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## Is 2014 shaping up to be another 2011?

2014 is shaping up to be another 2011 if you only look at the first quarter rainfall totals. In 2011's first quarter, the rainfall reporters had an average of .73". Those same folks reported an average of just .29" for the first quarter of 2014, a negative difference of .44".

However when we entered 2011, Coke County was extremely dry with only an average of 2.07" for the final quarter of 2010. On the plus side, the last quarter of 2013 saw an average of 4.45", 2.23" more than that dry New Year's Day in 2011. Unfortunately, that figure is slightly deceptive if you consider that most of 2013's last quarter rainfall fell in the first month of that final quarter. If you just look at the last two months of 2013 versus the last two months of 2010, the difference falls from 2.23" to just .86".

There's still hope with a positive difference of .40" if you look at the last two months of 2013 and the first quarter of 2014 versus the last two months of 2010 and the first quarter of 2011. That hope is compounded by the start of the second quarter of 2014. April 2011 saw no

rainfall in Coke County more than .10, with most reporting none whatsoever. So far this month, rain has fallen with reports of up to .25 inches in the first two weeks. Complete rainfall record totals for 2013 and the first quarter of 2014 are included in this issue on page 3.

Not only was 2011 known for being exceptionally dry, it was the year of the fires. As no one wants a repeat of those awful months, fire safety needs to be one of every citizen's top priorities. Coke County remains under a burn ban and residents are urged to be vigilant with any open flame or activity which might cause a stray spark. If you do see a fire or smoke, immediately call 911 or the Coke County Sheriff's Office at (325) 453-2717.

During 2011, all of the local volunteer fire departments performed amazingly well, but their resources were depleted by the sheer number of severe fires they had to fight. The intervening years have been mild in comparison to 2011, but volunteers and donations are always welcomed by all of these departments.

To help, the most important

## Jesus is once again the "Reason for the Season"!



From our Family to your Family  
**HAPPY EASTER!**

thing for all the residents of Coke County to do now and in the coming months is to  
**PRAY FOR RAIN!**

### CCRTA meeting slated

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, April 21, 2014, for a noon luncheon. The meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church in Bronte.

### Graduation issues set for May 16, 23 and 30

The Observer/Enterprise will publish the special issues honoring our local Senior Classes editions May 16, 23 and 30. Each of these issues will focus primarily on the graduating class highlighted for that week. Robert Lee will be featured first on May 16, with Bronte highlighted on May 23. Blackwell will complete the graduation issues on May 30.

Representatives from The Observer/Enterprise will begin contacting businesses and individuals to sponsor these seniors in their special editions. If you would like to sponsor that special graduate, please contact our office at 453-2433.

The Robert Lee Class of 2014 includes Michael Curry, Berenice Fabian, Hanna Hamrick, Will Howard, Bianca Huapilla, Kassie O'Dell, Efrain Olguin, Kevin Saucedo, Jesse Sheets, Sydney Sheldon, Ashlie Tennison and Everett Wilson.

