

**Genealogy Society meeting set**

The Coke County Genealogy Society will meet Monday, April 2, at 6 pm at the Coke County Library.

**Bronte City-Wide Garage Sale slated**

It's time again for the annual City-Wide Garage Sale so mark your calendars for May 5 at 8 am. If you would like to participate, please call City Hall at 473-3501. Your location will be added to the city maps that will be given away the day of the garage sales. This is a great opportunity to recycle, reuse and reduce unwanted items in your closets and storage items.

**County party convention slated**

Coke County Republican Chairman David Kitten has announced that the 2012 Coke County Republican Convention will be held Saturday, April 21, 2012, in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Coke County Courthouse starting at 10 a.m.

The Coke County Republican Convention is held in even-numbered election years, as part of the statewide and national Republican convention process. The purposes of the convention are to choose delegates and alternates to the Republican Party of Texas (RPT) State Convention, currently scheduled for June 7-9

in Fort Worth, and to consider resolutions or statements on policy issues to send to the State Convention for eventual inclusion in the state and national Party platform.

As a result of the substantial changes in the election calendar in 2012, the Coke County Republican Party will not be conducting precinct conventions on the evening of the May 29th Primary Election and will be incorporating all Party business into the county convention on April 21. All attendees have the right to seek to become a state delegate and to bring forth resolutions for consideration by the convention. The convention will be open to any registered voter who signs an oath of affiliation identifying himself or herself as a Republican.

In making the announcement, County Chairman Kitten said, "Although the timing of this year's convention schedule has changed for Coke County Republicans, we are more enthusiastic than ever about coming together for this important event. On behalf of our County Party, I invite all interested Coke County Republicans to join us on Saturday, April 21, in the County Commissioners Courtroom to participate in discussions and decisions that will carry forward to our State Republican Convention and beyond. I also wish to emphasize that this convention is not to be confused

with the Coke County Conservative Convocation that will be held on April 12 at the County Park in Robert Lee."

As an additional resource, the State Party stands ready to answer any questions related to the 2012 Republican Party of Texas Convention process. More convention information is available at the RPT website: TexasGOP.org.

For any additional questions or information, please contact Coke County Chairman David Kitten at [ddkitten@amaonline.com](mailto:ddkitten@amaonline.com), or by phone at 325 282-2425.

**Playdays announced**

Playdays will be held the second Sunday of each month, beginning May 13 and continuing each 2nd Sunday through September 9. The playdays, held at the Coke County Arena in Bronte, will begin at 2 pm.

Events slated at this time will include barrel racing, pole bending, straight-away barrel racing, flag racing, and more. Age divisions include lead line, 5 and under, 8 and under, 9-12, 13-15, 16-19, and open.

For more information, call (325) 234-6250 or (325) 716-9626.

**... USDA Funding**

(Continued from page 1) have experienced a significant decline in the quantity or quality of drinking water due to an emergency. It is

also available to communities in which a decline is considered imminent, to obtain or maintain adequate quantities of water that meet the standards set by the Safe Drinking Water Act. Emergencies considered under this funding source are drought, earthquake, flood, tornado, hurricane, disease outbreak or chemical spill, leakage or seepage.

In Fiscal Year 2011, \$72 million in loan and grant assistance was distributed throughout rural Texas to provide improved water and waste systems. The USDA Rural Development Water and Waste Disposal Program is designed to bring fresh, clean drinking water and sanitary, environmentally sound sewage facilities to rural America's 53 million residents.

For further information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, contact the Abilene office at (325)690-6162, or visit the USDA Texas website <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

**Account set up for Thorn Family**

A bank account has been set up at First National Bank of Sterling City in Bronte for Cory Thorn.

The funds will help defray the medical expenses being incurred following his accident on Highway 277 south of Bronte last Tuesday,

March 6. Originally taken to Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo, Thorn was transferred to Parkland in Dallas and has already undergone several surgeries.

**Sheriff reminds citizens of 24 hour phone number**

Sheriff Wayne McCutchen wishes to remind all Coke County citizens that the Sheriff's Department phone is answered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The number to call is (325) 453-2717.

**Siren System detailed**

One Long Ring - Wind Advisory over 60 miles per hour

Two Rings - Fire or VFD meeting

Another Two Rings - Call for additional firefighters

Three Rings - Tornado Warning

One Long Continuous Ring - All Clear for tornado

Four Rings - Alarm Test

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**HOMETOWN HARDWARE**  
*in Bronte.*

Remember our  
**"Sunday Fried Chicken Dinner"**  
April 22 • 11:30 am - 1 pm  
Drive-through Only  
Robert Lee Fire Department  
Highway 158 at Highway 208  
\$8/per boxed meal  
Available from any Vision with a Purpose member or most businesses

**Holy Week Activities for First United Methodist Church**  
324 S. Washington Street  
Bronte

**Thursday • 6:30 pm**  
Public viewing of Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" at our church  
*Parental discretion is strongly advised*

**Friday • 6:30 pm**  
Community-wide Good Friday service at our church

**Saturday • 11 am - 2 pm**  
Easter Extravaganza at the Bronte Park  
*Free community family event*

**Sunday**  
10:15 am • Easter egg hunt at our church  
*Toddlers through 4th graders*  
11 am • Worship Service

Ladies!

you are cordially invited to the

Sixth Annual Ladies Spring Tea

Hosted by the Ladies Fellowship of Victory Assembly of God  
Pastors Irving and Betty Smith  
**Saturday, April 21, 2012**  
11:30 am - 1:30 pm  
Robert Lee Recreation Hall  
"Christmas in April"

Guest Speaker -  
**Cindy Way**  
of Del Way Ministries,  
Kerrville, Texas  
\*Frequent hosts on TBN\*

Please come join with us for Fun, Fellowship, and Anointing of God's Word!

\*\* 13 years and older please, no exceptions \*\*

Delight in the sweet,  
simple joys  
of Christmas

For more information,  
call 453-2662