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2000 Coke County Livestock Show results announced

The sixtieth edition of the Coke County Stock Show was another one for the record-books. With most being held in the winter, stock shows are noted for some pretty uncomfortable weather, whether it be cold temperatures or strong winds which relocate the earth from one location to another.

For several years in a row, the county stock show has enjoyed some excellent

FSA Office accepting nominations

The Farm Service Agency is currently accepting nominations for the County Committee. Dub Metcalf is up for re-election for this 3 year elected position.

Any eligible producer from the voting area may nominate someone from the voting area. The voting area position up for election this year is in an area from Highway 208 west to the Sterling County line. All nominations must be received by January 21, 2000. Petitions may be picked up in the office between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm Monday through Friday.

Also, a reminder that January 21, 2000 is the final date for filling a LAP application.

weather and above average temperatures. This year was no exception, as shirt sleeve weather was the rule.

According to Robert Wink, stock show secretary-treasurer, a total of 90 Coke County youth exhibited 261 livestock projects, with 104 total goats being shown, 50 lambs, 96 hogs, and 11 steers. Over \$21,000 in total premiums were bid during the annual sale. And, almost 300 enjoyed the excellent barbecue served during lunch on Saturday.

Complete results and individual placings at this year's county stock show are included below:

LIGHTWEIGHT FINEWOOL

1st. Ashlee Millican; 2nd. Lance Millican; 3rd. Whitney Millican; 4th. Erin Millican; 5th. Kyla Millican; 6th. Kyla

"Attention Parents"

The Coke County Little League Baseball Association will be holding a meeting Thursday, Jan. 27 at 7:30 pm at the Mitchell Gas facility in Bronte.

President and officers will be appointed at this meeting. All people who are interested in the year 2000 baseball season, or interested in coaching should attend.

Millican; 7th. Cassidy Wink; 8th. Wade Arledge; 9th. Cody Sedden; 10th. Jeremy Sanchez; 11th. Trent McCabe; 12th. Trent McCabe.

HEAVYWEIGHT FINEWOOL

1st. Ashlee Millican; 2nd. Allison Millican; 3rd. Lance Millican; 4th. Erin Millican; 5th. Whitney Millican; 6th. Cody Sedden; 7th. Cassidy Wink; 8th. Tamara Sedden; 9th. Taylor Percifull; 10th. April Cowart; 11th. Wade Arledge; 12th. Wade Arledge; 13th. Trent McCabe.

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Inmates set to work for the City

Inmates will be working for the City of Bronte the week of January 24-28.

Work will be done at the Sewer Plant and clearing under the bridge on East Main Street.

Anyone wanting to donate cookies, brownies, and drinks can contact Pat or Lori at the City Hall, 473-3501.

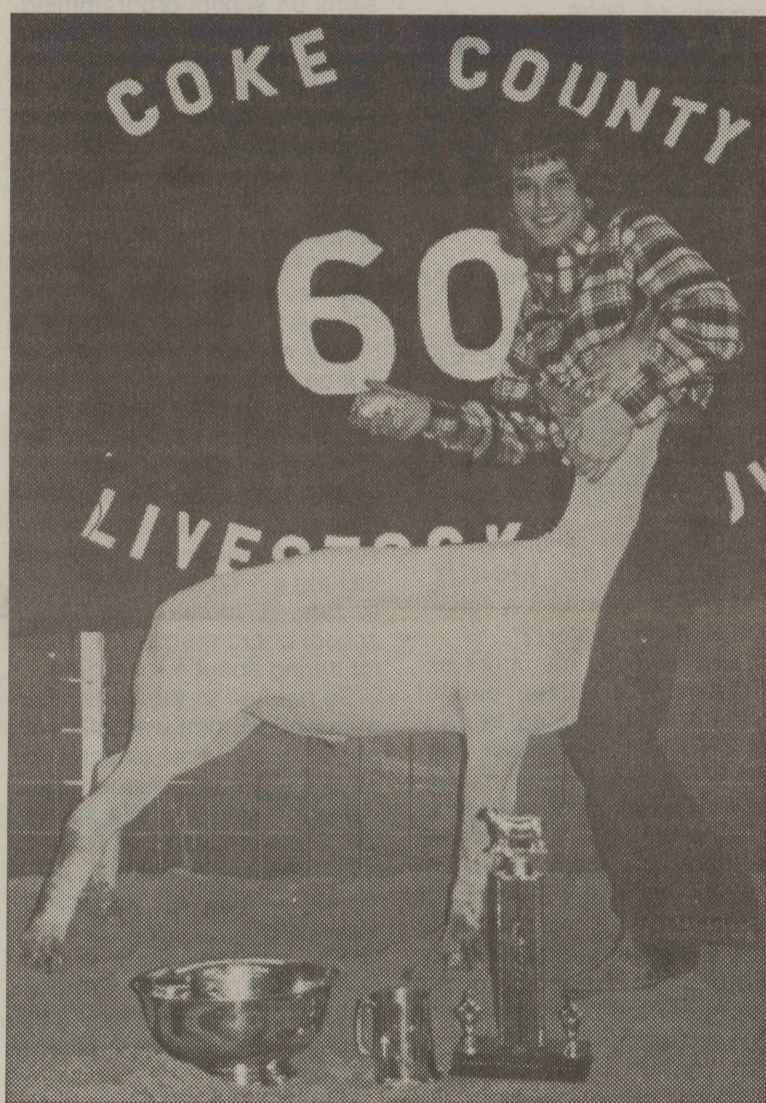
Donations to help pay for the meals are also appreciated.

