



Drug Bust! A December 21, 2013, search warrant for a residence in Bronte netted a great deal. The warrant was served by Coke County Sheriff's Deputy Trey Davis (left) and Deputy Christopher Fox (right) and Sheriff Wayne McCutchen. The officers found over 60 grams of methamphetamine, illegal weapons, burglary tools, and drug paraphernalia. This bust occurred during the investigation of the burglaries which have been plaguing Coke County over the last few weeks. Both of these deputies left the Coke County Sheriff's Office for higher paying positions.



New Deputies this year with the Coke County Sheriff's Office include (top photo, from left) Russell Johnson, Terry Crenshaw, and Anthony Lopez (at right). At the end of the budget process, citizens requested commissioners to reconsider the deputies' salaries and proposed the men in the department receive a 7% increase. Commissioners agreed to the proposal and met the requirements necessary to satisfy the legal process.



Lana and Garland Richards and the Fort Chadbourne Foundation in Coke County, were honored this year with the R. C. Crane Heritage Service Award by the Texas Historical Association in Odessa, Texas. The award recognizes non-profit organizations for their preservation efforts to West Texas History. Nominees must show a contribution to our Texas heritage through projects of restoration, community partnerships, and most importantly work with local and area schools, teachers and students, through educational events and activities.

The Fort Chadbourne Foundation organized in 1999 as a non-profit charitable organization, to preserve and present the historic 1852 fort site, was chosen for its preservation work, and meeting all the requirements of their original mission statement. In all six buildings have been restored and all ruins stabilized. The Foundation has educated and entertained well over 25,000 students and teachers at their annual Fort Chadbourne Days Living History Event held the first weekend each May. And, they opened a new 12,500 square foot Visitor Center/Museum in April 2012. Much work at Fort Chadbourne, such as archeological excavations has been completed by volunteerism with groups such as the Concho Valley Archeological Society and the SMARTS.

The prestigious R. C. Crane award comes with a \$500.00 monetary award. Shown are (from left) Brent Bryan, Janie Ruth Cooper, Ann Pate, Garland Richards and Lana Richards.

The Fort Chadbourne Foundation has contributed heavily to the historic preservations in Coke County, along with the Texas Forts Trail, and many other cities and communities throughout West Texas.



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