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Buy a Clover and Support Coke County 4-H

By James Jackson During the month of September, all Stripes locations in west Texas are taking an active part in supporting the 4-H Clover campaign. This campaign started September 3, 2012, and will go through September 30. Whenever you go to Stripes and check out, ask the cashier if you can buy a clover to support the county 4-H program.

All proceeds from the sale of the clover stays in the county. Coke County 4-H uses this money to assist 4-H'ers in paying entry fees for contests, registration for district events and buying equipment for County 4-H projects, such as the shooting sports group.

In other Coke County 4-H news, the year has kicked off and meetings are being held monthly at Robert Lee and Bronte. For more information on meeting times and dates, contact the county extension office. There are a number of 4-H'ers from around the county who are currently raising livestock projects for the Stock Shows this coming season. The County 4-H livestock judging team will be planning a practice date soon to prepare for the upcoming contest season. The date will be announced as soon as the meeting is set.

For information on 4-H and other Texas A&M AgriLife information, "like" Coke County Extension and 4-H on Facebook for the latest news on 4-H news and extension programs.

VP Progress evident

By Joan Davis

Robert Lee's Vision with a Purpose met September 6 with much enthusiasm and a good number attending. New faces at the monthly meetings encourages the entire group. Those included Floyd Pettit, owner of Floyd Pettit Insurance - formerly Wink Insurance; James Jackson, new Extension agent; Crystal Stanford; Olean Stricklan; and Dale Wojtek.

Much of the business session concerned the plans for the new Coke County Memorial Garden south of the courthouse. Due to recent generous donations, work will begin on the foot bridge through the opening in the south rock wall. Sales of memorial paving bricks have begun. Displays of the engraved bricks and full information for purchase are available at B's Blossoms N Bloom flower shop. For more information on how to honor a person, event, family, etc., you page. We will be reporting may contact a VP member or more on that later. Sheri Millican at 453-2667. The VP group will also have tables at the Robert Lee Homecoming and the Street Affair.

The Blackburn-donated windmill will be installed in paint on the Bryan Gazebo the garden area soon.



Robert Lee Vision With A Purpose! Noel Gregston of Robert Lee made and presented a VP brand to Debbie Childers in honor of her efforts to organize and build the community group.

Drake Arthur has volunteered to work on a VP web

On Saturday, September 8, another productive VP workday was held. Coke County Hardware donated paint and supplies for the fresh primer downtown. They also cleaned

the tall weeds and grass, as well as gathering blown trash in the city area.

Vision with a Purpose urges citizens to join in the effort in their mission to clean and improve our town. With the downturn of the area due to the loss of our lake, fires, and the drought in general, we were showing

loss in pride in our town. Each household could police its property of windblown trash and just junk!

The next monthly meeting will be October 4, the first Thursday evening. Those adults over thirteen years of age may join us at any time. Watch for the meeting location.

