

**First National Neighborhood Watch Program in Coke County registered by Bay View Estates**

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The Neighborhood Watch is a program sponsored by the National Sheriff's Association and USAonWatch.org.

On September 4, 2012, the first registered Neighborhood Watch in Coke County met at the home of Tom and Beverly Prichard in Bay View Estates with Sheriff Wayne McCutchen in attendance.

The Watch is registered with National Sheriffs' Association. Bay View neighbors, Josie Castleberry and Tom and Beverly Prichard, conducted the meeting about the need to "watch out" for our families, neighbors, and our pets and livestock, which drove them to contact Sheriff McCutchen about starting a Neighborhood Watch for Bay View Estates.

Sheriff McCutchen spoke about neighbors being "eyes and ears" assistance for each other and for law enforcement. He mentioned the need to be alert for any suspicious activity in our neighborhood that would be criminal in nature. Examples of criminal activity are robbery, vandalism, drug traffic, cruelty and/or neglect and harm to humans or animals. He encouraged everyone to be conscience of any criminal activity that the Sheriffs' department should be made aware and to call them immediately.

Attendees discussed their concern about neglected home sites in Bay View Estates where trash and other articles are left unattended for years. With Texas being the hardest hit areas for West Nile Virus, the attendees are concerned these locations harbor sites for mosquitos to breed causing a heath hazard, as well as housing snakes, bees, mice and rats. Coke County has no mosquito control activities in the county, only in the towns. A suggestion was made for a "health and safety ordinance" be researched to protect county residents, which would allow owners to be notified to clean up their property for health and safety issues.

Other topics of interest discussed were First Aid/CPR training, disaster preparedness training, a neighborhood clean-up day, neighborhood garage sale, and seeking a Veterinarian to come to Bay View once a year to provide vaccinations for our pets.

Neighbors able to attend the first meeting were: James and Gladys Middleton, Ron Bankhead, Max Cunningham, George and Melba Gray, Cindy and Brian King, Uzzy Webb, Joe Autry, Richard and Dora Bain, Lillian Posey, Favian and Michelle Minjarez, Josie

Castleberry, and Tom and Beverly Prichard. The next meeting, a covered dish, will be held on October 30, 2012, at 432 Driftwood Road. The time is yet to be determined.

If you would like more information on how to form a Neighborhood Watch, please feel free to contact Josie Castleberry 453-2273, Tom or Beverly Prichard 453-4696 or Sheriff McCutchen 453-2717.

**12-Step Recovery meeting begins in Bronte**

We are recovering addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean and live a new way of life. The only requirement for membership is the desire to stop using or drinking, as alcohol is considered a drug too.

Meetings are held at Forgiven Ministries on Sunday's at 7 pm. For questions or for more information please call 473-1114.

**Look Who's New**

Hello, world! Reed Braxton Crutcher made his entrance into the world on July 30, 2012. Reed weighed in at 5lbs. and 10 oz, and was 18 inches long. Welcoming

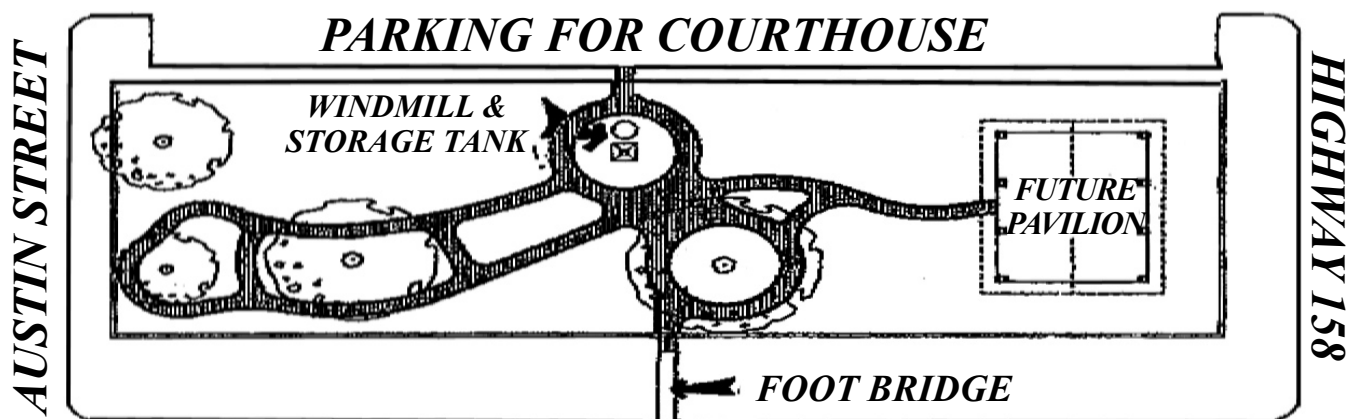


**Bronte Park!** Coke County crews began the process this week of cutting down the dead trees in the Coke County Park in Bronte.

him are proud parents, Ryan and Holly Crutcher and big brother Cash of Levelland, Texas. Grandparents are Daryl and Myna Kay Copeland of Robert Lee and Greg and Delane Crutcher of Brownfield. Also, Reed's great-grandparents are Allan and Bonita Cartrite of Robert Lee, Lillian Crutcher, and Billy and Cecilia Franks, all of Brownfield.

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