

Deadline nears to order swine tags

It is that time of year again to order swine validation tags for FFA and 4-H members planning on exhibiting swine projects at the Coke County Show and the major stock shows.

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 Friday, September 25, 2015, to the swine validation chairman. Swine validation will be held in November and will be set by the county stock show board of directors.

Wildlife/Range Workshop slated

A Wildlife and Range Workshop has been scheduled for Saturday, September 25, at the Robert Lee Rec Hall. Registration is set from 8-8:45 a.m. followed by the program, which should conclude by 2 pm.

The program's purpose is to help landowners prepare for this hunting season and those in the future through improved habitat to keep wildlife in good condition, thus aiding reproduction. It will specifically target ways to keep wildlife present on low-fenced properties. Also, there will be a plant ID contest with the winner receiving a copy of the user-friendly book "Range Plants of North Central Texas," donated by the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District.

- Topics and speakers will include:
- Wildlife and Livestock Interaction, Grant Teplicek, Grazing Lands Coalition coordinator, San Angelo.
 - Economic Benefits from Wildlife for the Landowner, Bill Thompson, AgriLife Extension economist, San Angelo.
 - Nutrition Requirements of Wildlife, Ryan McClintock, Natural Resources Conservation Service biologist, San Angelo.
 - Food Plots for Wildlife, Dr. David Drake, AgriLife Extension agronomist, San Angelo.
 - Update on Chronic Wasting Disease, Mason Conley, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department wildlife biologist, Winters.
 - Hunting Laws and Regulations Update, Jim Allen, Coke County game warden.

One Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education unit in the general category will be offered.

For more information or to RSVP by September 23, call Morgan Runyan at (325) 453-2461.

'64 Study Club to raffle Spirit Quilt

The '64 Study Club's Spirit Quilt was on view at the club's booth during last Saturday's Robert Lee Street Affair.

The hand crafted quilt by Debbie Haveman and crew,

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Shirley Davidson, Stephanie Haveman and Johnetta Lawrence, is a black and orange creation that will accompany the winner at every RLISD sports event. It's RLISD spirit is alive in school colors and steer logos. The winner can stay "orange warm" and "bleed orange," too.

Also, the club will have tickets available for a Sam's Club and Wal Mart gift certificate. Tickets are \$1.00 each. The drawing will be held at the downtown Christmas in Robert Lee event in December.

The funds raised through this effort provide scholarships for RLISD seniors. The quilt will be on display at all RLISD home games: September 25; October 2 and November 6.

Annual Style Show set for October 4

The annual Style Show benefitting Bronte Food Ministries is set for Sunday, October 4, 2015. A change has been made this year adding a lunch with hostesses. There will be eight hostesses of tables each sitting eight. The hostess will be responsible for preparing the meal and serving the people at their table.

Lunch will begin at 12:30 and the style show will kick off at 2 pm. For more information, call Donna Hall at 325-450-7720



Fire Department Notes! Roadside vegetation, just like that in the local pastures, is well cured. Even the smallest spark can start a fire. At approximately 10:30 am Sunday, September 13, 2015, a series of seven fires along US 277 from FM 2662 to Juniper Road were started by mechanical failure of wheel bearings on an old boat trailer. Bronte and Robert Lee fire departments, along with units from Coke County Sheriff's Department, support units from Coke County, and later a privately owned bulldozer contained the fire at 5:30 pm. We were fortunate that the wind was in our favor that morning, otherwise any of these small fires could have jumped the highway becoming a major fire on rough, brush infested terrain. This incident cost several thousand dollars in terms of man hours, equipment hours, fuel, and repairs all for the expense of a couple of trailer bearings. Fires like this are common along Texas highways, especially in drier areas. Some, such as those caused by tire failure, are hard to anticipate. The rest could be prevented by taking the time to check the condition of tires, checking/replacing/maintaining trailer wheel bearings, and checking to make sure no metal objects (chains, wiring, etc.) are in contact with the pavement. By Mark Sides

1st Annual
Horseless Goat Roping

Hosted by the Coke County Roping Club

Saturday, Sept 26th

Location: Bronte Arena

**6:30 - Coke Co. Cowboy Church
Chuckwagon BBQ Supper**

7:00 - Books Open

**7:30 - 5 & under Ribbon Pulling
10 & under Goat Tying
Kids Dummy Roping**

\$3.00 per run

**8:00 - Kid/Adult Goat Roping
OPEN Goat Roping to follow**

\$10.00/team

**80% Payback PLUS prizes
"Kids" in Kid/Adult must be 12 & under.**



Cash Only!

**BUCKLES
awarded in
both goat
ropings!**



Fun for ALL ages!

All events are horseless, so no need to bring a horse to join in on the fun!

Contact a CCRC Board Member FMI: Bartley Murray 325-234-6258,

Jenny Baker 806-777-0067, Katie Austin 325-812-2992