



Anniversary! Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District celebrated their 75th anniversary with a hamburger lunch for the community on Thursday, May 12, 2022. Coke County SWCD directors working the event included (top photo, from left to right) Craig Demere, Max Brown, Tom Dean, Shane Webb, and Mike Arrott. Not pictured is Joe Ash, who recently resigned, but served Coke County for 30 years.



Tuesday - 8 am - 12 noon;
 Wednesday - 8 am - 4 pm;
 Thursday - 1 pm - 5 pm;
 Friday - 8 am - 12 noon.

VP May activities told

Vision with a Purpose started the month of May with their monthly meeting held on May 5 at 6 pm at their Event Center on Austin Street in Robert Lee. A meal was provided by Nancy Wilson and Debbie Childers opened with prayer.

Kelly gave the minutes and they were approved.

Under discussion were the Bake Sale (May 6), Trade Days (May 7), Halloween, Hunter's BBQ, Open House, and Small Town Christmas. Monies from San Angelo Gives are being used for Memorial Park Sign improvements. Also banners for future events were discussed and how to use them. Flowers in new large pots were planted by Nancy Wilson, Ann Hedges, and Toni White.

A ribbon cutting for the new Robert Lee Polar Water Station was held April 30 at 5 pm, at the intersection of Highways 208 and 158. The operators are Mark and Jessica Halfmann.

VP's Mother's Day Bake sale was held Friday, May 6, at the Robert Lee State Bank. Cakes, pies, cookies, brownies and casseroles were very well received.

On Saturday, May 7, the community's Trade Days were held. VP organized and publicized the event, which was open to all of Robert Lee. Even though it was very warm, it was good to see so many people come out and participate.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, June 2 at the Event Center on Austin Street, at 6 pm. A meal will be served. Please join

in for this community involved organization.

Wheat forecasts grim for Texas, global crops

By Gary Joiner

Publisher, Texas Farm Bureau
 Texas wheat farmers had said their winter wheat crop was suffering.

Now, a May 12 USDA forecast confirms it.

Texas wheat production is forecast at 41.6 million bushels. That's down 44% from last year.

Yield per acre is forecast at 32 bushels. That's five bushels below 2021. Harvested acreage for grain, at 1.30 million acres, is down 35% from the previous year.

U.S. production is also lower. U.S. winter wheat production is forecast at 1.17 billion bushels, down 8% from 2021. The U.S. yield is forecast at 47.9 bushels per acre, down 2.3 bushels from last year.

The world's wheat crops are also under threat.

Production in Ukraine, one of the world's biggest growers of wheat, will fall by one-third compared to last year. Other major producers are battling drought, floods and heatwaves. In all, global stockpiles are expected to dwindle to a six-year low.

It's a tough year for wheat, here in Texas and in many spots around the world.

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