

**Annual Livestock Show
– Not just for Kids!**

The Coke County Livestock Show and Fair is slated for Friday and Saturday, January 15-16, 2016. In addition to the Junior Livestock Show, the following categories are open to ANY Coke County resident of ANY age.

Contest categories include: Art Photography AG Mechanics - Metal Works and Repurpose Project (trash to treasure).

All entries must be turned in to the Coke County Extension office between December 28, 2015, and January 6, 2016.

Please contact the Extension Office at 325-453-2461 for more information.

**Christmas cards for
Memorial Park**

Vision with a Purpose is providing large 4' x 4' Christmas Greeting Cards to be displayed in Memorial Park for the holidays. Any business, individual, or family may purchase these cards and VP with erect them.

A sample card will be displayed at Floyd C. Pettitt Insurance Co. at 715 Austin St., Robert Lee or contact Jan Pettitt at 325-212-0817.

This will be a beautiful display to help celebrate the holiday season and a chance to show your community spirit.

**Tax relief offered
for drought-driven
livestock sales**

Farmers and ranchers in Coke County who were forced to sell livestock because of drought have been granted more time to replace livestock and defer tax on any gains from the forced sales, said John Ross Copeland, Coke County Farm Bureau president.

The one-year extension of the replacement period applies to sales of draft animals, breeding livestock or dairy animals.

"The deferment for purchasing replacement animals is normally four years," John

Ross said. "But during an extended drought like Coke County farmers and ranchers have endured, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) can extend the replacement period."

Coke County has a replacement period for livestock that was scheduled to expire the end of 2014. This extension impacts drought sales that occurred in 2010. But previous drought-related extensions are also affected, which means the replacement periods for some drought sales before 2010 are also impacted.

Additional extensions will be granted if severe drought conditions persist. Most Texas counties are included.

**Conservation Tree and
Shrub Seedlings
available**

A limited quantity of container and bareroot seedlings are available through the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District. Deadline to order is February 6, 2015. Seedlings will be delivered and ready for pick up on February 12, 2015.

For species offered and other information, contact the SWCD office at 453-2623, ext. 3 or go by 214 E. 7th St. in Robert Lee.

**Coke County
Farm Bureau president
responds to
beef cancer claims**

A report from the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) that claims red and processed meats cause cancer is a bunch of bull, according to Coke County Farm Bureau President John Ross Copeland.

"Science does not support the IARC's claim," John Ross said. "Scientists on IARC's panel who studied the issue for seven days could not come to an agreement on whether or not there's solid evidence that red meat causes cancer. And yet, they issued a



Union Texas Reunion held in San Angelo! The 14th Annual Union Texas Petroleum former employees and retirees reunion was held at Zentner's Daughter Steakhouse in San Angelo, Saturday, September 19, 2015. The gathering started at 11 am with a lot of visiting as the meal was being prepared. Ronnie Walker offered a prayer for the meal and reunion. Jeffie Roberts conducted a short business meeting. Ronnie Walker, Brenda Hines and Jeffie welcomed the 33 present. The group agreed to have the 15th reunion in September 2016, same time and place, if possible. Ronnie and Linda Walker, Steve and Brenda Hines, and Bobby and Jeffie Roberts will serve as the Reunion Committee again for 2016.

There were 16 UTP retirees and 17 spouses and family members present. Those present were Winton and Virginia Milliff and Bobby and Jeffie Roberts all of Robert Lee; Jerry Wilkes, Doug Wilkes and Tom and June Wilkes all of Silver; Steve and Brenda Hines of Bronte; Ronnie and Linda Walker, Donald and Janis Walker, Larry G. Robinson, Charles E. Davis, Arlene Flores and Debby (Hendry) Bynum all of San Angelo; Jinger Hendry of Sterling City; Mary Donley of Voca; Joe and Sharon Young of The Colony; Gary, Sandra and Kelsey Parsley of Midland; Buddy and Gayna Eldred of Blackwell; Charles and Donna Stephens of Novice; Barbara Wheeler of Rankin; Joe Tarter of Abilene; and Bill Barnes and Nelson Barnes of Colorado City.

After the meal, pictures were taken and everyone visited until 2 pm. Our sympathy goes out to the families of Pauline Donley, M. C. Hendry and Bobby Bynum, Allan Rowoldt, Joann Meadows and Ettie Hubbard who passed away since the last reunion. Submitted by Jeffie Roberts.

report saying it's probable."

IARC, which is an arm of the World Health Organization, classified processed meats like ham and bacon as carcinogenic to humans.

Red meat was classified as probably carcinogenic to humans.

"Scientists have been studying cancer and its causes for years," John Ross said. "Genetics,

environment and lifestyle choices all play a role in whether or not this complex disease develops in a person or not. Science simply does not support (Continued on Page 7)

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**Community
Thanksgiving
Praise and Worship**

**Sunday, November 22, 2015, 6 pm
Robert Lee Baptist Church**

*I was glad when they said unto me,
"Let us go into the house of the LORD."*

There will be a Love Offering taken during the service with the proceeds of which will benefit the Coke County Food Pantry.

After the service, a meal of hot dogs and all the trimmin's will be served in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

*Let's join together
for an evening of good music, praise and worship.*

~COME~

Your heart will be blessed.