Robert Lee State Bank announces new officers

Recently at the annual Board of Directors and Stockholders meeting, Robert Lee State Bank named two new officers. Kei Antilley and Teresa Millican were both named as Banking Officers.

Kei Antilley has been employed with the bank for 17 years. She has worked in the bookkeeping and computer departments and is currently the Information Systems Supervisor. Kei graduated from Winters High School. She is married to Tommy Antilley and has three sons, Scott, Casey and Clay.

Teresa Millican has worked at the bank for nine years. She has worked in the bookkeeping and loan departments. She is currently a Loan Processor. Teresa graduated from Robert Lee High School and is presently attending Angelo State University part-time. She is married to David Millican and has one son, David.



This is the sixth year in a row for Ashlee Millican to win the county lamb show. Her Champion Finewool and Finewool Cross Lambs were named Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion at this year's show. Ashlee also received the buckles for Lamb and Goat Showmanship and the Ralph Walker Top Hand Award.

Gospel singing of all denominations

Everyone is cordially invited to First Baptist Church January 30, 2000 from 2:00 to 4:30 pm in Blackwell, Texas. Please come join the fun. Be ready to sing praises to our Lord. For more information call 282-2127 and ask for Paula.

Hall named to Honors Team

Kim Hall, a junior at Hardin Simmons University, was recently named to the All West Texas Basketball Team of the Decade.

During last year's season, Kim continued to assert herself as the HSU Cowgirls' top rebounder and as their 2nd high scorer, and is considered a consistent

offensive threat.

Kim is currently recuperating from surgery on a torn ACL and will be sidelined this season.

The daughter of Kerry Hall of Bronte and Donna Hall of San Angelo, Kim is majoring in Physical Education.



Kim Hall



Kailey Howell had a couple of winners at this year's show. This pig was selected as the Champion White OPB Pig, and was later named Grand Champion. She also fed and exhibited the Reserve Champion Duroc Pig.

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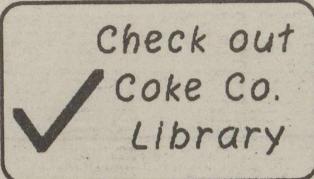
The Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio located at 7 E. 6th St. Robert Lee, TX has received the "Gold Medallion" award for meeting Merle Norman's standards of excellence for customer service.

The "Gold Medallion" program addresses consumer demands by identifying studios that meet their expectations of personal service, knowledgeable Beauty Advisors and pleasing atmosphere. These award-winning studios set the standard for service quality among the 2,300 independently owned, retail outlets nationwide.

"Our Gold Medallion Program distinguishes Studios that meet the highest standards of excellence Merle Norman represents," said David O'Conner, President of Merle Norman Cosmetics. We're delighted to present the Gold Medallion Award to Suzann Johnson's Studio, which offers unsurpassed personal service."

