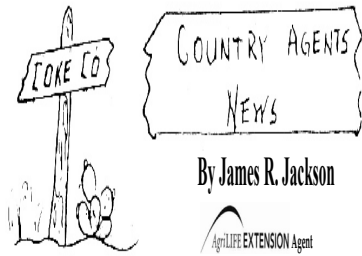




Living History! Cory Robinson, history guide for Fort Concho in San Angelo and former Bronte student, presented the Bronte third and fourth graders with a lesson on the role Fort Concho played in Texas History.



They may be seen and with more information available from representatives of VP at both Robert Lee and Bronte Christmas Open Houses. Information and bricks are on display at B's Blossoms and Blooms in Robert Lee or call Sheri Millican at 325-453-2667.

On November 22 Coke County Extension office hosted a meeting in Bronte that focused on leasing your land for oil production. The speaker for the event was Judon Fambrough; Mr. Fambrough has been the attorney for the Texas Real Estate Center for the past 34 years, where he has authored over 300 articles regarding Texas real estate law. One of his prime objectives is to inform landowners about their property rights and tell them how to best protect and utilize them. At the meeting in Coke County he addressed a crowd of concerned landowners from a 9 county area of West Central Texas. He spoke on what landowners needed to know before they negotiate an oil lease. To view the presentation he gave go to <http://recenter.tamu.edu/speeches/> or the link can be found by going to Coke County Extension Facebook page. Thanks to all who attended the meeting.

Vision With a Purpose Update

By Joan Davis
Vision With a Purpose continues work on the Coke County Memorial Garden. The Ed Blackburn windmill has been set south of the courthouse. Plans have been made to install the foot bridge across the ditch in the south gap of the rock wall at 9 am on Thursday, November 29, 2012. Noel Gregston is in charge of that project. Memorial brick sales are offered at most public gatherings. The bricks will be placed on walkways in the garden area as ongoing work.

The VP bake sale on November 19 was very successful with over \$600.00 in sales. Our appreciation to the Robert Lee State Bank for the use of their lobby!

VP will continue with its float and the Christmas preparations for December 7 and 8. Please see the events that will take place on those days in the VP ad on page 7 in this paper.

Monthly meeting will be December 6 at the Coke County Senior Building Rec Hall at 7 pm.

Being prepared is better than being miserable.

By Mark Sides
Robert Lee VFD Fire Chief
The Department of Homeland Security, FEMA, and the CDC are running ads recommending that people be prepared for the Zombie Apocalypse. I guess if a family is prepared for that, they are prepared for most disasters. But, on a more practical note, Hurricane Sandy showed how poorly prepared most folks are when it comes to nature doing the unexpected. Closer to home, in the mid 90s and again in 2000, ice and blizzard conditions stranded Texas motorists on interstates and rural highways for as much as two days. Even closer were the evacuations caused by the Silver/Spade fire of 2008 and the Wildcat fire in 2011.

A little bit of preparation can go a long way toward keeping you and your family safe and healthy when the unexpected hits. Here are some basic items to keep on

hand and ready for emergency situations whether it means evacuation or sheltering in place. These can be stored in a plastic tote, and easily carried in a vehicle if you have to evacuate or just leave on a trip.

A Basic Emergency Supply Kit should include these items.

- Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days for drinking and sanitation
- Food, at least a three day supply of non-perishable food

- Battery powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both.
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust masks, to help filter contaminated air along with plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags (big ones make great emergency rain ponchos) and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities

- Can opener (if kit contains canned food)
- Local maps
- Prescription medicines and glasses
- Matches in a waterproof container (or other fire starting items)
- Important family documents such as ID and bank account records in a waterproof container
- At least one complete change of clothing for each member of your family
- Infant formula and diapers, Food and extra water for pets (if needed)
- Cell phone charger



The annual Christmas issue is scheduled for Friday, December 21, 2012!



This issue will contain Santa Letters from all of the younger elementary children in Blackwell, Bronte, and Robert Lee.

Also, any other children are welcome to send their letters to Santa to us for printing in this issue and then forwarding to the North Pole!

Included in this issue are Christmas Greetings from local business and individuals.



Call the Observer/Enterprise office at (325) 453-2433 to get your greeting in this special holiday edition!