

Red Hat Society to meet December 1

The Red Hat Mamas (Red Hat Society) will meet at 11 am on Thursday, December 1, at Noel's west of Robert Lee where a special meal is planned for us. Go west of Robert Lee for about 5 miles and look for the Noel sign on the right, then wander through the pasture until you come to the buildings. If you wish to carpool be at the bank parking lot in Bronte by 10:30.

You are welcome to join this group where there is fun after fifty (and before) for women of all walks of life. We are usually together for about an hour or so. What a fun group we are! Red Hat is one of the things that we really look forward to -- no dues, no rules, no business, no nothing really, but lots of good fun, food and fellowship. Hope to see you there.

Ladies under fifty usually wear something lavender and wear a pink hat. At or over 50, we usually wear something purple and wear a red hat. You can't miss us. Don't have a hat? Come join us anyway. For more info or directions, call Janet Wommack 473-5388.

Longhorn Golf Club scramble slated

The Longhorn Golf Club will be hosting a 18-hole 2-person scramble Saturday, December 3. It will begin at 9 am at the golf course in Bronte.

For more information, call 473-2156.

Mountain Creek Golf Course tournaments slated

The Sunday Skins Golf Tournaments will be held every Sunday from now until March, 4 2012, at Mountain Creek Golf Course.

Lunch will be held at 12 noon and Tee off is 1 pm.

Teams will be drawn based on handicap/known ability. Participants may play with their own groups. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, please call the golf course at 453-2317.

4-H holds raffle for trailer

All the Coke County 4-H members and FFA kids from Robert Lee and Bronte are selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a 2011 S & H 5' x 14' x 6' 6" Rawhide Stock Trailer.

The drawing will be held at the conclusion of the Coke County Junior Livestock Show on January 21, 2012. You do not need to be present to win.

Call today for your Christmas Greeting!
(325) 453-2433

Small Business Saturday is coming

The Better Business Bureau is reminding people that Saturday, November 26, is Small Business Saturday. Resting eagerly between Black Friday and Cyber Monday, it is a chance, and effort, to urge consumers to shop local, and support those non-chain shops that dot our neighborhoods.

"It's great to have a day that's completely dedicated to the success of our small businesses and it's even better to think that the success of this day could lead to the growth and prosper of the small businesses in the days and years to follow," said Stephen A. Cox, president and CEO of the Council of Better Business Bureaus on the organization's website. "I'd like to encourage our consumers to take advantage of this day and show support to the small businesses in their community."

FSA accepting Loan applications

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is now accepting applications for Emergency Farm Loans resulting from damages and losses caused by wildfires occurring from August 30, 2011 and continuing.

Nolan County has been named as primary a county where eligible farmers may qualify for FSA EM loan assistance. Fisher, Scurry, Coke, Mitchell & Taylor Counties have been named as contiguous counties where eligible farmers may qualify for FSA EM loan assistance. Farm Loan Manager, Justin B. Holland, asks farmers who want to apply for emergency loans to submit their applications as soon as possible. The deadline for applications is July 3, 2012, but if farmers wait too long, a backlog will develop and cause delays.

Generally, farmers who have lost 30 percent of their

production due to designated disaster are eligible for emergency loans. The FSA office is located at 103 W. Florida Avenue in Sweetwater, Texas.

IRS offers farmers and ranchers extension

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) recently announced an extension of replacement period for livestock producers who have been forced to sell animals due to the drought.

"The livestock industry has suffered \$2.06 billion in losses, as ranchers have sold off cattle due to lack of forage and escalating supplemental feed expenses," said Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau President John Ross Copeland. "This tax extension will help ranchers rebuild their herds."

If livestock (other than poultry) held for any length of time for draft, breeding or dairy purposes is sold because of weather-related conditions, the capital gain on the sale does not have to be recognized if the proceeds are used to purchase replacement livestock.

"This year's drought has forced a lot of cattle out of Texas," John Ross Copeland said. "Every little bit will help when it rains again and ranchers begin to restock."

Please consult a tax specialist for more information or full details can be found at the IRS website, http://www.irs.gov/irb/2010-41_IRB/ar08.html.

New Medicare open enrollment dates

Medicare open enrollment began Saturday, October 15, and will continue through Wednesday, December 7.

Assistance is available from benefits counselors. Call (325) 223-5704 for an appointment.



Engagement Announced! Gary Phillip and Zena McCarty Paice are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Chelsea Erin Paice to John Regis Ferrick, Jr of Chicago, Illinois, son of Abigail Mabry Ferrick of Columbia, South Carolina, and John Regis "Jay" Ferrick of Chicago, Illinois.

Chelsea is the granddaughter of Raymond Phillip and Esther Hotchkin Paice of Oak Brook, Illinois, and Bernie Lee Howell McCarty of Tennyson, Texas, and the late Elder Autry Duane McCarty. Chelsea is the sister of Justin Garrett Paice of Boston, Massachusetts.

John is the grandson of the late Col. James Hamilton Ferrick and the late Anne Nairn Ferrick of New Kensington, Pennsylvania, and the late Maj. Gen. George Lafayette Mabry, Jr and the late Eulena Myers Mabry of Columbia, South Carolina. John is the brother of Justin Peter Ferrick of Charleston, South Carolina.

Chelsea holds a BFA in musical theater from Emerson College in Boston, is employed at SmithBucklin Corporation and is an actress in Chicago. John holds a BFA in acting from The Theater School of DePaul University in Chicago, is General Manager of Ravenswood Fitness Center in Chicago and is an actor in Chicago.

The couple will marry July 28, 2012, in Oak Park, Illinois.



Join us for our

Christmas Open House

Friday, December 2, 2011

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