

New Book on Fort Chadbourne by local author

A new book has just been published on Fort Chadbourne. It is the first and only full length book detailing the Coke County landmark. The 350 page hardcover edition entitled "Fort Chadbourne, A Military Post, A Family Heritage" begins with the establishment of the frontier Fort in 1852 by Company's A & K of the 8th U. S. Infantry. The book is taken from factual events, muster rolls, post returns, sick and wounded reports, letters, and information collected through years of research at Fort Chadbourne.

It also contains maps and photographs, along with rosters of soldiers and Commanders who served there through the 15 years of its military existence. The Fort served Federal, Texas, and Confederate troops. It also served as a Butterfield Stage Stop from 1858 to 1861 when the route was stopped due to the outbreak of the Civil War. Those years are also documented in the book.

Many notable men are associated with Fort Chadbourne including military officers such as Robert E. Lee, James Longstreet, and George Picket. Other men such as Samuel Maverick and Charles Goodnight make up part of the Chadbourne history.

In 1877, Thomas and Lucinda Odom purchased the property that contained Fort Chadbourne for five hundred dollars in gold. The life and times of the family, who have owned the Fort for over 130 years, brings to light the ranching years including the Fence Cutting Wars, the Winchester Quarantine, and even a Texas Ranger who was shot and killed in Sweetwater, Texas, while sitting next to Odom at the Central Hotel.

The book was written by Ann Pate, a native of Coke County. Ms. Pate said it was impossible to tell the story of Fort Chadbourne without



touching on both the military and the family that has called it home for eight generations. So she chose to do both. A foreword is included by Garland Richards, the great-great-grandson of the original owner, Thomas Odom.

Ms. Pate was born and raised in Bronte. She now serves on the Board of Directors of the Fort Chadbourne Foundation, and works daily at the Fort doing research, along with tours. Ms. Pate is the daughter of the late Ernest and Elizabeth Ivey, who were lifetime residents of Coke County.

The book may be purchased by contacting the Fort Chadbourne Foundation at 325-473-5311 or 325-743-2555. For more information, you may also visit the Fort Chadbourne website at www.fortchadbourne.org. All proceeds from the sell of the book benefit the Fort Chadbourne Foundation. The book is also available in some bookstores throughout the area.

Gardening Program set for May 13

Texas AgriLife Extension Office of Coke County will

be holding a gardening program on May 13, 2011, at 1 pm at the Rec Hall in Robert Lee.

The program will focus on assisting homeowners on being more environmentally minded by addressing organic versus inorganic means for lawn and gardens as well as pest control.

Tom Green County Horticulture Extension Agent Allison Watkins will address organic and inorganic lawn

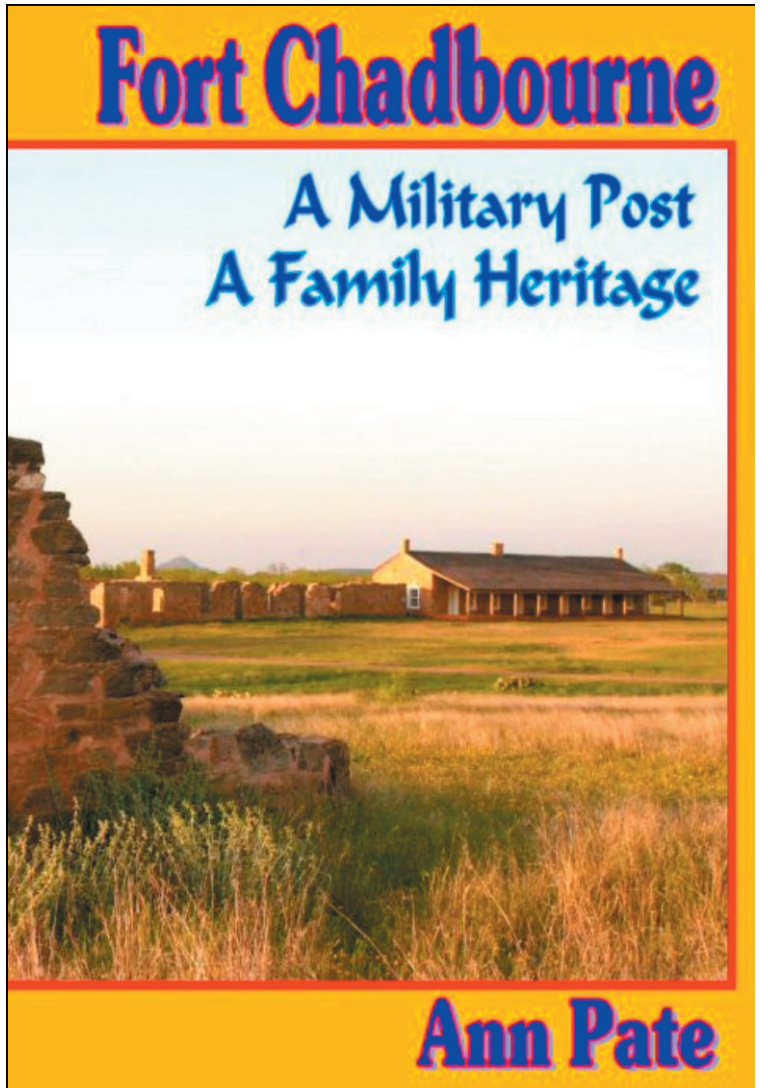
care as well as drought tolerant varieties for the lawn and garden. Dr. Chris Sansone, Texas Agrilife Extension Entomology Specialist, will cover organic and inorganic pest control for the lawn and garden.

"In addition, Allison will cover how to make your lawn and garden more drought tolerant," states Garrett

Gilliam- Coke County Texas Agrilife Extension Agent.

Also those looking to get CEUs for their private applicator license will be able to receive 1 CEU for attending the program.

For more information contact Garrett Gilliam at the Coke County Texas Agrilife Extension Office 453-2461.



Community Banquet

Monday • April 11, 2011

6:30 pm • Bronte Community Center

Join us this year for a banquet with delicious food, fun and fellowship! Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased at the door!

Awards to be Presented:

Hometown Heroes • Citizen of the Year
Elementary & Secondary Educators of the Year
Male & Female Students of the Year

Updates to be Given:

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