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Association donates to local Volunteer Fire, EMS departments

The Oak Creek Lake Association (OCLA) announced contributions of \$1,000 to the Volunteer fire departments (VFD) of Blackwell and Bronte as well as \$1,000 to each Emergency Medical Services (EMS) of Bronte and Blackwell for a total of \$4,000 contributed.

The City of Sweetwater owns Oak Creek Lake and surrounding property (with a few exceptions) and leases Lake Lots to individuals. The lake is the major source of drinking water to the City of Sweetwater. The lessees pay taxes in Coke County and some lake lots pay Blackwell ISD taxes.

OCLA came into being in 2008 as a coming together of lake lot lessees at Oak Creek lake. The group at their May 2011 annual membership meeting unanimously approved the appropriations. Everyone recognized the life saving work of the EMS and the VFD's that protect their investments and lives in

Eastern Coke County and supported rewarding the receiving organizations.

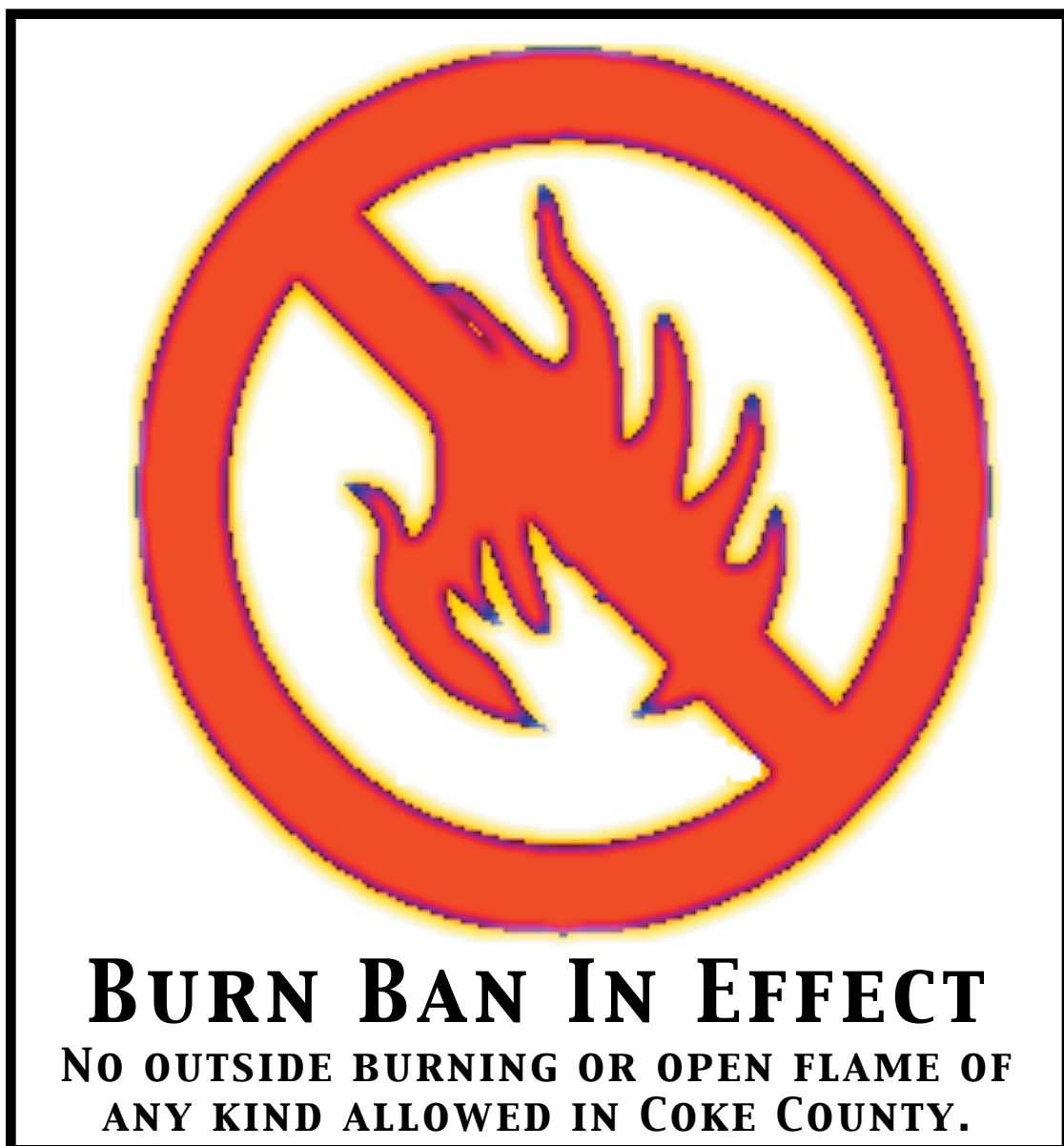
The annual dues (set at \$10 for 2011) of association members was the source of the funds. Membership in the association is limited to those who lease (or own) property around Oak Creek lake. The association (A 501 (C)) entity focuses on and addresses issues affecting lake lot folks.

