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## Fort Chadbourne receives award

Lana and Garland Richards and the Fort Chadbourne Foundation in Coke County, and The Runnels County Historical Commission were recently honored 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 Runnels County Historical Commission was also honored at the April 5, 2014 meeting. They were selected for their cooperation with other organizations and extreme volunteerism, as well as the preservation projects throughout Runnels County. Janie Ruth Cooper, of Winters, was at the presentation to accept the award. Cooper also gave a presentation at the 91st annual meeting "The Chick Inn and the Diners of Winters, Texas". She also serves as the President of the Edwards Plateau Historical Association.

The prestigious R. C. Crane award comes with a \$500.00 monetary award, which was awarded to both recipients.

Both organizations have contributed heavily to the historic preservations in Runnels and Coke Counties, along with



**Award Presentation!** Fort Chadbourne was recently honored with the R. C. Crane Award. Shown are (from left) Brent Bryan, Janie Ruth Cooper, Ann Pate, Garland Richards, and Lana Richards.

the Texas Forts Trail, and many other cities and communities throughout West Texas.

### Bronte City-Wide 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.

### Garage Sale slated

It's time again for the Annual City-Wide Garage Sale. Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 3, at 8 am.

If you would like to participate, please call City Hall at 473-3501 by April 30th. 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.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call Pat or Tammy at 473-3501.

### Bronte Golf Tournery slated

The Bronte Longhorn Golf Club is sponsoring a 3 person 18 hole golf tournament on Saturday, May 17. Tee time is 9 am.

When signing up you must let them know if a cart is needed and leave a call back number. For more information, contact Bronte Longhorn Golf Club at 325-473-2156, 325-473-3231 or 325-262-6617. After 5 pm call 432-661-3431 or 325-864-3312 or 325-236-0089.

### Red Hat Society meeting slated

The Red Hat Society will have their meeting Thursday, May 1 at 11 am. They will meet at Cindy's Restaurant in Robert Lee. Bronte Ladies who wish to carpool should meet at the Bank parking lot. We will leave at 10:40 sharp.

### Food Drive set for May 10

The Letter Carriers' annual Food Drive is set for Saturday, May 10, 2014. All residents on postal routes are urged to put non-perishable donations in a bag and place them by their mailbox. The Letter Carriers will deliver these donations to the local food banks.

### 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 Tension and Everett Wilson.

The Bronte Class of 2014 includes Taylor Brackeen, Stetsen Emfinger, Rachel Everheart, Tabatha Huffman, Ty Lee, Coby Malone, John

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**Living Bible Series!** The Living Bible Series presentation of "The Last Supper" was held at First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee on April 12 and 13. Members of the cast include David O'Dell, Todd Smith, Robert Longest, Robert Wink, Matthew Curry, Hal Spain, Joe White, Michael Curry, Drake Arthur, Everett Wilson, Steve Giudici, Blake Smith, Kaden Hayes, Abi Arthur, Rachelle Arthur, Jacey Brashear, Brenner Sherwood, and Denver O'Dell. Narrators were Gaylon Childers and Rev. Cyndi Weidner. Judy Gibbs, Gayle Bolding and Karen Hodge were in charge of costuming, with Carla Wojtek in charge of props. Media Tech was Barbie Arthur with Claire Giudici serving as Manager. Photo Courtesy of Leta Caston.