



**Easter Bunny Visits BHRC!** *The Easter Bunny visits with residents of Bronte Health & Rehab Center.*

**County receives TxDOT grant to improve roads**

Coke County recently applied for and was awarded a TxDOT grant in the amount of \$582,681 to improve the county’s rural roads. Although the award is an 80/20 grant, Coke County would be able to apply labor and equipment use to satisfy their 20% requirement.

Coke County has over 300 miles of rural roadways, the majority of which are caliche. Due to the extended drought and increased traffic, most of these roads are plagued with “wash boards”, ruts and pot holes.

The county is facing huge costs to rebuild these roads. If they were rebuilt with the same caliche roadbase, the county would be in the same shape in a relatively short time without sufficient rainfall to allow for maintenance.

At the Commissioners Court meeting Monday, April 28, 2014, Miles Clark presented the court with Pennz Suppress Technology. This technology, was developed over twenty years ago by Pennzoil for the mining industry. In 2011, Pennz-Suppress Corporation was formed and purchased the brand, patents and trademarks.

The company’s website includes the following product description.

“PennzSuppress® D is the world’s premier product for all of your dust control and soil retention needs, from large scale commercial projects to smaller applications. Our unique emulsified resin product is the result of years of Research and Development and is specially formulated to provide superior bonding to aggregates and soils. It is easily diluted with water and can be applied on a wide variety of soil types to provide long-lasting performance. Our formula works extremely well at binding particles together to strengthen the soil and is specially designed to work its way down into the soil to maximize the penetration depth. The unique binding agents of PennzSuppress® D result in a durable, moisture-permeable surface that suppresses dust and stabilizes soil. Properly applied it creates a long-lasting surface that will not wash away with rain and is strong enough to withstand very heavy truck loads.”

According to the presentation,

following the initial application and the costs incurred (approximately \$15,000 to \$20,000 per mile), the annual maintenance costs would decrease each year. After a few years, the roadways would function and look like pavement.

County roadhands could receive training to apply the product with water trucks without damaging the tanks of the trucks.

Mr. Clark relayed to the Commissioners that his product was approved by TxDOT and TCEQ and is being used by five other Texas counties. The company also has a test road in San Angelo.

Although no formal action was taken, the Commissioners agreed they would travel to San Angelo to view the test road.

**Bronte Golf Tourney 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



**Easter Bunny Visits RLCC!** *Children gather around the Easter Bunny during the Robert Lee Care Center Easter Egg Hunt. The event was held on April 18, 2014. The children enjoyed taking pictures and receiving candy from the Easter Bunny.*

**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.

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