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Golf Tourney set for Saturday at Mountain Creek

Mountain Creek Golf Association has a 3 person, 27 hole early bird scramble slated for March 19. A 9 am shotgun start is planned.

For more information, please contact Mountain Creek at 325-453-2317 or 806-543-2118.

CCRC to meet Sunday

The annual membership meeting and the first 2016 meeting of the Coke County Roping Club will be held at 1 pm Sunday, March 20, at the arena in Bronte. All members and interested parties are encouraged to attend.

Bronte FUMC posts schedule

The Bronte First United Methodist Church Holy Week Services will be held beginning with the Palm Sunday service on Sunday, March 20.

Maundy Thursday service will begin at 7 pm Thursday, March 24, with Good Friday service set for 7 pm Friday, March 25.

The annual Sunrise Service at the Kent Gentry Ranch west of Bronte will be held Sunday, March 27. A light breakfast will be provided.

The traditional Easter service will be held at 11 am on Sunday, March 27.

An Easter Egg hunt for children will be held between Sunday School and church.

Blackwell One Act Play public performance is Monday

The public performance of this year's Blackwell High School One Act Play "Unturned Stone" will be held Monday, March 21, 2016, at 7 pm. The evening will begin with a spaghetti dinner, hosted by the sophomore class, at 5:30 pm.

The students will compete in UIL One Act Play at 1 pm Tuesday, March 22, at Sterling City.

Retired Teachers to meet Monday

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association will meet on Monday, March 21, for its monthly potluck lunch meeting. The meeting will be at the First Baptist Church in Bronte at noon. All retired school personnel are welcome to join in. Officers for the coming two years will be installed. The meetings are short and informative, the food is good,

and the so is the company.

By joining local chapters of the Texas Retired Teachers Association, support is shown for the issues regulated by legislation. It is important to have a presence in such legislation through TRTA. A monthly meeting is held by CCRTA on the third Monday of the month from September to November and from January to May to keep up with legislative matters Austin and local projects as well.

Sky Warn Class set for Tuesday

A Sky Warn class will be held Tuesday, March 22 at 6:30 pm at the Robert Lee fire station. The public is encouraged to attend. The purpose of Sky Warn classes is to teach people on severe weather spotting.

County Republican Convention held

The Coke County Republican Convention was held Monday, March 14, 2016, at the Blue Goose in downtown Bronte. The minutes of the convention are listed below.

The meeting was called to order with eleven members in attendance at 6:15 pm by Temporary Chairman Susan Williams.

The invocation was led by Paul Williams. The pledges to the United States and Texas flags followed.

Additional temporary officers were announced as follows: Wayne McCutchen - Temporary Sergeant-at-Arms; Hal Spain - Temporary Secretary; and Michael Cervenka - Temporary Parliamentarian. The first order of business was to elect permanent officers, and the preceding slate of four temporary officers were elected to permanent positions by acclamation.

Delegates to the upcoming state convention in Dallas were selected. The 2016 delegates are Paul and Susan Williams, with Hal and Kim Spain being selected as alternates.

The following four resolutions were passed unanimously by those attending, to be submitted at the state convention.

1. Pausing Refugee Settlement - Whereas, local communities and states are being forced to provide financial and human resources for an unlimited and unknown number of refugees whose backgrounds



County Convention! Susan Williams, Coke County Republican Chairman, urges members to take their seats at the County Republican Convention held in downtown Bronte Monday evening, March 14, 2016.

are impossible to thoroughly vet, according to multiple US law enforcement officials. Therefore, be it resolved, that until a full accounting of the direct and indirect costs associated with all resettled refugees to the state of Texas occur, local volunteer agencies and all state government agencies dealing with refugee resettlement cease and desist from assisting in any further resettlement of refugees.

2. Formal Withdrawal from Refugee Resettlement - Whereas, under federal regulations governing the Refugee Resettlement Program under Section 400.301 "Withdrawal from the refugee program" stipulates, "(a) in the event that a state decides to cease participation in the refugee program, the state must provide 120 days advance notice to the Director before withdrawing from the program." Therefore, be it resolved, the governor will immediately notify the US Department of Health and Human Services Secretary, that Texas is withdrawing from the Refugee Resettlement Program, joining twelve other states that have also and will no longer provide state funds toward the Refugee Resettlement Program.

3. Prohibiting Criticism of any Religion - Whereas, our First Amendment rights have been defined by the courts as protected even when such

speech is deemed offensive to others, Therefore, be it resolved that Texas opposed any attempts from the federal, state, or local officials to restrict, punish, or limit in any manner an individual's right to share their opinions in writing or in speaking about any religion or political ideology without fear of any criminal or civil penalty.

4. Delegate Weight Standardization - it was discussed that there may be different standards in different states for the proportional number of Republican delegates who make up the Electoral College. This resolution seeks to standardize the number of delegates; so that no one state will have more delegates proportionally than any other

state. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Ranchers Workshop is planned

A Coke County Ranchers Workshop will soon be held in Bronte.

Topics will include: Range Health and Rotational Grazing, Prescribed Burning Benefits, Land Lease and Water Rights, Sheep and Goat Update, Pesticide Update, Rangeland herbicide Update, and Cattle: Choosing and Taking Care of Your Herd Sire.

CEU's will be available and lunch will be provided. Please be looking for more information to come.

**Regular Meeting of the
Commissioners Court
9 am Tuesday
March 22, 2016
Commissioners Courtroom
Coke County Courthouse**