



Coke County farmers, ranchers to benefit from shift at USDA

If Coke County farmers and ranchers can grow and raise it, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will find a place to sell it.

Coke County Farm Bureau (CFB) applauds that sentiment from U.S. Secretary of Agriculture George "Sonny" Perdue.

Perdue recently announced the creation of a new position at USDA to promote American agricultural products at home and abroad.

"Having an undersecretary for trade and foreign agricultural affairs emphasizes an investment in American grown and raised products for consumers at home and abroad," John Ross Copeland, Coke CFB president, said. "It supports Coke County farmers and ranchers and our local economy by ensuring their products are promoted in the global marketplace."

Perdue announced the new position May 11, which is part of the reorganization of USDA.

The undersecretary will be charged with ensuring American farmers and ranchers are well-equipped to sell their products around the world.

"American farmers and ranchers actually produce more than U.S. consumers need, thanks to advanced techniques," John Ross said. "Trade allows us to sell other countries our excess. Products our consumers want that aren't available here can be imported. Promoting trade really helps consumers and agriculture."

U.S. agricultural and food exports account for 20 percent of the value of production, according to the USDA. Every dollar of those exports created

another \$1.27 in business activity.

Also, every \$1 billion in U.S. agricultural exports supports approximately 8,000 jobs across the American economy.

Perdue's reformation plan at USDA also calls for an undersecretary for farm production and conservation, among other moves.

... VP Meeting

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heading a sub-committee with younger families to follow up on new idea and projects, like pool and park improvements, and updating the playground. VP will continue their improvements and activities already in the works.

Vision with a Purpose wants to grow their membership and

Firefighter Training! Three members of the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department attended an Extrication Class in San Angelo recently. Jason Moran, Melissa Fletcher and Chaffany Fronterhouse represented Robert Lee at the first of a two part class. The firefighters learned to stabilize vehicles and various methods of extrication using different rescue tools. Submitted by Tom Fletcher, Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department Fire Marshall and Certification Coordinator.

projects with the help of new members. In order to do all of this, we need more help. For more information on this community minded organization, call Dianne Hefner at 325-453-2171 or 636-579-0038.

Nancy Wilson and her committee is organizing a garage sale to be held Saturday, June 10, from 9 am - 3 pm in Memorial Park. Come by and get some great bargains.

Be sure to check out the new red oak in Memorial Park that was planted by VP.

Our next meeting will be held Thursday, July 6, at 6:30 pm at the Family Life Center at United Methodist Church in Robert Lee. Please, if you have any ideas, suggestions, or would like

to help, we hope you will participate in this organization. We are looking for young families to help us achieve your goals.

Last week's paper carried a full page ad giving a perspective of all the great things VP has done for the community.



You are cordially invited to

Celebrate

Ed & Jane Cumbie's

65th Wedding Anniversary!

Saturday, June 24th at the Rusty Bell,
114 S State Street, Bronte
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Reception with food and fellowship begins at 6:00 p.m.
Music from the West Texas Jazz begins at 7:00 p.m.

Hosts are their daughters and family, including Linda and Pat Gladden who are also celebrating their 44th Anniversary!

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