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### Price Ranch receives 2012 TSCRA Stewardship award

The Texas and ranch and land to be Southwestern Cattle productive."

Raisers Association Frank and his son Sims (TSCRA) recently awarded the Frank and Sims Price Ranch the 2012 Outstanding Rangeland Stewardship Award at the 136th Annual Cattle Raisers Convention. The award is the highest stewardship honor from TSCRA and the Texas Section, Society for Range Management (TSSRM).

"We are proud that a longtime member of TSCRA has earned this prestigious honor," said Joe Parker, rancher and TSCRA president. "We applaud Frank and Sims and their ability to strike a good balance of profitability and conservation in a challenging, drought-prone environment. The Prices are an excellent example of today's agriculture stewards and true conservationists."

"What we leave for future generations is really important," said Frank Price. "The stewardship we practice on our ranch isn't and shouldn't be a mandate. It is part of our heritage, and we know it's something we must continue to do in order for our

have two primary goals for the operation. First, the ranch is operated as a self-sustaining business that is expected to show an annual profit. Second, but equal, their goal is to leave their natural resources in the best possible condition for the next generations. Frank and his wife Ginger and Sims and his wife Krista are dedicated to these goals.

"In order for ranching to be profitable, we must be stewards of our land and resources. It's a responsibility that has been handed down for generations," said Sims Price. "Conserving and preserving isn't a new concept. It's something all of us have been doing for centuries."

Frank and Sims run the ranch as a partnership, representing the fourth and fifth generations of Prices to ranch in West Texas. In a normal year, they receive 18 inches of rainfall. These last 2 years have been abnormal, with exceptional drought and devastating wildfires, particularly in their area.

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**Price Ranch Honored!** Frank and Sims Price were recently presented with the 2012 Texas Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association Outstanding Rangeland Stewardship Award at the 136th annual Cattle Raisers Convention.

#### Community Sunrise Easter Service slated

There will be a community Easter Sunrise Service at 7 am on March 31.

The sunrise service will be held on the lawn of the First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee. The event is hosted by all Robert Lee churches and everyone is invited to come!

#### FBC Easter Eggstravaganza set for Saturday

First Baptist Church in Bronte is hosting its 3rd annual Easter Eggstravaganza at the park in Bronte (by the pool) on Saturday, March 30, 2013, from 11 am to 2 pm.

Children can enjoy the bounce houses and game before feasting on free hot dogs at noon. The star of the annual event is the egg hunt at 1 pm.

#### Genealogy Society to meet Monday

The Coke County Genealogy Society will meet Monday, April 1, at the Coke County Library

at 6 pm. This will be a scheduled for 9 am. workshop, so bring any genealogical problem that you need help with to the meeting.

#### Red Hat Society to meet Thursday

The Red Hat Mamas (Red Hat Society) will meet at 9:30 am on Thursday, April 4, at the City Cafe in Blackwell for a wonderful buffet breakfast.

If you wish to carpool from Bronte we will leave the Bank parking lot by 9:10.

You are welcome to join this group where there is fun after fifty (and before) for women of all walks of life. 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 and fellowship. Hope to see you there.

#### Bronte Golf Tourney slated

The Bronte Longhorn Golf Club is sponsoring a 3 person 27 hole golf tournament on Saturday, April 6, 2013. Tee time is

When signing up, you must let them know if a cart is needed and leave a call back number. For more information, contact Bronte Longhorn Golf Club at 325-473-2156 or 325-473-3231. After 5 pm, call 432-661-3431 or 325-864-3312 or 325-236-0089.

#### ATTENTION 4-H and FFA Members

It is time again to order state fair barrow, sheep and goat tags and steer tags.

If you are planning on raising and exhibiting an animal at the State Fair of Texas or if you are planning on raising a steer for the Spring shows in 2014, you need to contact the Coke County Extension Office at 325-452-2461 by April 12.

#### Rabies clinic set for Robert Lee

The Coke 4-H clubs will be sponsoring the annual Rabies Clinic on Saturday, April 13, 2013. The clinic will be held from 1 pm to

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