



Bronte Volunteer Fire Department! Members of the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department were on hand to feed the crowd at the annual Oldies, But Goodies Car Show held Saturday, August 16, 2014, at the Depot in downtown Bronte. Shown are (from left) David McWright, an unidentified future fireman, Bryan Swecker, Zachary McWright, Terry Queen and John Penner.



Outstanding District 7 4-H volunteer recognized! Natalie Clawson was honored as Coke County's Outstanding Silver Clover Leader at the A&M AgriLife Extension Service's annual District 7 4-H Silver Clover Recognition Banquet. Twenty-seven adult leaders and a regional bank were honored at the August 14 dinner held in San Angelo. The event, now in its 47th year, recognized the individuals and Mills County State Bank for being instrumental to the success of the West Central District 4-H youth program. Top volunteers are instrumental to the continued success of our entire 4-H program. Their selfless long hours of work and effort are what enable 4-H members to become successful. The 4-H youth program offers many projects, activities and events specifically meant to support and enhance volunteer participation and adult involvement in young peoples' lives. This banquet is a way to show them the appreciation they so justly deserve."

Historical Dedication set for September 20

The Coke County Historical Commission will host a dedication gathering on Saturday, September 20, 2014, at 9:30 a.m. on the grounds of the Old Jail (1907) in Robert Lee, Texas, for invited guests, preservation project supporters, and visitors. The dedication ceremony is to present to the citizens of Coke County, the State of Texas, and the nation, a historic landmark that has been historically preserved for the next 100 years.

Historic buildings remind us that a law-abiding society has been the goal of citizens for centuries and that the forefathers worked diligently to make that happen for future generations. The Coke County jail represents many stories as collected by Bonita Copeland Cartrite in her book A History of the Coke County Jail and Sheriffs with Related Facts and Tales.

Mrs. Cartrite set out to document her father's service to Coke County. Sheriff Childress was also the last sheriff to live in the jail. After several years of research, she decided to include not only her father, but all the sheriffs who served Coke County since 1889. Coke County's current sheriff, Wayne McCutchen, will be included in the reprinting of the book in the

near future.

There were no hangings in the Old Jail, although the equipment to do so is still there. Most folks who spent time in the Old Jail were treated with respect and dealt with in a manner reflecting Coke County's reasonable and rational way of handling those who disregard the law.

The Old Jail will have a plaque dedicated to Mrs. Robert Cole Johnson of Brenham, Texas, who entrusted Charles and Joy Millican Blake to distribute her estate among deserving preservation projects in Texas. The newly completed Annex to the Old Jail will have a plaque in honor of the Blakes for their efforts to protect and preserve projects in Coke County.

On-going plans for the Old Jail include programs and displays of West Texas history, art, and genealogical efforts. It is hoped that the Annex will become a repository for Coke county history which will provide future generations information for research into Coke County's past. Much has been accomplished, but that just means much more must be done.

The dedication ceremony at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 20, 2014, is held in connection with the Robert Lee Street Affair which will provide a day of entertainment for residents and visitors.



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6:00 in the evening
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