

**...Swine Validation**

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Any barrow must have a state validation tag to be eligible to enter Fort Worth, San Angelo, San Antonio, Houston or Austin stock shows. Also, any gilt must have a state validation tag to be able to participate in the CTBR Stars of Texas gilt show at the San Angelo Stock show.

You can contact your Agriscience teacher or the Coke County Extension office to place your tag order. The tag order is due by Monday October 3rd, 2011, to the swine validation chairman (Jeff Brisbin).

Swine validation will be held in November and will be set by the county stock show board of directors.

Blackwell Swine Validations are due by Monday, September 26.

**Coke County Chronicle**

A book is being planned to chronicle Coke County's history. The County is presently experiencing an era that will appear in many future Texas history books. The drought and the fires have brought extreme circumstances for Coke County citizens and these times must be chronicled for preparing future generations for such an experience.

It is hoped that the historical eras that the County has witnessed since 1880 can also be brought to the present. The Indians, the settlers, the ranches, the range wars, the farming, the gins, the oil fields, the dam, the wind farms, and now the drought, are some of the eras that must be preserved.

By dividing the County into its many communities and telling their stories through the eras, insight and inspiration for future generations are assured. Each community is unique, and each community deserves a place

in the book. Coke County is part of a national history, a state history, as well as a local one.

Photos and factual descriptions as well as tall tales and anecdotes are needed to assure that Coke County history will be instructive as well as entertaining.

A meeting of the Paint Creek group is planned for 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 1, in the Robert Lee City Hall council room.

Residents of the following communities are asked to informally and formally begin the collection of Coke County pictures and stories. Communities identified are Silver, Sanco, Blackwell, Hayrick, Ft. Chadbourne, Bronte, Tennyson, Robert Lee, Paint Creek, Edith, and Divide.

The West Texas Collection at ASU under the direction of Suzanne Campbell will assist in the digitizing of pictures and direction as to the content of the chronicle.

Several future work days are planned to digitize pictures and get together to prepare a chronicle of the past for the future. It only takes one person and a couple of phone calls to start the process in a community for a project that will have a lasting effect far into the future.

**Concho Valley**

**College Night slated**

The Concho Valley College Night will be held Tuesday, October 4, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm in the Junell Center at Angelo State University.

The evening will include a Financial Aid Forum from 7-7:45 pm in the VIP Room at the Junell Center. This is a perfect opportunity to have your financial aid questions answered by representatives of ASU's Financial Aid office.

This evening provides students with a chance to speak to representative of colleges and universities from all over. Get the information to

allow you to choose the perfect school for you.

**2011 Robert Lee Hunters BBQ canceled**

Extensive wildfires and critical lack of rain has prompted the cancellation of the 2011 Robert Lee Hunters BBQ. The Robert Lee event is a casualty of wide spread fire damage to hunting areas, summer 2011 punishing heat, and extreme water needs. Held annually on the first day of hunting season. This will be the first time in twenty-three years that it will not take place.

Event organizers appreciate visiting hunters for their contribution to the local economy, landowners and businesses for sponsoring, and also value the outstanding community participation that has always made this hunting season kickoff possible. The Robert Lee Hunters BBQ will continue next hunting season.

Planners for the Robert Lee BBQ will focus efforts this year to assist with meals that will be needed as construction on the water pipeline begins in the fall. This civic endeavor to provide much needed water is also an important effort for our community.

**Hay Hotline - Connecting**

**Transportation Needs**

The Texas Department of Agriculture has created a hay hotline in an effort to respond to the shortage of hay and feed for livestock in Texas. Through this hotline, the department is connecting buyers and sellers and buyers with hay transportation options/operators. To assist in these efforts, please visit:

<http://www.gotexan.org/HayhotlineHome.aspx>



**Francis-Poage Engagement Announced!** Elane and Scooter Burns of Midland, Texas and Tom Francis of Robert Lee, Texas proudly announce the engagement of their son, Preston Louis Francis to Kara Elizabeth Poage, daughter of Janice Poage of Dallas, Texas and the late Norman Poage.

Preston is the grandson of Latitia "Pat" Burns of Midland, and the late Bernice and Jasper McKee of Benson, Arizona, and the late Lucile and Tom Francis of Tucson, Arizona. Kara is the granddaughter of the late Pauline and Franklin Stacy of Pearsall, Texas, and the late Hallie and Hugh Poage of Tulia, Texas.

Preston was born in Robert Lee, and went to elementary school here. He graduated from Robert E. Lee High School, Midland, Texas in 2004. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies with a minor in Mass Communications at Texas Tech University. He is currently employed by Humana as a Business Analyst in Dallas, Texas.

Kara graduated from First Baptist Academy in Dallas in 2004, and received her Bachelor of General Studies in Sign Language, Social Work, and English at Texas Tech University. She currently teaches 3 year olds at Wilshire Baptist Church in Dallas.

The couple will be married November 11, 2011 (11-11-11) at Village Country Club in Dallas, Texas. The couple plan to make their home in Dallas.

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