



October 2015

The following reports were made by Coke County Sheriff's Office for the month of October 2015.

- 4 Sheriff's Information Reports
- 2 Criminal Mischief Calls
- 2 Criminal Trespass Warnings Issued
- 1 Family Disturbance
- 1 Disorderly Conduct
- 1 Assault
- 4 Burglary of a Building Reports
- 1 Public Intoxication

242 Calls for Public Service (Includes Funerals, Court, Motorist Assist, and Alarm Calls, etc.)

- 1 Civil Process
- 11 Prisoner Transports including arrest and to and from court
- 3 Warrants Served
- 33 Livestock Calls
- 5 Accidents
- 3 Accident Assists

- 64 Traffic Stops
- 50 Traffic Stops resulting in citations

Total number of incoming and outgoing calls by dispatch after office hours: 286

TOTAL INMATES IN RUNNELS COUNTY JAIL AS OF Tuesday November 10, 2015 - 3 Males

October 2015

Arrests and Dispositions

Crystal Roque, Driving while license invalid with previous conviction, 10-4-15

Vincent Hanna, Public Intoxication, 10-11-15

Ryan Graves, Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon – Motion to Revoke Probation – Release of Surety, 10-28-15

District Court

Plea Dispositions

October 13, 2015

The State of Texas vs. April Ashmore

Charge: DWI 3rd or More – Motion to Revoke Probation

Plea: Amend previous probation conditions and serve 30 days Jail

County Court Plea

Dispositions

October 21, 2015

The State of Texas vs. Christopher LaRue

Charge: Interfering with Duties of a Public Servant

Plea: Guilty, Fine \$600.00, Court Cost \$237.00

USDA Announces Investments in Rural Community Facilities To Enhance Rural Health and Public Safety

United States Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced investments to improve rural community infrastructure, provide essential services and improve access to health care across rural America through Rural Development's Community Facilities (CF) program. These investments in health facilities and support for first responders come as the department celebrates National Rural Health Week.

"Rural America deserves quality, affordable health care, but too often local communities lack the capital to invest in improving the facilities that deliver that care," Vilsack said. "I am especially proud of the role that USDA plays in addressing the critical needs for health care facilities, including mental health facilities."

Among the awards announced to support health care services, \$42,451,000 will be awarded to five projects located in rural Texas communities. Funding of each grant and loan announced is contingent upon the recipient meeting the terms of the funding agreement.

"We are pleased to support rural Texas communities in providing modern medical facilities and emergency response equipment for their residents," said Tom Hannah, USDA Rural Development Acting Texas State Director.

"Providing quality healthcare locally saves critical time and the lives of rural residents."

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.

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 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 IARC's claim that meat causes colorectal cancer."

In the past, IARC has studied sunlight, odd sleeping hours due to shift work and eating pickled vegetables as other possible causes for cancer.

IARC is set to meet in 2016 to study the effects of coffee.

"I urge our community to do its research and look past all the 'shock and wow' reports," John Ross said. "IARC's classification system is antiquated and clouds the facts."

Coke County farmers pleased by stay for EPA rule

The U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals has put a temporary halt to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) implementation of its Waters of the U.S., or WOTUS, rule.

The decision was greeted by farm groups and landowners across the nation with cautious

optimism.

"WOTUS affects everyone. It affects what we do and how we do it," said John Ross Copeland, Coke County Farm Bureau president. "We all want clean water. But this is about control. The EPA is reaching for more power and stepping on Texas landowners to get it."

The temporary stay puts the EPA's and Corps of Engineers' enforcement of WOTUS on hold until the legal system determines jurisdiction in the lawsuits filed against WOTUS in District and Appellate courts.

Texas Farm Bureau, Matagorda County Farm Bureau and the American Farm Bureau Federation are among the entities who have filed suits challenging the rule.

Under the proposed rule, the EPA gains control over bodies of water and areas that only sometimes hold water. With that control, they can require permits for everyday work that is done in these areas.

"It allows EPA to decide, essentially, who farms and how they do it," John Ross said.

It is unclear how long the court's temporary stay will remain in effect.

The final rule became effective Aug. 28, expanding the scope of the federal government's jurisdiction over waters under the Clean Water Act.

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