The Oak Creek Lake Association can be reached via P.O. Box 376, Blackwell, Texas 79506.

Upcoming Fire Fighters Benefit set

Local ranchers, farmers and businessmen have joined together to host a Volunteer Fire Fighters Benefit to help over 25 area volunteer fire departments. This benefit consists of a ranch rodeo, auction, raffle and feast. Everyone is invited to attend, including all firefighters and their families.

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Locals Perform at Cowboy Reunion! *The San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo Ambassadors were invited to perform at the Texas Cowboy Reunion in Stamford over the 4th of July weekend. The Cowboy Reunion is such a fun-filled rodeo whose contestants are working cowboys, not professional rodeo cowboys. Events such as Senior Calf Roping, Reining Competition, Junior Steer Riding, Calf Scramble and contestants from the stands join in the fun, Wild Cow Milking and of course the Wild Mare Race are exciting. The Ambassadors were well received by the audience Friday and Saturday nights. Their fast paced maneuvers captured the audiences' attention the moment they entered the arena. The audience applauded, whistled and yelled with excitement while the Ambassadors performed the pinwheel, slants and the "T" formation for TEXAS. Tryouts for the Ambassador program are Sunday, July 10. For more information, please call 325-656-0600. Team members include Bryce Cox, Captain, Haley Hernandez, Co-Captain, Johnna Pullig, Marissa Griffin of Blackwell, Shaylee Thomas, Jael Williams of Bronte, Bailey McGlothlin of Blackwell, Mackynna Wood, Jennifer Allen and Kelsey Hullihen. Come see the girls perform this Saturday, July 9th at the Volunteer Fire Fighters Ranch Rodeo Benefit starting at 10 am in the 1st Community Federal Credit Union Spur Arena.*

Blackwell to host Playday July 9

A playday will be held at the Blackwell Roping Arena Saturday, July 9, at 7 pm. The playday is hosted by the Blackwell Riding Club.

Events will include Chute Dogging, Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, Straight-Away Barrel Racing, Flag Racing, and an 8 and under Ribbon Race. Ribbons will be awarded and concessions will be available.

For more information, contact Diane McGlothlin at (325) 450-5149.

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.

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.

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.

Gun & Blade show comes to San Angelo

On July 9 and 10, Silver Spur Shows will bring their Gun & Blade Show to the San Angelo Coliseum.

The Silver Spur Gun & Blade Show will be held Saturday, July 9th from 9 am through 5 pm and Sunday, July 10th from 10 am until 5 pm in the San Angelo Coliseum.

Come early! During the first hour each day 2 get in for the price of 1. Additionally, all uniformed law enforcement officers, firemen and children under 12 will receive free admission on both days. NRA members and military personnel with ID will receive a discount.