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Fort Fundraiser set for September 17

The annual Fort Chadbourne Fundraiser is close at hand. On September 17, 2011, K.R. Wood and his trio from Bandera, Texas, will perform. K. R. began his acting career at age 15 in "The Last Picture Show" and has been in many movies and TV productions. K.R. is a native of Texas. He performs unique and spirited cowboy entertainment is a singer, songwriter, historian and musician. His show will be a collection of songs and stories from his "Songs and Tales from the Cattle Trails" CD. K.R. was nominated for the Texas Musician of the Year Award in 2009, and recognized by the 75th Texas Legislature for keeping Texas History alive.

This annual fundraiser accounts for most of the yearly revenue. Friends of the Fort are asked to contribute auction or monetary items to benefit the Fort. They work strictly from donations throughout the year and there is never a charge during Fort Chadbourne Days Living History Event, or for tours of the Fort. This past May, over 1400 students attended on Friday, and over 250 reenactors were fed for 3 days. Your interest in the Fort

really helps keep the doors open to everyone free of charge all year long.

On the night of the event along with the entertainment, there will be a steak dinner along with the auction.

The event is September 17, 2011, but items need to be in no later than September 9, 2011. If you will contact the Fort they will be happy to pick up your donated items. If you are interested in attending this exciting event, you may also obtain tickets by calling 325-743-2555.

The new 12,300 square foot Visitor's Center is nearing completion. The grand opening will be held later in the year.

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



Turn-About is Fair Play! Numerous camera crews have come to Robert Lee to interview residents and city and county officials. A couple of weeks ago, a camera crew (top photo) from Germany visited in town. They are shown here trying to fry an egg on the hood of their vehicle in front of the Observer/Enterprise office. Unfortunately for their experiment, temperatures that day were in the low 100s. Tuesday, a camera crew from Odessa's KOSA-TV 7 interviewed Coke County Judge Roy Blair about the drought and the fires which have blackened so much of Coke County. Robert Lee's Mayor John Jacobs was next on their interview schedule to discuss Robert Lee's water situation and the pipeline project. They are just the latest in a long line of state, national and international journalists who have determined that Robert Lee is the "poster child" for this drought.

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.

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.

Football Games



ROBERT LEE STEERS

vs.

Loraine Bulldogs

7:30 pm • Friday, September 9 • Robert Lee

BRONTE LONGHORNS
OPEN



Homecoming!

BLACKWELL HORNETS

vs.

Lueders-Avooca

7:30 pm • Saturday, September 10