

### Historical Dedication set for September 20

The Coke County Historical Commission will host a dedication gathering on Saturday, September 20, 2014, at 9:30 a.m. on the grounds of the Old Jail (1907) in Robert Lee, Texas, for invited guests, preservation project supporters, and visitors. The dedication ceremony is to present to the citizens of Coke County, the State of Texas, and the nation, a historic landmark that has been historically preserved for the next 100 years.

Historic buildings remind us that a law-abiding society has been the goal of citizens for centuries and that the forefathers worked diligently to make that happen for future generations. The Coke County jail represents many stories as collected by Bonita Copeland Cartrite in her book *A History of the Coke County Jail and Sheriffs with Related Facts and Tales*.

Mrs. Cartrite set out to document her father's service to Coke County. Sheriff Childress was also the last sheriff to live in the jail. After several years of research, she decided to include not only her father, but all the sheriffs who served Coke County since 1889. Coke County's current sheriff, Wayne McCutchen, will be included in the reprinting of the book in the near future.

There were no hangings in the Old Jail, although the equipment to do so is still there. Most folks who spent time in the Old Jail were treated with respect and dealt with in a manner reflecting Coke County's reasonable and rational way of handling those who disregard the law.

The Old Jail will have a plaque dedicated to Mrs. Robert Cole Johnson of Brenham, Texas, who entrusted Charles and Joy Millican Blake to distribute her estate among deserving preservation projects in Texas. The newly completed Annex to the Old Jail will have a plaque in honor of the Blakes

for their efforts to protect and preserve projects in Coke County.

On-going plans for the Old Jail include programs and displays of West Texas history, art, and genealogical efforts. It is hoped that the Annex will become a repository for Coke county history which will provide future generations information for research into Coke County's past. Much has been accomplished, but that just means much more must be done.

The dedication ceremony at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 20, 2014, is held in connection with the Robert Lee Street Affair which will provide a day of entertainment for residents and visitors.

### 12th Annual Winters

#### Dove Fest slated

The 12th Annual Winters Dove Fest will be held Saturday, September 6, 2014, at the Winters Community Center on FM 1770 in Winters.

There will be a Hunters Appreciation barbeque, gun and knife show, motorcycle fun run, arts and crafts, entertainment, clay pigeon shoot, evening dance, parade, and live and silent auctions.

Lunch will begin at 10:30 am. For more information, visit "Winters Dove Fest" on Facebook, or call (325) 977-0958.

### 24th Fredericksburg Food & Wine Fest set

The best of Texas wines, food, and entertainment will be showcased at the annual Fredericksburg Food & Wine Fest on Saturday, October 25, 2014. All of the fest's activities are located on Fredericksburg's beautiful downtown Marktplatz (Market Square).

More information on the event




**Sheep and Goat Youth Leadership Tour!** This past week, Coke County 4-H'ers Garrett Knight, Jaycee Crisp, Haley Grantham, and Elexis Sanchez attended the two day Sheep and Goat Youth Leadership Tour in San Angelo. A total of 19 area students attended the event which focused on the sheep and goat industries. The schedule included tours of Denis Feedlot and Feed mill, Producers Livestock Auction, Angelo Pellets, Bollman Industries, Angelo State University Management, Instruction, and Research Center. Students also heard from several speakers including Dr. Frank Craddock, Dr. Mike Salisbury, and Bob Buchholz, on topics such as breeds of sheep and goats, animal breeding research, live animal evaluation, carcass evaluation, and predation. Brady Evans, Concho County Extension Agent, Dr. Frank Craddock, and Josh Smartt put this very enlightening and worthwhile tour together.

is available by contacting the Fest Office at 830-997-8515 or at [www.fbgfoodandwinefest.com](http://www.fbgfoodandwinefest.com). Proceeds from the fest go towards the continued beautification and upkeep of Marktplatz.

Texas wineries will be on hand with over 100 types of wine. Guests will have an opportunity to visit with some of the wine makers. A wide variety of Texas made products will be available for sampling and purchase as well.

The ever-popular Grape Expectations Cooking School will be held starting at noon on Saturday and seating is limited.



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