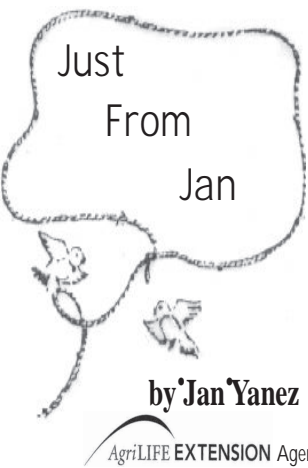




Talented Twirler! Audrey Mink, Blackwell High School sophomore varsity twirler, attended camp at Kilgore College July 23-26 where she earned blue ribbons in Advanced Single Baton, Double Baton, and Tricks.



watch your bags and laptop computer carefully at all times.

- Don't let anyone but uniformed airline personnel handle your bags.
- Watch out for staged mishaps, like someone bumping into you or spilling a drink. Often it's a ploy to divert your attention.
- Carry your purse close to your body, or your wallet in an inside front pocket. Better yet, wear a money pouch under your clothes.

• Keep a separate record of the contents of checked luggage. And keep anything of value in a carry-on that stays with you.

- Avoid displaying expensive cameras, jewelry, and luggage that might draw attention. Your aim should be to blend in with the crowd.

On the Road

- Become familiar with your travel route before you start. Get

a map and study it.

- Make sure your rental car is in good operating condition. Learn how to operate all windows, door locks, and other equipment before you leave the lot.
- Keep your maps and rental agreement concealed, not lying on the seat or the dashboard.
- Keep car doors locked while you are driving. Store luggage in the truck.
- Park in well-lighted areas only, close to building entrances and walkways.
- Have car keys ready when approaching your car. Check the back seat and floors before you get in.
- If you are bumped by another car, think before you get out. If you are in doubt or uncomfortable, signal the other driver to follow you to a nearby police station or a busy, well-lighted area where it's safe to get out.

At the Hotel

- Insist that hotel personnel write down your assigned room number so others can't see or hear it.
- Never leave luggage unattended.
- Keep all hotel doors and windows locked, and use all door locks.
- Learn the location of fire exits, elevators, and public phones in case of emergency.
- Make sure your room has an indoor viewer and a dead bolt lock.
- Keep valuables-jewelry,

cash, etc. in the hotel safe. Better still; leave jewelry in a safe at home.

- Ask hotel staff about the safety of the neighborhood and what areas to avoid.
- Before taking a cab, ask the staff about directions and estimated costs. Always verify who's at your door. Don't open the door to someone you don't know. If an unexpected visitor claims to be a hotel employee, call the front desk to make sure.
- Don't display room keys in public or leave them on the restaurant tables, at the swimming pool, or in other places where they can easily be stolen.
- If you lose the plastic key card to your room, insist on a new-keyed card. Crime can be random, but there's a lot you can do to limit your chances of becoming a victim. Often simply being aware of the threat of crime—and alert to what you can do to prevent it—will go a long way to making your business trip both safe and successful.

Remember to practice safety. Don't learn it by accident.

The Most Problematic Plant

By Morgan Runyan
Texas AgriLife Agent
With the recent rains that Coke County has received, brush managers should opt to change their spraying routines for the next few weeks. While soil moisture is essential for spraying prickly pear, an

overabundance can create heartaches when trying to spray mesquites.

In the areas of the county that received multiple inches of rain, watch the mesquite trees over the next few weeks go from a dark olive green to a bright green color. This color symbolizes that the trees are putting on new growth and the flow of carbohydrates is moving up the tree. When this process occurs, it is difficult for the herbicides to go against the flow of the carbohydrates. As the soil dries out and warms up and the mesquite leaves mature to the point they are able to replenish, the carbohydrate flow is reversed and the tree starts to replenish the carbohydrate reserves in the root system. This takes place when the leaves are mature and fully developed. This is the best time to apply leaf herbicides resulting in a higher mortality rate due to the herbicides being carried down in the root system of the trees. This occurs when the soil temp reaches 75 degrees. However, when mature leaves reach the uniform dark olive green color, this is a good indicator that the soil temp has reached 75 degrees.

For our Bronte customers' convenience, there is a Drop Box at Bronte Hardware Store.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON COKE COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The Coke County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2015 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on August 18, 2014, at 5:30 pm at the Coke County Courthouse, second floor jury room.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget	\$209,015.00
The total amount of increase over the current year's budget	\$ 14,450.00
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget	3
The number of employees compensated under the current budget	3

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of these governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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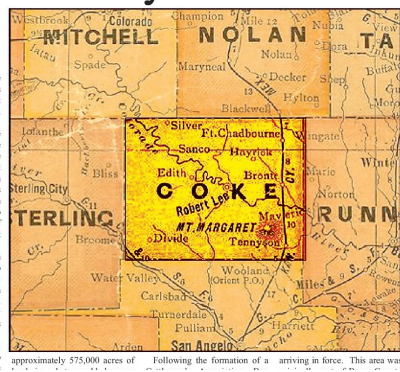
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Celebrating Coke County's 125th Year!

Coke County enjoys a colorful history

Editor's Note: The information for the following article appeared in the July 21, 1989, issue of The Observer/Enterprise, with credit given to Mrs. Jessie Yearbough's "History of Coke County." Indians roamed the area now known as Coke County and the Southwest long before Columbus discovered America according to Mary Jourdan Atkinson's "The Texas Indians." The main Indians who lived, hunted and scouted the country of the Colorado and Conchos were Comanches, the Lipan Apaches and the Jumano. Many creeks on the east side of Coke County are named for the Kickapoo Indians. There are still many Indian springs and petroglyphs in the country. More than twenty Indian campsites have been found in Coke County.



approximately 575,000 acres of Following the formation of a arriving in force. This area was