



Oldies But Goodies! Coke County Sheriff Wayne McCutchen (right) and Chief Deputy Brandon Neal inspect the "Mayberry Sheriff's Car" at the Oldies but Goodies Car Show held in Bronte Saturday, August 17, 2013.

Benefit lunch set for September 8

A Hamburger Lunch, benefitting Janel Vaughn, will be held Sunday, September 8, from 11 am to 2 pm in the parking lot of First National Bank of Sterling City in Bronte. The funds will be used to help defray medical expenses. She recently returned from MD Anderson.

Garage Sale set to benefit Street Affair

A garage sale is going to be held in September benefitting the Robert Lee Street Affair. Items are needed for this sale. Please call (325) 453-4317 if you wish to donate an item for this sale. Items may be taken to Designs By Toni.

11th Annual Winters Dove Fest slated

The 11th annual Winter Dove Fest will be held Saturday, September 7, 2013, at the Winters Community Center on FM 1770, 3 blocks east of US 83, in Winters.

There will be a Hunters Appreciation barbeque, live entertainment, gun & knife show, motorcycle fun run, clay pigeon shoot, and live and silent auctions.

Lunch will begin at 10:30 am. Come early for a chance at door prizes.

For more information, visit "Winters Dove Fest" on Facebook, call (325) 977-1036, or e-mail Winters Chamber@outlook.com.

BHS Class of 1968 to hold reunion

The Bronte High School Class of 1968 will gather for their 45th reunion at 12 noon Saturday, September 14, at the Longhorn Building on Main Street for lunch.

At 2 pm, there will be a choice of activities. Attendees can either tour Ft. Chadbourne or watch the A&M -Alabama game.

At 6 pm, everyone in the community is encouraged to attend the covered dish supper and visit with the class members.

For more information, call Linda "Cumbie"

Gladden at 325-655-6693.

... West Nile

(Continued from page 1) infected with West Nile virus will develop this more severe form of the disease.

The incubation period of West Nile virus in humans is three to 14 days.

Symptoms of mild disease may last a few days. Symptoms of severe disease may last several weeks, although neurological effects may be permanent. Rarely, death can occur.

How is it spread?

West Nile virus is spread by the bite of an infected

mosquito and can infect people, horses, many types of birds, and some other animals. There is no evidence that West Nile virus can be spread from person to person or from animal to person.

Who is at risk for West Nile virus?

People older than 50 have the highest risk of severe disease, and people with weakened immune systems are at an increased risk for West Nile virus.

How is West Nile virus treated?

There is no specific treatment for West Nile virus infection. In severe cases, intensive supportive therapies are indicated, such as intravenous fluids and medicine to control fever or pain. Antibiotics may be given for any secondary bacterial infection.

Can I be vaccinated for West Nile virus?

Currently there is no vaccine for West Nile virus, but several companies are working toward developing

a vaccine.

Is this a seasonal virus?

Cases of West Nile neuroinvasive disease usually occur in the late summer or early fall. However, Texas has a variety of climates; when temperatures are mild, West Nile virus can be transmitted year round. It is best to try to protect yourself all year.

How likely am I to be bitten by an infected mosquito?

Fewer than 1 percent of those bitten by infected mosquitoes become severely ill. If you have the symptoms mentioned in this fact sheet, contact your doctor immediately.

Where can I get more information?

Contact your local health department. West Nile virus information can be found on the Texas Department of State Health Services website at www.dshs.state.tx.us and the CDC website at www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/.

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The COKE COUNTY will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 6.31 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on August 23, 2013 at 9:00AM at Coke County Courthouse, Commissioner's Courtroom, 13 E 7th, Robert Lee, Texas.

The second public hearing will be held on September 3, 2013 at 9:00 AM at Coke County Courthouse, Commissioner's Courtroom, 13 E 7th, Robert Lee, Texas.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: Roy Blair, Bobby Blaylock, Wendell Lee, Troy Gene Montgomery, Gaylon Pitcock

AGAINST:

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT:

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in COKE COUNTY last year was \$44,936. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.543447 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$244.20.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in COKE COUNTY this year is \$48,472. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.474845 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$230.17.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.504831 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$244.70.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.