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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 milestone. 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.

*Wishing
Everyone A
Happy And
Prosperous
2015!*