

...Appreciation Dinners

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The supper will include plenty of barbecued brisket and sausage, beans, potato salad, iced tea, and fixings. Serving will begin at 6 pm and will continue until 9 pm.

The feed is at no cost to hunters, but tickets are necessary. They are available from the party from whom they lease, or from participating individuals and businesses who have supported the barbecue by donations.

VP members and great local volunteers who do the work - preparing, cooking, serving, clean-up - and whatever it takes to make the event happen - are responsible for this event.

Area landowners and hunting lease managers may make a donation and pick up barbecue tickets at the following locations in Robert Lee: B's Blossoms N Bloom, Cindy's Grocery, Robert Lee City Hall, Coke County Courthouse (Judge's Office), Coke County Hardware, FOL Feed Store, Super H Grocery, and Floyd C. Pettit

Insurance.

For more information, contact Jeffie Roberts at (325) 453-2957 or Marshall Millican at (325) 473-1437.

The annual barbecue has grown from about 300 the first year to as many as 1,000 hungry hunters.

Blackwell Volunteer Fire Department to host Fish Fry

The Blackwell Volunteer Fire Department is holding their annual fish fry at the fire station on FM 1170 in Blackwell Saturday evening, November 2, 2013.

They will begin serving at 5 pm. The "All You Can Eat" affair will feature fish, fries, hush puppies, coleslaw, dessert and a drink. Cost of the meal is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under.

2013 Annual Hunter's

Appreciation Dinner

November 2, 2013, at the Ballinger Community Center located on Crosson Avenue, the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce will have the Annual Hunter's Appreciation Dinner. This event is put on

every year to show the hunters coming in from all around appreciation for them spending their time and money in Ballinger community.

The doors open at this year's event at 4 pm, followed by the barbecue dinner at 6 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, raffles, silent auction, and door prizes inside the Community Center. The featured raffle is for a Browning 43 gun capacity gun safe. The tickets for this event will be \$10 per person. Come out and join us; we will kick this party off at 4 pm and go until 10 pm. Let Ballinger show you why we are the "Greatest Little Town in Texas".

Sterling County Hunters' Dinner

The annual Sterling County Hunters' Appreciation Barbecue will be held on Saturday, November 23, 2013, beginning at 6:30 pm. The event will be held at the

Sterling County Community Center. A brisket fajita supper with all the trimmings will be served. 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.

...Season Outlook

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"This shift towards harvest-

ing older bucks in the Pineywoods, Post Oak Savannah, and Cross Timbers and Prairies regions is a direct result of the antler-restriction regulation," Cain says. "That harvest strategy has been very effective at allowing many more bucks to reach maturity. We have received many positive reports from landowners and hunters in those regions who are excited about the number and quality of bucks they are observing on their properties."

Overall, the 2013 season is expected to be a good one with great opportunities to harvest a deer.

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