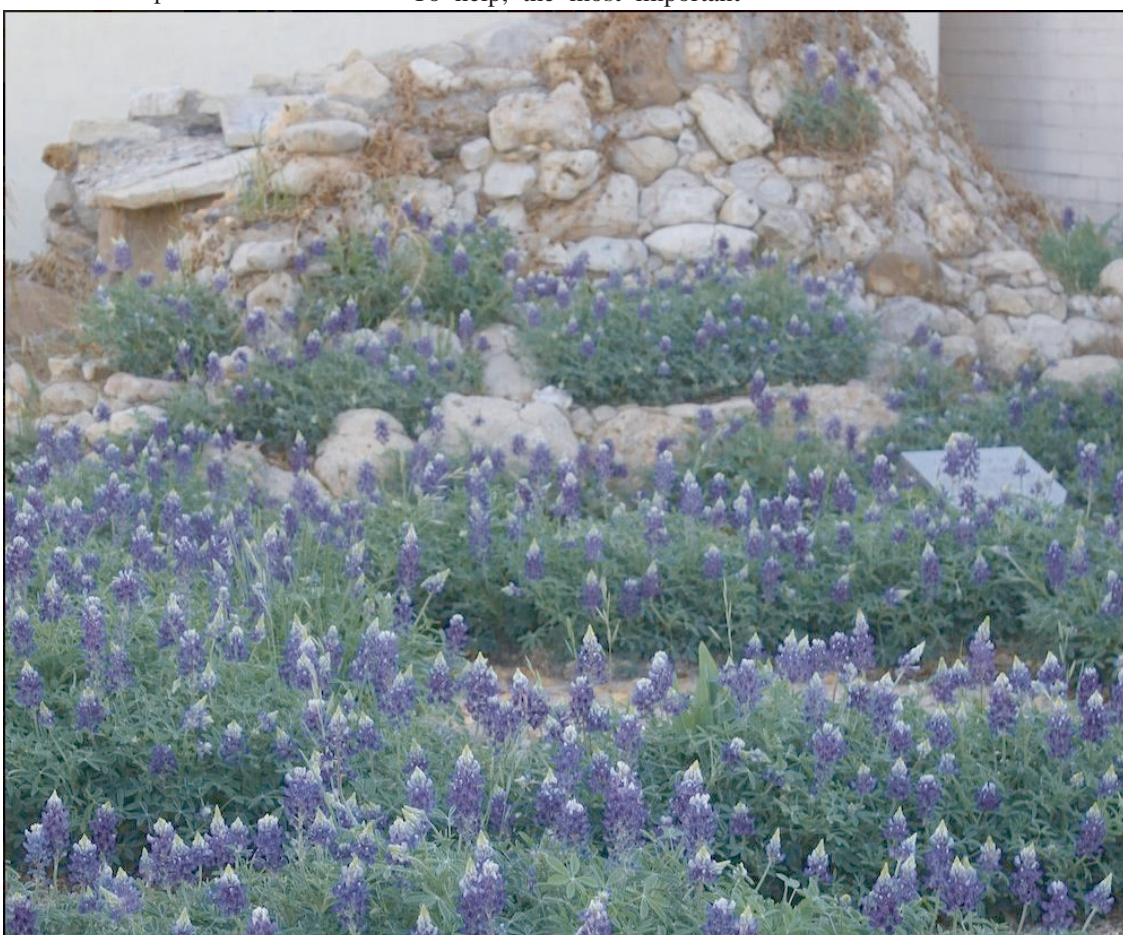
The Bronte Class of 2014 includes Taylor Brackeen, Stetsen Emfinger, Rachel Everheart, Tabatha Huffman, Ty Lee, Coby Malone, John McDonald, Brittany Neagle, Mizael Perez, Manuel Perez, Marisa Sanchez, Maria Tapia, River Wood, and Megan Yackley.

The Blackwell class of 2014 includes Shelby Lynne Alley, Oakley Jerome Anderson, Ethan Neil Andrews, Ted Neal Chambliss, Hannah Joy Coffman, April Marie Cole, Kaleb Celone Edwards, Brooklyn Kay Harris, Jayden Kenneth Jones, Matthew Clinton Lowry, Mason Wade Magness, Bailey Ann McGlothlin, Brian David Mink and Summer Brielle Mull and Adriana Nicole Rodriguez.

### Rabies Clinic set for April 26

Coke County 4-H will host a Rabies Clinic on Saturday, April 26, 2014 at the Coke County Showbarn from 10 am to 12 noon. There will be a veterinarian in charge. Pets 4 months and older should be vaccinated. Proceeds will benefit the Coke County 4-H.

For more information contact the Coke County 4-H office 325-453-2461.



**Beautiful Bluebonnets!** Although Coke County has seen very little rain this year, the bluebonnets have brightened the sides of our local highways the last few weeks. The bluebonnets above can be seen at the Wilson Bryan Memorial Mini Park in downtown Robert Lee. Photo Courtesy of Leta Caston.