkey and dressing, and all the trimmings. Everyone at RLCC would like to wish a blessed Thanksgiving to one and all.



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*Coke County Quilters Club*

## Sidewalk & Bake Sale

Friday, November 7  
near This 'N That in Robert Lee

Friday, November 14  
near First National Bank in Bronte

10 am to 2 pm each day

*Handmade Crafts, Gifts Galore, Unique Items*

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