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B & K Processing expands to offer domestic livestock processing

[Editor's Note: The article below was originally printed in the 2020 Coke County Hunting and Fishing Guide, a supplement to the November 6, 2020, issue of The Observer/Enterprise.]

Ranchers and residents of Coke County are excited to know that beginning the end of January, they will no longer have to take their livestock out of the county to be processed. B & K Wild Game Processing is now B & K Processing and owned by Brian and Wendy Hall. The name is shorter, but the purpose and building have drastically expanded to include processing of domestic pigs, sheep, goats and beef. Due to the excellent reputation of the owners and the need in the community, pre-bookings for domestic livestock processing are full from the end of January until April 2021.

The Hall Family history in Bronte began in 1990 when award winning butcher Kerry Hall of Winters purchased the local grocery store on Main Street and moved his family to

Bronte. In 1994, Kerry and his oldest son Brian, built and opened B & K's Wild Game Processing behind the grocery store as "a way to make extra money for Christmas".

Although Kerry passed away in late 2014, the business continues to be a family affair under Brian's leadership. The Hall family's heritage in meat processing began with Kerry's father, Sonny, who began working as a butcher in 1958 for 75 cents an hour. In his mid-80s, Sonny continues working with grandsons Brian and Troy (pictured) at B & K Processing. Wendy Hall's first job was working for Kerry and Brian when she still was in high school and although life took her away from Bronte for several years, she and Brian were married in 2016. She and her daughter Dree now work together in the business.

B & K Processing has always been one of Bronte's best seasonal employers with 13-14 employees during hunting season. With the addition of the domestic processing, the number of year around employees will



remain high.

In the last 24 years, B & K Wild Game Processing has been known for their custom processing and are the "go to" processor for hunters from all

around this area and that will continue. They are assuring hunters that from the opening day of bow season to the end of January each year, the plant will be primarily dedicated to wild

game processing. At the end of January each year, domestic processing will be moved to the forefront. However, high fence wild game will continue to be processed year round.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Friday, November 20

High School Football Playoffs -
Blackwell vs Motley County at Hermleigh, 7 pm

High School Basketball -
Bronte at Paint Rock, 5 pm
Robert Lee at Miles, 4 pm
Blackwells Girls vs Roby at Blackwell, 5 pm

Saturday, November 21

High School Basketball -
Robert Lee Girls at Rankin, 12 noon
Robert Lee Boys at Winters, 10 am

Monday, November 23

Friends of the Robert Lee Care Center meeting, 10 am,
Home of Della Alexander (10 W. 15th St., Robert Lee)

School Holiday -
Bronte ISD, Blackwell CISD

Tuesday, November 24

Early Release -
Robert Lee ISD 12:30 pm

School Holiday -
Bronte ISD, Blackwell CISD

High School Basketball -
Blackwell Girls at Christoval, 5 pm

Wednesday, November 25

School Holiday -
Bronte ISD, Robert Lee ISD, Blackwell CISD

Thursday, November 26

School Holiday -
Bronte ISD, Robert Lee ISD, Blackwell CISD

Friday, November 27

School Holiday -
Bronte ISD, Robert Lee ISD, Blackwell CISD

Happy Thanksgiving!

We are so thankful to the citizens of Coke County for not only reading *The Observer/Enterprise*, but also being the source of the news it provides.

Since 1889 and Coke County's first newspaper, there have been many changes to both the newspapers and the county's populace. Many new people have come to call Coke County home and they may not realize there is a local newspaper.

Because of this, we are sending this complimentary issue to every address in Blackwell, Bronte, Robert Lee, and Tennyson. We hope you enjoy reading it and want to become a regular subscriber.

In addition to current news, this issue explores:

- the new added services the Hall Family is providing to Coke County.
- how each penny of every Coke County property tax dollar is distributed.
- the latest Covid-19 numbers in Coke County, the surrounding area and Texas overall.