Merle Norman herself was a pioneer in understanding the importance of customer service. Her long-standing policies of "Try Before You Buy" and "Free Makeovers" were the cornerstones upon which she built a cosmetic empire from an auspicious start making cosmetics on the kitchen stove in her Ocean Park, California home.

"As the owner and proud recipient of this award, I'm honored to be recognized as a Gold Medallion Studio," says Suzann Johnson (owner) and Debbie McCabe (Beauty Advisor). "Being customer-oriented is the best way to compete in business and we're excited that Merle Norman Cosmetics recognizes our studio as one that meets the expectations of our customers."



A. A. Milne, the creator of Winnie the Pooh, was born January 18, 1882 and lived until 1956. This date has been declared Pooh Day. A. A. Milne is quoted as saying, "Organizing is what you do before you do something, so that when you do it, it is not all mixed up." Other literary birthdays include Wednesday, January 19, 1809, Edgar Allan Poe's birthday; he died in 1849. Lord Byron's birthday is January 22, 1788 - 1824.

In honor of the recent creation of the Coke County Food Closet, anyone with over-due books can bring in

Letter to the Editor

REHAB 2000, our annual telethon held on January 8, was a great success -- thanks to many dear friends like those we have in Coke County.

Everyone at WTRC joins me in saluting the 64 Study Club and Ivey Motor Company, which provided the phone bank location in Robert Lee, and in Bronte, phone bank coordinators, Diane Lockett and Pat Martindale and their phone bank location, First National Bank of Bronte. Additional thanks goes to all the volunteers who worked that night. We're sure, however, that each of those people would join Rehab in reserving a very special "Thank You" for everyone who made a telethon donation through the local phone bank.

Coke County's support throughout the year is deeply appreciated and is something we work hard every day to continue to deserve.

Sincerely,
 Eva Horton
 West Texas
 Rehabilitation Center

the books with a donation to the Closet instead of paying a fine. Non-perishable items are most appreciated. A basket will be provided at the Library and volunteers will pick up the food to be deposited at the First Methodist Church, the temporary home of the Food Closet. This is a county-wide project of the ministerial alliance.

A new shipment of audio books has arrived. Among the titles are John Grisham's Runaway; Carol O'Connell's Stone Angel; Rosamunde Pilcher's The Blue Bedroom; and The One Minute Manager Gets Fit. For young adults the audio cassettes Frankenstein by Mary Shelley, The Pinballs by Betsy Byars and Mr. Tucket by Gary Paulson are available. Other cassettes of interest to all ages are available.

For the next several months a food-for-fines program will be in effect. Bring in any over-due books with a donation for the Food Closet.

**Ballew makes
 Dean's list at Sul
 Ross State
 University**

Sul Ross State University named 215 students to its fall semester Dean's List, the academic honor roll.

Undergraduate students enrolled for 12 or more semester hours who maintain a grade point average of 3.3 or greater are eligible for the Dean's List. Graduate hours are not included in Dean's List computations.

William L. Ballew, from Robert Lee made the Dean's List with a 3.333 average.

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 Sat. 6 pm

**Death
 Notices**

Brown

Ruth Brown, 94, of Robert Lee passed away at The Robert Lee Care Center on January 13, 2000.

Services were Saturday, January 15, 2000 at 3:00 pm at the Robert Lee Cemetery with Frank Daniels of the Southside Church of Christ officiating. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors are two sons Pritch and Dale Brown both of Robert Lee; one daughter Billie Sue Douthit of San Antonio; and a sister Ruby Roberts of Robert Lee; four grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

**School Board
 Recognition Month**

Have you thanked a school board member lately?

School board members exemplify local citizen control and decision making in education. They volunteer hundreds of hours and an immeasurable amount of energy to assure that our schools are providing the best education possible for every child in our community. Here are some reasons we are taking this opportunity to show them our appreciation during School Board Recognition Month in January.

School board members are citizens whose decisions affect our children - what they learn, who will teach them, and what kinds of facilities house their classrooms.

These are men and women elected to establish the policies that provide the framework for our public schools. They represent you, and they take this responsibility seriously by attending lengthy meetings; at conferences and institutes where they broaden

their knowledge about education; and during numerous conversations about the schools.

