

Ranchers Workshop set for March 25

Submitted by Morgan Runyan, Texas AgriLife Agent
The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct a ranchers workshop from 6 pm to 8:30 pm Wednesday, March 25, 2015, at the Robert Lee Recreation Hall in the park in Robert Lee.

Topics included in the program are land leasing, cattle herd health for summer and fall, range health and a pesticide update.

"The Coke County Ranchers Workshop will be beneficial to those leasing land, landowners, producers and land managers," said Morgan Runyan, AgriLife Extension agent in Coke County. "The program topics have been tailored to help answer various questions about ranching in Coke and surrounding counties."

Speakers will include Tiffany Dowell Lashmet, AgriLife Extension agricultural law specialist, Amarillo; Dr. Morgan Russell, AgriLife Extension range specialist, San Angelo; and Dr. Chase Runyan, agriculture assistant professor at Angelo State University, San Angelo.

One Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education unit in the general category will be offered.

Individual registration is due upon arrival.

For more information call Runyan at 325-453-2461.

CCRTA meeting detailed

Coke County Retired Teachers met at the First Baptist Church in Bronte on Monday, February 16, 2015. Following a pot luck lunch, Mr. Tim Siler, Superintendent of Bronte ISD, was introduced and he spoke to the legislation concerning teachers' health care and retirement and public education. He pointed out that the legislation affecting retired teachers would also impact active teachers. An explanation of tax related aspects of charter schools was also noted.

President Merle Kelso read thank you letters from students at Bronte and Robert Lee for the books donated to their libraries. A letter from Lynn Granzin, President of District XV, was also read.

Retired Teachers Day at the capitol is April 8. It has become advisable to appear in Austin en masse to effect necessary attention to the needs of regular citizens. Transportation is being considered for the one-day trip.

It was pointed out that April 8 would be the third day of the state-wide convention being held in Austin this year.

As numbers count, especially during legislative sessions, all retired teachers and school personnel in the area are encouraged to join Texas Retired Teachers Assn. Dues may be sent to CCRTA Treasurer Janet Wommack, Box 635, Bronte, Texas 76933. Coke County RTA members are working diligently for all concerned to assure that TRTA remains a viable state policy. It is noted in Austin how many retired teachers there are, and also how many belong to TRTA.

Members present were Sheri Millican, Kathy McCown, Judy Gibbs, Jerry and Mimzi Horn, Beth Prather, June Gullby, Lisa Dyess, Lee and Jane Wommack, Merle Kelso, Charlotte Jackson, Ann Hamilton, Gerald Sandusky, Mary Lawhon, Lee and Janet Wommack, Kay and Paul Gothard and Tim Siler.

The next regular meeting is Monday, March 16, 2015, at the First Baptist Church in Bronte, with a pot luck lunch. First time attendees are guests as are administrators from the county. There is usually fresh, home-made, warm-from-the-oven pie for dessert...if you get dessert first; if not, come the next time and be sure to get your dessert first.

Bronte Community Meeting slated for March 30

A "Community Brainstorming Meeting" will be held Monday, March 30, 2015, in the Williams Building in downtown Bronte. The meeting is open to all community members who would like to attend.

The goal of this meeting is to review Bronte's strengths while identifying possible areas of weakness, and to brainstorm ideas which will culminate into a cohesive strategy for future planning. In other words - where do you want Bronte to be in 5 years, and what steps need to be taken to get there?

Attendees will have the opportunity to share their ideas of what they hope Bronte will look like in 2020. They will also have the opportunity to share their answers to the following questions.

What is unique about Bronte?
What needs does our community need to meet which aren't being met currently?

What is your one wish for Bronte?

Representatives of the local Chamber, Bronte Economic Development Council, city,

county, and school will be among those attending. Ideally, local business property owners will also benefit from this exchange of information and ideas, as there are a number of new Bronte business owners who are heavily invested in the future of Bronte.

The evening will begin at 6 pm with refreshments. The meeting is set for 6:30 pm.

Solution available for unwanted items

The Bronte and Robert Lee Convenience Centers are the solution when local residents need to dispose of old mattresses, furniture and appliances.

The Convenience Centers are FREE for anyone in the county to use. The Cities of Bronte and Robert Lee are working hard to help reduce unwanted waste on county roadways and area properties.

Help keep our county clean by disposing of unwanted items appropriately.

The Bronte Convenience Center is located at the corner of North Washington and West Jackson and is open the first and third Saturdays of each month from 8 am until 12 noon. For more information, contact Bronte City Hall at 473-3501.

The Robert Lee Convenience Center is located at 101 West 1st Street, Fern Haven Park, and is open during the winter on the first Saturday of each month from 8 am to 12 noon. For more information, contact Robert Lee



Grand Champion Lamb! Garrett Knight exhibited his lamb to Grand Championship honors at the 2015 Coke County Livestock Show held Friday and Saturday, January 16 and 17. The photo was inadvertently left out of this year's Stock Show issue.

City Hall at 453-2831.

Deadline Extended for Conservation Stewardship Program

Center for Rural Affairs Offers Farm Bill Help Line to Assist Producers

USDA's National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) recently announced that the

deadline for producer applications for the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) has been extended to March 13, 2015.

While CSP is a continuous sign-up program and producers can apply to enroll at any time of the year, NRCS applies a cut-

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*All are Invited to a
Hamburger Luncheon
in Honor of the
Retirement of
Fran Crumpler
First National Bank
in Bronte.*

*Friday, March 20, 2015
11 am to 1 pm*

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The First National Bank of Sterling City.*



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