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Observer/Enterprise welcomes sportsmen

by Hal Spain
 It is my great pleasure to welcome you, the hunter and/or fisherman, to Coke and surrounding counties. We know you have a choice about where to spend your hunting and fishing dollars, and we appreciate your decision to patronize our local merchants and landowners in our area.

We would also like to welcome you to our hunter barbecues, one each on opening day in Bronte and Ballinger; and on November 19 in Sterling City (see related ads and stories in this publication for more information). These festivities are provided for our area hunters as a way of expressing our appreciation for your continued support.

Once again, let me welcome you to our area of the state. Our landowners and merchants have made a strong commitment to ensure your stay will be a memorable one. We would also like to wish you much success with your sporting efforts in our area during your stay.

Counties offer hunter appreciation barbecues

Coke, Sterling, and Runnels Counties will offer three barbecues to show our appreciation to you, as hunters, who choose to spend your recreational time in our counties. Each of the barbecues is discussed below, in chronological order.

Wild Game Barbecue Lunch at Bronte

The annual Hunters' Wild Game Barbecue Lunch is once again slated for Bronte, this year on Saturday, November 5, opening day of the deer season. As in years past, the barbecue lunch will be at no charge to attending hunters, and is sponsored by Hall's Super Save Grocery and B&K Processing.

The menu will consist of deer and elk sandwiches, smoked sausage, beans, soft drinks, and dessert. Serving will begin at 11:00 am and go until 2:00 pm. The location is B&K Processing (behind Hall's Grocery) in Bronte.

If you haven't eaten the variety of wild game sand-

wiches and sausages prepared at Bronte, don't miss this opportunity to sample some of these excellent meats. In previous years, the menu has also included rattlesnake and other exotic wild game cooked on the grill for your sampling pleasure.

While you're there, don't forget to tour their state of the art processing facility.

2011 Annual Hunter's Appreciation Dinner Hosted by the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce

November 5, 2011, at the Ballinger Community Center located on Crosson Ave., the

Ballinger Chamber of Commerce will have the Annual Hunter's Appreciation Dinner. This event is put on every year to show the hunters that come in from all around, our appreciation for them spending their time and money in our community.

This year's event begins with a Mini Gun Show at 4:00 pm, followed by the barbecue dinner at 6:00 pm. The meal will consist of brisket, smoked ham, and sausage, with homemade beans, and homemade desserts, and of course all of the trimmings (potato salad, pickles, jalapenos, onions, etc.). There will be vendors, around 25 raffle items, silent auction, and door prizes inside the Community Center. The tickets for this event will be \$10 per person. Buy your tickets in advance and get two raffle tickets to put on the raffle item of your choice. Come out and join us; we will kick this party off at 4:00 p.m. and go until 10:00 p.m. Let Ballinger show you why we are the "Greatest Little Town in Texas".

Sterling County Hunters' Appreciation Dinner

The annual Sterling County Hunters' Appreciation Barbecue will be held on Saturday, November 19, 2011

FISH FRY
 Hosted by
Blackwell Volunteer Fire Department
Saturday • November 5
Blackwell Fire Station
Serving begins at 5:30 pm
All You Can Eat!!!!
Adults \$10 • \$5 for Kids 10 & Under

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HOURS
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Saturday, 11 am to 2 pm

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The photo on the cover is courtesy of 700 Springs Ranch, Telegraph, Texas.

at 6:00 pm. The event will be held at the Sterling County Community Center. A brisket fajita supper with all the trimmings will be served. The cost is \$5.00 per plate, \$3.00 for kids under 10, and the public is encouraged to attend.

One dollar raffle tickets will be sold for the chance to win a minimum of 25 plus guns. Guns will be raffled that evening, but you do not have to be present to win.

Local and area businesses will also have booths available.

For more information contact the Sterling County Extension Office at (325) 378-3181.

Blackwell Volunteer Fire Department to host Fish Fry

The Blackwell Volunteer Fire Department is holding a fish fry at the fire station on FM 1170 in Blackwell Saturday evening, November 5, 2011.

They will begin serving at 5:30 pm. The "All You Can Eat" affair will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under.

Ballinger Chamber of Commerce
HUNTER'S DINNER
 Bar-B-Que Plate Dinner
November 5th
6 pm to 10 pm
Ballinger Community Center
 \$10/Plate
 Numerous raffles
 Guns • Hunting • Outdoors
 Mini Gun Show • 4 pm
 Ballinger Chamber of Commerce
 325-365-2333

Hunters! Welcome to Sterling County
 Attend our **Hunter Appreciation BBQ**
Saturday • November 19 • 6 pm
Sterling County Community Center
 Enjoy a Brisket Fajita Supper with all the trimmings for only \$5 per plate, \$3 for kids under 10.
A minimum of 25 Guns will be Raffled!
 Raffle tickets • \$1 each
 For raffle ticket or other information, call (325) 378-3181.