Our school board are two of 1,046 such boards across the state. These enable us to have local control of the public schools, meaning that decisions on school programming are made by local, elected representatives who understand the community's unique problems, values, culture, and circumstances.

With the advice and council of the educational professionals they hire, our school board has an impact on virtually every aspect of our schools. It's a huge responsibility and one which should not be taken lightly.

Too often we neglect to recognize the dedication and hard work of these men and women who serve as advocates for our schools. The staff and students of our district are asking all local citizens to take a moment to tell a school board member "thanks for caring about our children."

So hats off to the dedicated men and women who make it possible for local citizens to have a say about education in our communities. We salute the public servants of Robert Lee ISD and Bronte ISD whose dedication and civic responsibility make local control of public schools in our community possible. We applaud them for their vision and voice to help shape a better tomorrow.

Robert Lee ISD members of the school board are: Harvey Wojtek, Dianne Simpson, Darrel Pitcock, Sally Gloria, C.V. Eaton, Lonnie Bloodworth, and Mike Bagwell.

Bronte ISD members of the school board are: Wayne Coalson, Terry Charles, David Scott, Bob Frazee, Andra Arrott, and Jolene Henderson.

Take time to say "thank you" to your board members.

Thoughts on the Scripture

By Rev. Jim Reeves

Philippians 2:27: "Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ ... that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind, striving together for the faith of the gospel."

Fellowship is one of the keys to spiritual growth, and occurs when we share our walk with God in an atmosphere of love and respect. Fellowship occurs when everyone communicates in love, not only with other Christians, but with everyone. In this way, we are all strengthened.

May God bless each one of you.
 Brother Jim

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Bronte sophomore makes all state band

Amy Morgan, a flutist at Bronte High School, competed at District on December 4, 1999, and placed second. On January 8, 2000, she competed at Area and placed first. That secured her a chair in the Texas All State Band. Only the top twenty flutists advance to state.

We spoke with Mr. Scott Stephenson, Ballinger High School Band Director and Regional President of the Association of Texas Small School Bands (ATSSB). There are 37 schools in our district or region, over 100 schools in our area and 225 schools at the state level. 1A, 2A and 3A schools compete on the same level.

This past Saturday, Amy received a \$100.00 scholarship when she performed with the Texas All Region Band. The concert was directed by Blane Hinton at Abilene Christian University. Scholarships were awarded to students who made the final cut in the Texas All State Band.

Amy was born to Kathleen and Manley Morgan in Ft. Worth at Carswell AFB. She spent the first six years of her life on the beach in Hawaii. Her interests are music, swimming and socializing with friends. She loves the theater and the symphony. She is an A student at BHS.

A close family friend, Margaret Schwarzahans, gave Amy use of her first flute in 1993. She was also Amy's first teacher. Amy also received musical direction from Christine Edmundson and Kathy McNelly while she was a student at Miles. Amy has been under the direction of Mr. George Tomes, Bronte Band Director, since 1998. Amy continues to be a private student of Kathy McNelly of San Angelo since 1997. Kathy McNelly is herself an accomplished flutist. Miss McNelly has been teaching flute privately since 1991.

Amy has always displayed artistic talent. She had an early love of the theater and an appreciation for music. As a youth, she consistently out-ranked others while participating in UIL Ready Writing, Science, Spelling, and Music Memory. She loves to draw and write. She has been composing her own music



Amy Morgan

since age 12. Her talent as a musician is apparent as she plays. Her style is fluid, melodic and clear. She plays with emotion and depth. She is a strong Christian and considers musical talent a gift from God.

Her plans include competition for the duration of high school. She will then join the music program at ASU for two years. She then plans to continue her studies at Julliard School of Performing Arts in New York or at North Texas State University in Denton. Both schools have a nationally recognized music program. Amy wants to pursue a career as a musician in either Music Therapy or gain a performance degree and play in a symphony.

Amy and Mr. Tomes will be

attending the Texas All State Band activities in San Antonio February 9-12. Amy and the Texas All State Band will perform on Saturday, Feb. 12 at 11:30 am at the Scottish Rights auditorium in downtown San Antonio. Everyone is invited to attend what will surely be a fantastic concert.

