



Old School Muscle Cars! In addition to the sleek body design, the engines of these fast cars were on display at the Oldies, But Goodies Car Show held Saturday, August 16, 2014, at the Depot in downtown Bronte.

Fall landscaping symposium slated

The Concho Valley Master Gardeners are presenting the Fall Landscaping Symposium Saturday, September 13, 2014, in San Angelo. It will be held at the Stephens Central Library Community Room at 33 W. Beauregard. Registration begins at 8 am with programs beginning at 8:30 am and continuing until 3 pm.

Mike Mosman, owner of Cactustown Texas will present "How to Affect All of Your Senses in a Low Water-use Landscape".

Farmer's Branch Park Landscape Manager Pam Smith will present "Roses for the Landscape".

Retired County Extension Agent Debbie Frost will present "Best Plants ... Best Garden" and "Enhance the Garden Experience".

Pam Penick, author and landscape designer, will present "Lose the Lawn: Design Tips for Drought-Proof Gardens".

To RSVP, call (325) 659-6522 by Wednesday, September 10.

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.

Special State Senate Election set for Tuesday

The Texas State Senate District 28 special election will be held Tuesday, September 9.

Six men are vying for the Texas State Senate District 28 seat vacated by Sen. Robert Duncan, who has left to serve as chancellor of the Texas Tech University System.

Republican candidates running in the special election include Charles Perry, Jodey Arrington, E.M. Garza and Delwin Jones. Democrat Greg Wortham and Libertarian Kerry Douglas McKennon are the other two candidates vying for the seat.

State Senate District 28 covers Armstrong, Borden, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Coke, Collingsworth, Concho, Cottle, Crosby, Dawson, Dickens, Donley, Fisher, Floyd, Foard, Garza, Gray, Hale, Hall, Hardeman, Haskell, Hockley, Irion, Jones, Kent, King, Knox, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Mitchell, Motley, Nolan, Reagan, Runnels, Schleicher, Scurry, Sterling, Stonewall, Swisher, Terry, Tom Green, Upton and Wheeler counties.

21st Annual Mesquite Show coming to Fredericksburg

The 2014 Texas Mesquite Arts Festival returns to Fredericksburg, Texas on October 10, 11, and 12.

Juried artists from around Texas and beyond will gather in Fredericksburg Marktplatz for a three-day celebration of the exquisite and attractive mesquite.

"Besides seeing the absolute best selection of mesquite, visitors will enjoy the largest



Classy Chassis! This gorgeous automobile was entered in the "Oldies, But Goodies" Car Show by Kent Gentry of Bronte. The show was held Saturday, August 16, at the Depot in Bronte.

mesquite show in the world," show organizer Al Carr said.

The festival, like mesquite wood itself, has come a long way since the first event in 1992. Fourteen mesquite woodworkers gathered then for a seminar. According to Carr, they weren't the only ones showing interest in mesquite.

"So many local people dropped in to see what we were doing and to try to buy our work, we realized Fredericksburg was the best place on earth to have a Texas Mesquite Arts Festival," Carr said.

The Mesquite Arts Festival has become one of the top events in Fredericksburg. Organizers expect over 10,000 visitors during the weekend.

Visitors will be treated to collections of sculpted wood from the world's absolute finest mesquite craftsmen. Items range from large furniture items such as beds, dressers and chairs made entirely from mesquite, to unique craft and gift items such as beautifully turned lamps, delicate scroll work, handsome pen and pencil sets, unique Christmas tree ornaments, sturdy gun

stocks, and sculpted vases, all carefully crafted of mesquite.

Once viewed as a nuisance, mesquite has become the darling of architects and retailers. Mesquite's growing appeal comes in part from the high profile offered from this festival, according to Carr. Additional articles praising mesquite's quality and value have appeared in such magazines as AAA's Texas Journey, Texas Highways, Veranda, and Fine Woodworking.

"Architects now vie to install mesquite accents in upscale homes," Carr said. Mantles, doors, flooring, art items, dining sets, tables, and other furniture are increasingly requested in mesquite. Prices for raw wood as well as finished pieces have soared.

The Texas Mesquite Arts Festival is free and open to the public. Hours are Friday, noon to 6 pm; Saturday, 10 am-6 pm; and Sunday, 10 am-3 pm. Items are available for purchase, with food and drink sold on the grounds. Free parking surrounds Market Square in downtown Fredericksburg.



Opening September 6th

Saturday's 9 am to 2 pm & Wednesday's 5:30 pm to 7 pm (or dark)

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