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Coke-Sterling County farmers reach out to connect with communities next Tuesday, February 19th

Farmers in Coke County will reach out to local customers to talk with them about how their food is grown during Texas Food Connection Week, Feb. 17-23.

Farmers and ranchers across the state will organize community activities, donate to local philanthropies and seek to spur conversations with their customers during the week-long program.

"Texas Food Connection Week is about finding common ground with our customers," said John Ross Copeland, Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau president. "Our neighbors and friends have questions about agriculture and their food. This is an opportunity for farmers and ranchers to sit down with them and have a conversation."

Coke-Sterling County farmers will host the following activities during Texas Food Connection Week: On Tuesday February 19, 2013 the Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau will be having a

hamburger lunch at the Hitch'n Post in Sterling City from 11:00 to 1:00. Cost of the meal is by donation of canned goods that will be benefiting the local food pantries.

"We're looking forward to getting out in the community and sharing what we do on our farms and ranches," John Ross Copeland said. "Food is one thing that connects us all. We all want to provide our families with fresh, nutritious food that's been grown close to home."

Texas Food Connection Week, formerly Food Check-Out Week, was established to connect farmers with their customers and spur conversations about agriculture and food-related issues, including affordability, nutrition, animal welfare, profitability and productivity.

For more information about local activities and media opportunities, contact the Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau office at 325-453-4505 or visit <http://media.texasfarmbureau.org>.


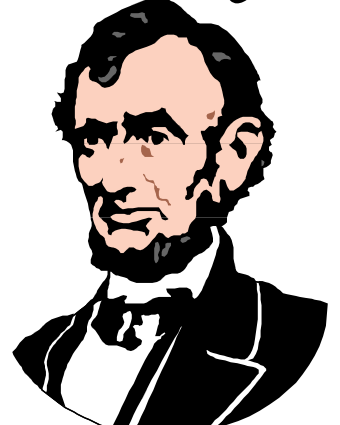


Hortenstine named to SOT Board

Tammy Hortenstine of Bronte has been named to the Special Olympics Texas (SOTX) Board of Directors for 2013.

"Tammy Hortenstine brings to the board years of experience with Special Olympics Texas that will be valuable to the leadership of the organi-

Presidents Day

Monday, February 18, 2013

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zation," Margaret Larsen, president and CEO, Special Olympics Texas. "We are honored for Tammy to join the Board of Directors to help positively impact the lives of athletes across the state of Texas."

Hortenstine, currently the coordinator for the Gifted and Talented program, Response to Intervention specialist and PE coach at Bronte ISD in Bronte, Texas, has volunteered for the Special Olympics more than 15 years, as a volunteer, trainer and sports/competition director. She currently organizes the Special Olympics Area 14 Basketball Tournament as the competition/games director. Hortenstine is a graduate of Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas, with a Bachelor of Science in interdisciplinary special learning development with an academic specialization in kinesiology.

"Special Olympics holds a special place in my heart and gives me passion, strength and happiness to help make a difference in the lives of thousands of Texas athletes and their families," said Hortenstine. "I feel blessed to be part of such a wonderful organization and I look

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Genealogy Society to meet

The Coke County Genealogy Society will meet Monday, February 18th at 6 PM at the Coke County Library. Please come join us.

Coke County Retired Teachers Association meeting slated

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, February 18, 2013. The noon luncheon will be held at the First Baptist Church in Bronte.

Spring Gardening Program set

Did your Tomatoes not perform well last year?

Did you have questions about your trees last summer?

Are you wasting water when you water your plants?

Do You have questions about Rainwater Harvesting?

To help answer all of your questions, Coke County Extension office is presenting a Spring Gardening Program Tuesday, February 26, 2013, from 6 to 8 pm at Robert Lee Rec Hall.

Speakers will include:

- Allison Watkins Tom Green County Horticulture Agent
- James Jackson Coke County Extension Agent AG/NR
- Brian Hetherington Coke

County Master Gardener

Please RSVP by February 21 to the Extension Office at 325-453-2461 voice, 325-453-2650 fax, e-mail: JamesR.Jackson@ag.tamu.edu.

Winners of the free tickets to the program given away by Cindy's Grocery were Clay Allen, Rita Triano, Cynthia Dillard, Gene Montgomery and Robin Allen.

Sheriff's Office

makes drug arrest

Coke County Sheriff's Deputy Christopher Fox was on patrol at approximately 11:30 pm Tuesday, February 5, 2013, when he observed a vehicle run through the stop sign at the intersection of Hwy 158 and Hwy 208 in Robert Lee. Deputy Fox initiated a traffic stop for the infraction while calling for back-up. Deputy Brian Albertson responded. Upon further interaction, the deputies searched the vehicle, finding a glass pipe, a bag of crystal meth, and a small amount of marijuana. A local resident was taken into custody and transported to Runnels County Jail.

Clarification

The Jim Bob Smith in last week's Sheriff's Report is not Jim Bob Smith II, age 19, who now resides in Wink, Texas.