



**Save it for a day
Non-Raining Day**

In the past few weeks, Coke County has been blessed with some rains and let's hope and pray that we will continue to receive some. This brings to mind the ever-present need to capture and store all the water we can. By utilizing the old technique of rainwater harvesting, you can hold the water for a day when it is needed.

The take home message of rainwater harvesting is that you can collect 0.6 gallons of water per every square foot of surface. For example, you take the Coke County Courthouse with a roof area of 9600 square feet. In a two inch rainfall event, you could collect around 11,500 gallons of water. In a year that Coke County would receive their normal rainfall around (21inches) the runoff off of the courthouse would be 121,000 gallons in one year of average rainfall.

The cost of constructing a rainwater catchment system varies on the size of the surface area you would be collecting from. For the cost of the tank, it will



Coke County 4-H'ers Participate in District 7 4-H Round-Up! On Saturday May 4, 2013, two Coke County 4-H members participated in the District 7 4-H Round-Up in San Angelo, Texas. The 4-H'ers representing Coke County were Sarah Wade and Hunter Hamrick of Robert Lee. Sarah Wade competed in the 4-H Fashion Show where she was awarded 1st place and will be advancing to the State 4-H Round-up in June at Texas A&M University. Hunter Hamrick competed in the 4-H Share-the-Fun talent contest where she placed 3rd in the musical category playing her saxophone. Congratulations to both young ladies and best of luck to Sarah Wade as she competes in the State 4-H fashion show.



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be \$0.50 per gallon for a larger tank and the cost per gallons will increase as you decrease the size of the tank. The rest of the system will vary depending on if the building is guttered and the amount of pipe that is needed to complete the plumbing of the system.

For more information on rainwater harvesting come by the extension office or go to <http://rainwaterharvesting.tamu.edu>

Deadline for Rural Energy for America Program applications extended

USDA Rural Development has announced that an amendment to the Notice of

Funding Availability for the Rural Energy for America Program was published May 8, 2013, in the Federal Register. The Notice extends the application period from April 30, 2013, to May 31, 2013, for renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvement projects grants and grant and loan combination applications, and for renewable energy system feasibility study applications. The Guaranteed Loan only application deadline is not being modified and will remain as July 15, 2013.

The notice also clarifies the regulatory requirement that an applicant is not

eligible for an award if the System for Award Management (SAM) and Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) requirements are not met. All applications wishing to compete for funding consideration must have a DUNS number which is registered and current in

the SAM system as of the deadline noted above.

The Notice of Funding Availability for the Rural Energy for America Program published May 8, 2013 in the Federal Register can be found at: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-05-08/pdf/2013-10941.pdf>. As indi-

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School Menu

Blackwell Menu

Breakfast

Monday, May 20

Pancakes or cereal, juice, milk

Tuesday, May 21

Breakfast burrito, salsa or cereal, juice, milk

Wednesday, May 22

Breakfast pizza or cereal, juice, milk

Thursday, May 23

Scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits, gravy or cereal, juice, milk

Friday, May 24

Holiday

Lunch

Monday, May 20

Tangerine chicken, brown rice, baby carrots, steamed broccoli, snowball salad, milk

Tuesday, May 21

Manager choice

Wednesday, May 22

Tex-mex stack, Spanish rice, refried beans, garden salad, salsa, hot cinnamon apples, milk

Thursday, May 23

BBQ sandwich, baby carrots, baked chips, fresh fruit bowl, milk

Friday, May 24

Holiday

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