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Quartet to appear at Pecan Baptist

The Southern Plainsmen Quartet will be performing at Pecan Baptist Church at 7 pm Saturday, April 16, 2016.

The Southern Plainsmen have the distinction of being named Louisiana's Goodwill Ambassadors. From Hornbeck, Louisiana, they have been delighting audiences and lifting spirits from coast to coast for more than 30 years.

Please come and bring a friend to enjoy this uplifting ministry. It will be a time to Praise the Lord and have a great time listening to this talented and dedicated group share the love of Jesus Christ.

Mountain Creek sets tourney for April 16

Mountain Creek Golf Association has a 3 person, 27 hole Rabbit Twister Scramble slated for April 16 with 9 am shotgun start planned.

For more information, please contact Mountain Creek at 325-453-2317 or 806-543-2118.

Prayer Rally set for April 26

A Decision America Tour (DAT) prayer rally will be held here at Robert Lee on Tuesday, April 26, at 12 noon.

Franklin Graham will be leading a prayer rally in Austin at the very same time in front of the capitol building. Folks from Sterling City, Bronte, and Blackwell are encouraged to come, as well as anyone who wants to attend.

Come to the Coke County Courthouse by 12 noon. Be ready to pray with the Robert Lee pastors. Let's ask God to restore America. If you need to sit, bring a lawn chair.

For more information, go online to DecisionAmericaTour.com.

West Coke County EMS plans Open House

West Coke County EMS will hold an Open House Thursday, April 28, 2016, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm in the Cafetorium at Robert Lee ISD. All members of the community are urged to attend and encouraged to participate in the organization.

The group is looking forward to introducing Steve Salmon, the new administrator of record. It is also the perfect opportunity to meet the advisory board – Annice Walker, George Grim, Wayland Drennan and Add Davis. Perhaps the most

important people for community members to get to know are the ambulance crews – Sandra Roe, SueAnn Nesbit, Cynthia Skipworth, Grace Todacheeny, Blanca Mendoza, and drivers Asa Ruth, Diesel Roe and Curtis Walker.

Currently, Robert Lee's Vision with a Purpose is assisting with continuing education and training expenses for Grace Todacheeny and Gina Moran.

Stewardship Week in Coke County

By Erin Oleksiuk, District Technician, Coke County SWCD

Stewardship Week will be observed April 24-May 1. On March 9, 2016, Judge Roy Blair signed the Proclamation officially recognizing Stewardship Week in Coke County.

Stewardship Week began as a day set aside to pray for restoration of the land and to ask God for His mercies on His children more than 1,500 years ago in Vienne, France. Word spread about the movement in France to other countries including the United States, where it was first adopted by the south. The people felt that the week of observance met the need to acknowledge before God our gratitude for His gifts of soil and all the bountiful resources associated with it.

The week has become a special time to remind landowners and congregations that these gifts warrant their best in Christian stewardship. It does not matter if you own a single lot in town or a section of land; it is our duty to tend to our property, enhance it, and leave it better than we received it to future generations.

In Coke County, 14 churches will be participating in Stewardship Week through scriptures and bulletins. One could say we are starting a movement ourselves!

"Those who work their land will have abundant food, but those who chase fantasies have no sense." Proverbs 12:11

Bronte Citywide Garage Sale set for May 7

It's time again for the Annual Bronte Citywide Garage Sale. Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 7, at 8 am.

If you would like to participate, please call City Hall at (325) 473-3501 by Thursday, May 5. Your garage sale location will be listed on a map



Stewardship Week! On March 9, 2016, Judge Roy Blair signed the Proclamation recognizing that Coke County will observe Stewardship Week. Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District board member, Joe Ash, and District Technician, Erin Oleksiuk, were present at the signing. Stewardship Week is April 24-May 1.

to be distributed at the First National Bank parking lot. This is a great opportunity to recycle, reuse and reduce unwanted items in your closet.

Is a Rainwater System best for your home?

There are many benefits to rainwater catch systems. The water is of better quality meaning it tastes better and is better for pipes, appliances and fixtures. Since it's not chlorinated, it's also better for gardens and plants. It's also nice to not have to worry about a water main break and having the water shut off for hours at a time. Each residential rainwater catch system lessens the community's demand on a diminishing water supply while relieving a portion of stress on the aging infrastructure.

Residents must determine what kind of rainfall catch system will work for their individual situation. If your catchment area is small, a supplement system to your normal water supply may be the best solution. For larger catchment areas, rainwater can supply all of your family's water requirements.

According to the American Water Works Association, Americans use approximately 50 gallons of water a day per

person. For a family of two, each person would flush the that's about 3,000 gallons a toilet six times a day at 1.6 month. To obtain this figure,

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Month	Average Monthly Rainfall in inches	Water Used in gallons	Water Added in gallons	Tank Level in gallons
January	1.71	3,100	2,664	19,564
February	1.12	2,800	1,745	18,509
March	.79	3,100	1,231	16,640
April	1.39	3,000	2,166	15,806
May	4.59	3,100	7,151	19,857
June	1.58	3,000	2,462	19,319
July	2.47	3,100	3,848	20,000*
August	1.34	3,100	2,088	18,988
September	4.02	3,000	6,263	20,000*
October	1.99	3,100	3,100	20,000*
November	1.35	3,000	2,103	19,103
December	1.01	3,100	1,574	17,577

The above table is based upon a catchment area of 2,500 square feet and a storage capacity of 20,000 gallons.

* Received more rain than tank could hold.