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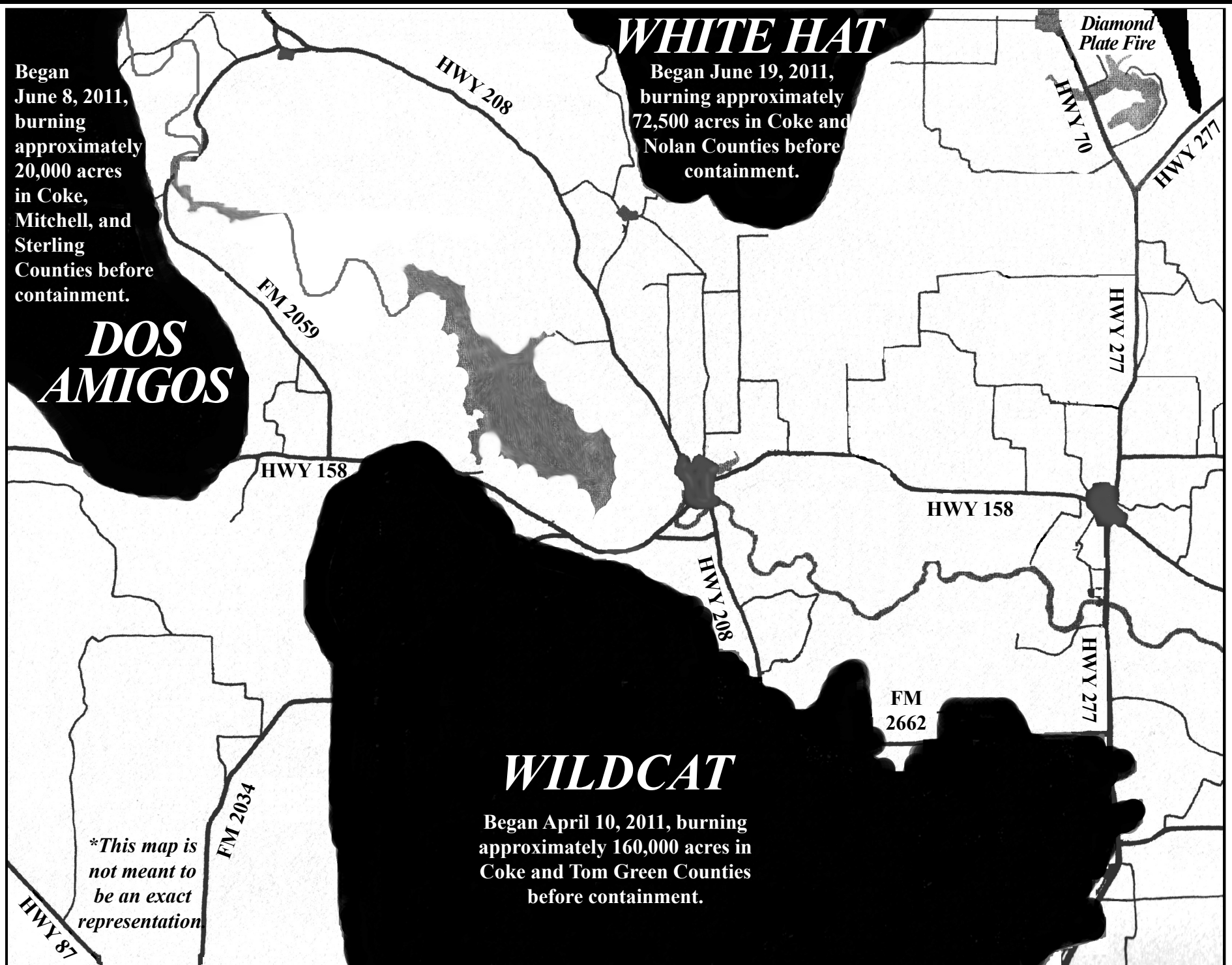


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Over 30% of Coke County is "In The Black"! Before the Wildcat Fire, the average Coke County citizen may not have known what the phrase "in the black" meant. It is the phrase firefighters and emergency personnel use to describe land that's been burned. The Texas Forest Service, the United States Forest Service and numerous volunteer fire departments joined with the Robert Lee and Bronte Volunteer units to battle the blazes, all of which were located in extremely rough terrain. Many of our county officials, employees, private contractors and volunteers put in over 24 hours at a time fighting these fires. The cost to Coke County for the Wildcat Fire was \$96,830.08. Of this, hopefully 75% will be reimbursed. All of the expenses for the Dos Amigos and White Hat Fires are as yet not calculated. New tires and numerous repairs are needed or have already been done for the local emergency vehicles and equipment. Fortunately, Coke County does not have to pay for flight time or the fire retardant used for Air Attack. Coke County Judge Roy Blair is the County's Emergency Management Coordinator. In the last two fires, Incident Command was kept localized while fighting in or near Coke County. It was either handled by Coke County Sheriff Wayne McCutchen, Chief Deputy Randall Jacks, Deputy Brandon Neal, Deputy Trey Davis, Deputy Emmett Crisp, or Ed Zimmerman of RLVFD. The County is currently looking into appointing a full-time Incident Commander. Due to the heroic efforts of the firefighters, no primary residences were lost in any of these fires.

Holiday Closings posted

The Coke County Courthouse, and the Bronte and Robert Lee City Halls will be closed Monday, July 4. The office of the Observer/Enterprise will also be closed on that day.

Residents are reminded that NO FIREWORKS are allowed in Coke County this year due to the dry conditions. To be specific, no one may buy, sell, use or possess any fireworks in Coke

County.

Bake Sale to benefit Robert Lee VFD

A Bake Sale, benefitting the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department, will be held Friday (today) July 1, beginning at 9 am at Robert Lee State Bank.

Anyone wishing to donate baked goods for the sale is welcome to do so.

Genealogy meeting set

The next Coke County Genealogy Society meeting will be July 18, 2011, at 6 pm

at the Coke County Library in Robert Lee. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Robert Lee Baptist Church to hold Vacation Bible School

"Beach Blast" is this year's theme for Vacation Bible School at Robert Lee Baptist Church. It will be held Monday through Thursday, July 11-14 from 6 to 8:30 pm. Children in grades PreK-6th are encouraged to attend.

Longhorn Golf Club open meeting slated

Longhorn Golf Club will hold an open meeting Tuesday July 5, at 6 pm, at the Bronte Community Center. A progress report will be presented at the meeting, which will include a cov-

ered dish supper.

Pee Wee football sign-up to begin

If any parents are interested in their childrens participating in Pee Wee football (2nd grade - 6th grade), please call C.R. Tijerino at 656-3822.

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!
Please see Page 8 for information on this weekend's events and activities.