

When East meets West...Couple to celebrate 65th Anniversary

When Bronte resident Grady Coulter met Dian Casey from Robert Lee, he knew he'd met his match in more ways than one. The pair were married in San Angelo at the home of Dian's sister, Barbara, on November 22, 1956. Next Monday, they will celebrate 65 years as husband and wife. He was 19 and she was a very mature 15 year old.



Evidence of their early love still exists today in this carving in one of the concrete window sills at the depot in Bronte. You can still see "Booger" and "Dian".

They began their married life in Hamilton, Texas, where Grady worked for a roofing contractor. However, Coke County ties are strong and they came home in the late 1950s and Grady went to work for Union Texas. In 1964, they moved to San Angelo and Grady joined the San Angelo Police Department as an officer. The family moved back to Bronte in 1970 when Grady went to work as a deputy with the Coke County Sheriff's Office. A deputy's salary wouldn't support their growing family and Grady went to work for Goodyear in late 1971. He retired from Goodyear in 1992. Appointed as Justice of the Peace in 2004 following the death of Jack Moore, Grady served in this office for 12 years until his retirement at the end of 2016. During their married life, Dian sent 45 years in various capacities of hospital administration.

of them 65 years ago, has grown to 75 children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Nelson and his wife, Janie, live near Girard, Texas, and have two children and five grandchildren. Turney and his wife, Christy, live in Jayton, Texas, and have eight children, twelve grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Tim and his

wife, Denise, live in Cross Plains, Texas, and have four children, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Layne and his wife, Gina, live in Jayton, Texas, and have three children and three grandchildren.

Dian and Grady now enjoy living at Oak Creek Lake with their constant canine companion, Molly B.

The couple have four sons. Nelson was born in 1957, Turney in 1960, and Tim in 1963 while the couple lived in Bronte. The couple's youngest son, Layne, was born in 1966 during the window of time the family lived in San Angelo.

What began with just the two

Filing period revised for 2022 Primary Election

The filing period for the March 1, 2022, primary election scheduled to begin on November 13, 2021, is now controversial due to a new law taking effect December 2, 2021. Local Republican candidates are waiting until December 3, 2021, to officially file their paperwork with the correct authority to avoid potential litigation. The filing period will continue through Monday, December 13, 2021.

Offices up for election include County Judge, currently held by Hal Spain; County Treasurer, currently held by Therese

Emert; Justice of the Peace, currently held by Russell Johnson; County/District Clerk, currently held by Monica Reyes; Commissioner Precincts 2, currently held by Paul Williams; and Commissioner Precinct 4, currently held by Joe Sefcik. All officials for the last few elections have run in the Republican Primary election.

For anyone wanting to file for a place on the Republican Primary ballot may contact, Coke County Republican Party Chair Deborah Bailey at (713) 376-8351.

Currently, there is no

Democratic Party Chair. Below is the section from the Texas State Election Code governing with whom a candidate must file for a place on the primary ballot.

Sec. 172.022 AUTHORITY WITH WHOM APPLICATION FILED.

(a) An application for a place on the general primary election ballot must be filed with:

(2) the county chair or the secretary, if any, of the county executive committee, for an office filled by voters of a single county.

However, County Clerk Monica Reyes has provided information to a contact with the Texas Democratic Party - Glenn Maxey at (512) 656-6337.

Bronte City Council meeting minutes told

[Editor's Note: We are continuing to play catchup with the Bronte City Council minutes as space allows.]

The Bronte City Council met in regular session on August 19, 2021, at Bronte City Hall.

Mayor Gohman called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and a quorum was established. Those in attendance included Mayor Pro Tem Gwen Dyess; Council Members RA Morris, Zach Davidson, and Clabe F. Webb; and City Staff Members Teresa Ballard, Tina Smith, and Ricky Royall. Council Member Kinley Pritchard was absent due to being

quarantined for Covid-19.

Mayor Gohman led the pledge and offered prayer.