Scott arrives for duty at Suwon Air Base

Army Staff Sgt. Jason L. Scott has arrived for duty at Suwon Air Base, Suwon City, South Korea.

Scott is a shop foreman-platoon sergeant assigned to the 43rd Air Defense Artillery.

He is the son of Johnny and Lori Sevier of Robert Lee, Texas.

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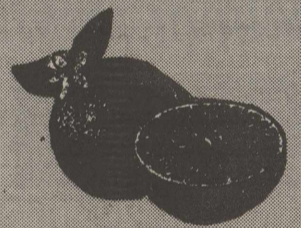
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Bronte School News

Bronte vs. Roby

The Longhorns played Roby and won by a score of 75-52.

Brandon Gibbs and Ryan McCorkle led the team with fifteen points each. Gibbs also had five rebounds and five assists. Henry White had fourteen points and twelve rebounds; Tim Green with ten points, five rebounds, three steals, and four assists; Steve Eldred with six points and five rebounds; Jerrod McClure with four points, six rebounds, and four assists; Josh Schoenfield with four points and four assists; Charlie Bettis with four points, and Zeb Speary with three points, six rebounds and six assists.

Longhorns defeat the Steers

The Longhorns played the Steers on January 13. They beat the Steers 43-26.

White was the leading scorer for the team with eleven points. McCorkle and McClure each had eight points; Speary with seven points, five steals, and four assists; Gibbs with seven points, nine rebounds, and three steals, and Steve Eldred with two points, six rebounds, and three steals.

Bronte JV boys vs. Roby

The JV boys defeated Roby by a score of 38-28.

Harley Hall led the team with fourteen points. Jeremy Silva and Clayton Acker each with

eight points; Joel Webb with four; Randy Johnson and James Graves each with two points.

Bronte JV boys defeat Robert Lee JV

Bronte played the Robert Lee JV and won by a score of 39-28.

Clayton Acker led the Longhorns with thirteen points. Randy Johnson and Jeremy Silva each with nine; Harley Hall and Joel Webb each with three; and James Graves with two.

Bronte JV girls vs. Robert Lee JV

The Bronte JV girls played Robert Lee JV on January 13. They lost by a score of 31-24.

Heather Richey led the girls with nine points, eleven rebounds, and five steals. She was three out of four from the free throw line. Chrissie Counts with six points and five rebounds; Stormy White with five points and four steals; and Lindsay Springer with four points and three assists.

Bronte ISD Board of Trustees meet

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session January 12, 2000, at 7:30 pm. Alan Richey, Superintendent, recognized the Board and presented each member a special certificate for BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH - January 2000. He extended his appreciation for their sacrifice and commitment to the Bronte School District. A special enchilada dinner was served.

The principal's report was given by Rick Howell, Secondary Principal.

Byron Griffin, Administrator at CCJJC, updated the Board on the Educational Program at that campus.

Discussion was held concerning Driver's Education Program and fees.

Approved Safe and Drug Free Plan for 1999-2000.

Discussed Board Policy on Investments.

Discussed Board Evaluations and Operating Guidelines.

Motion was made and

passed to hire Tammy Mason as teacher at CCJJC for the remainder of this school year.

Motion was made and passed to hire Eric Amsler as PE teacher at CCJJC for the remainder of this school year.

The Superintendent's Evaluation was considered and motion was made and passed to extend Alan Richey's three-year contract for one year to include the 2002-2003 year.

Alan Richey, Superintendent, updated the Board on the following items: TEA Appeal, Facilities, Property Insurance, Tennis Court repair, Student activities and auction items.

Motion was made and passed to pay the December Bills.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 pm by the President. The next regularly scheduled meeting is February 10, 2000, at 7:00 pm.

