

the importer, the wholesaler, the trucking company that delivers it, the retailer, the salesperson that sells it, and you, the consumer. The law does not exclude anyone.

Ownership or trade in "illegal" wood could result in 10 years imprisonment, a \$500,000 fine, and confiscation of the object in question. Honestly, that's probably not going to happen to you. But it will happen to someone and already has. On August 24th, two dozen armed federal agents suddenly descended upon the Gibson Guitar factories at Nashville and Memphis, Tennessee. They seized wood that guitars are made from and guitars as evidence of Gibson wrongdoing. Employees were isolated and personally threatened with 5 years' imprisonment. This is the second time Gibson has been raided. In 2009, Federal agents alleged that Gibson used a rare ebony wood from Madagascar. \$500,000 worth of wood stock, computers, and files were confiscated from Gibson. This resulted in a long and expensive court case and Gibson has apparently won the case. In anticipation of a Not Guilty verdict, the Federal government has asked for a stay in the verdict to prevent a return of the wood and equipment to Gibson. This is clearly unconstitutional and so far the Federal prosecutors have gotten away with it. If you have anything of wood on your property or in your possession the Federal agents apparently believe they have grounds for a warrant to search, arrest, and confiscate.

Genealogy Society to meet Sept. 19

The Coke County Genealogy Society's next meeting will be September 19, 2011 at the Coke County Library at 6:00 pm. Hope to see you there.

Blackwell Ranch Rodeo set for September 24

The Blackwell Ranch Rodeo will be held Saturday, September 24, 2011. The rodeo kicks off at 10 am. A trade show is scheduled and concessions will be available.

Events will include Calf Branding, Doctoring, Penning, and Wild Cow Milking. The top three teams in the average will receive cash and prizes. Buckles will be awarded to the Top Horse and the Top Hand. The first place team in each event will receive ropes. The jackpot Panty Race is a new fun event which has been slated.

The San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo Ambassadors will perform at 1 pm and then again after the last event.

A dance featuring Tommy Alverson will begin at "dark

thirty".

Emergency care attendant training slated

Pending approval of DSHS, East Coke County Ambulance Service plans to offer an emergency care attendant (ECA) class beginning in late September and continuing through mid or late October 2011.

ECA is the minimum training to staff an ambulance. There would be no charge to those interested in volunteering for either Robert Lee, Blackwell or Bronte ambulance services.

For more information, contact Stephen Salmon at 325-224-3047, 325-234-2164, sjsalmon@verizon.net; Jan Magness at 453-2511; or Karen Walls at 282-3037.

Time nears for re-registration of marks and brands

Every ten years, Texas requires that marks and brands be re-registered in the county or counties in which you operate. The next re-registration period begins August 31, 2011, and concludes February 29, 2012. After the conclusion date, all marks and brands that have not been re-registered are automatically available for registration by another party. The cost of registering brands in Coke County is \$16.00. Each additional location is \$5.00 if registered at the same time.

For additional information, contact the Coke County and District Clerk's Office, 13 E. 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas 76945 or call 325-453-2631. Our office hours are Monday through Thursday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and Friday 8 am to 1 pm.

Sheriff reminds citizens of 24 hour phone number

Sheriff Wayne McCutchen wishes to remind all Coke County citizens that the Sheriff's



Engagement Announced! Mr. & Mrs. Dale Patterson of Bronte, Texas, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jodi Patterson, to Jason Wardell, son of Dr. and Mrs. Joe Wardell of Jacksonville, Texas.

Jodi is the granddaughter of Marion and Idamae Patterson of Poyner, Texas, and the late Ted and Frieda Stanley. Jason is the grandson of Doris and the late Lloyd Lasiter of Palestine, Texas, and Arline and the late Marvin Wardell of Dallas, Texas.

Jodi is a graduate of Robert Lee High School in Robert Lee, Texas. She went to Tarleton State University where she received a BS in Animal Science in 2004 and a MS in Animal Science in 2006. She is currently a Research Assistant with the Texas AgriLife Research Feedlot in Amarillo, Texas.

Jason is a graduate of S&S Consolidated School District in Sadler, Texas. He also attended Tarleton State University, majoring in Ag Business. He is Assistant Manager at Dogwood Sales in Palestine, Texas.

The wedding will take place in Jacksonville, Texas in October.

Dept. phone is answered 24 hours a day. The number to call is (325) 453-2717.

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