There were no citizen comments.

There was no one present to give the Fire Department report.

There was no one present to give the Sheriff's Enforcement report.

Tim Smith gave the Animal Control report and reported picking up one dog until the owner was found. While driving, he observed a dog loose and met with the owner, explaining the ordinance. He also met with Tim Siler and will set up traps at the

school when called upon.

Teresa Ballard gave the Municipal Court report and reported one citation for a dog at large and one warning for no fowl permit in the month of July.

Ballard also gave the Economic Development report and reported that both boards met on August 9. They are working on their FY21-22 budget.

The Cemetery Committee report was given and Teresa Ballard reported that the committee hasn't met since last month.

Clabe F. Webb gave the Depot report and reported that the Masonics would like to have all items related to them. There is a desk, filing cabinets, and chairs,



CERTIFIED COPY OF MARRIAGE RECORD

THE STATE OF TEXAS No. _____
 COUNTY OF Coke

To any Regular Licensed or Ordained Minister of the Gospel, Jewish Rabbi, Judge of the District or County Court, or any Justice of the Peace, in and for the State of Texas—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO SOLEMNIZE THE RITES OF MATRIMONY

BETWEEN MR. Grady Louis Coulter AND MISS Cynthia Dien Cssey

and make due return to the Clerk of the County Court of said County within sixty days thereafter, certifying your action under this license.

Witness my official signature and seal of office at office in Robert Lee, Texas,
 the 21st day of November, 19 56

(SEAL) J.L. Tinkler, Clerk
 County Court, Coke County.
 By Betty Davis Deputy.

I, Rev. James Edge, hereby certify that on the 22 day of November, 19 56,
 I united in Marriage Mr. Grady Louis Coulter and Miss Cynthia Dien Cssey
 the parties above named.

Witness my hand this 22 day of November, 19 56
Mrs. Buddy Millison Rev. James Edge
Buddy Millison

Returned and filed for record the 30th day of November, 19 56
 and recorded the 30th day of November, 19 56.
J.L. Tinkler, County Clerk
 By Betty Davis Deputy.

THE STATE OF TEXAS
 COUNTY OF Coke

I, J.L. TINKLER, Clerk of the County Court of COKE County, Texas, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing, is a full, true, and correct copy of the Marriage license issued to Mr. Grady Louis Coulter and Miss Cynthia Dien Cssey and the return of the person who solemnized the rites of matrimony between said parties as the same appears of record in my office, in Volume 4 on page 382, of the Marriage Records of said County, and I am the lawful possessor and custodian of said record.

Given under my hand and official seal, at office in Robert Lee, Texas, Texas, this the 22th day of June, A. D. 19 57

(SEAL) J.L. TINKLER, Clerk
 County Court, Coke County.
 By Betty Davis Deputy.

that Webb is unsure of and would like the Mayor's or City Council's decision on those items.

Ricky Royall reported approving a permit for a generator and one was solar. No fowl or livestock permits were issued in the month of July.

The Manufactured Home Ordinance was discussed. Mr. Steve Polen with Century Mobile Homes was unable to attend the meeting. The subcommittee members of Clabe F. Webb, Kinley Pritchard, and Mayor Gohman gave their recommendation to the council to not change the ordinance. The council discussed the pros and cons to amending the ordinance. The council decided to table the item for lack of a motion. Financial consultant Everett

Bedford discussed the reasons for changing auditors with the council. The council discussed the four applications. Clabe F. Webb made the motion to hire Fullerton & Associates, PLLC, to conduct the annual FY20-21 City of Bronte audit. He was seconded by Zach Davidson and the motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.

Ms. Lisa Lobbes was not in attendance at the council meeting to answer questions the council might have had regarding her fowl permit appeal. The council discussed the appeal letter submitted by Ms. Lobbes that the inspection team denied. RA Morris made the motion to deny the appeal for a special use permit to Ms. Lobbes and was seconded by Gwen Dyess. (Continued on next page)