Blackwell Public School

A Honor Roll Third Six Weeks

Second Grade

Zac Burwick, Marissa Griffin, Dylan Keiner, Bill Miller, Stacie Murray, Lacey Saunders, Manuela Solis, Callen Ware, Travis White

Third Grade

Darren Griffin, Jade Hughey, Kristin Hyde, Sherri Lantrip, Ashton Monroe, Katelynn Noble, Mirella Solis, Clay Stanford

Fourth Grade

Sergio Gatica, Clay Gestes, Samantha Morrow, Kali Pena, Tyser Robertson

Fifth Grade

Kacee Lowrie, Amanda McWhorter, Sylvia Solis, Jarred Walker

Sixth Grade

Philip Buckner, Jake Wilkinson

Seventh Grade

Tiffany Coffey, Ambra Cole, Lane Lowrie, Melenda Solis

Eighth Grade

Sharla Holland, Heather Jones, Ryan Ragland, Angel Saavedra, Kayla Saunders

Ninth Grade

Meghan McGhee, Chris Morgan, Lindy Wilson



The Bronte Independent School District Board of Trustees includes (seated, from left) Jolene Henderson, Andra Arrott, (standing, from left) Wayne Coalson, Terry Charles, David Scott and Bob Frazee.

Eleventh Grade

Katrina Buckner, Gayna Cantrell, Clint Morgan, Latosha Roland, Ashley Ragland

Twelfth Grade

Leticia Camarillo, Stephanie Cantrell, Tony Dove, Tiffani Fagg, Julie Grimes, Gloria Solis

Blackwell Public School

A-B Honor Roll Third Six Weeks

Second Grade

Brandon Harrell, Kolten Pena

Third Grade

Geoffrey Ehl, Manuel Saavedra, Caitlin Ware

Fourth Grade

Danielle Breshers, Garritt Harris, Chad Holland, Marcy McMorris, Josh McWhorter, Angelica Sims

Fifth Grade

Latasha Early, Johnathan Ehl, Casey Hamilton, Aaron Noble, Robert Williams

Sixth Grade

Jessica Chavez, Kelly Dove, Cody Morgan, Yadira Padilla, Rikki Saunders

Seventh Grade

Rosalinda Camarillo, Ashley Early, Matt Miles, Monica Whipple

Eighth Grade

Johnny Bryant, Missy Pate,

Paul Rodriguez, Justin Roland, Latisha Roland, Albert Solis

Ninth Grade

John Jones, Brandye McCarty, A.J. Monroe, Santiago Morales, Auston Parr, Juan Rocha, Kaitlyn Saunders

Tenth Grade

Cody Blair, Tray Carter, Jennifer Dove, Jamie Hodges, T.J. Holland

Eleventh Grade

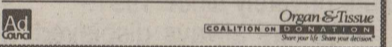
Tanya Blackwell, Ryan Dove, Katy Driver, Steven Hayes, Luis Solis, Pascual Solis

Twelfth Grade

Skeeter Horne, Doug Hughey, Scotty Killough, Leman Saunders, Keshia Stidham, Kyle Weatherwax, Adam Wilkinson

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Tuesday, Jan. 25

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Wednesday, Jan. 26

Sausage, Grape Juice, Pancake, Milk

Thursday, Jan. 27

Scrambled Eggs, Potato Rounds, Toast, Milk

Friday, Jan. 28

Cereal, Mixed Fruit, Biscuit, Milk

Lunch

Monday, Jan. 24

Chicken Nugget w/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Sweet Corn, Rolls, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Milk

Tuesday, Jan. 25

Fish Sticks, Macaroni & Cheese, Blackeyed Peas, Apple Sauce, Rolls, Milk

Wednesday, Jan. 26

Tacos w/Cheese, Pinto Beans, Lettuce & Tomato, Taco Shells, Chocolate Cake, Milk

Thursday, Jan. 27

Pigs In A Blanket, Tator Tots, Pork & Beans, Blueberry Cake, Milk

Friday, Jan. 28

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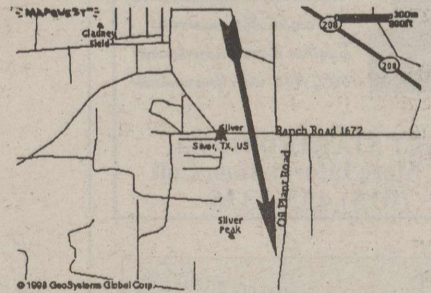
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Robert Lee School News



Stock shows are a wonderful place to turn the younger ones loose on some type of project, no matter how productive it might be. The most important aspect of the project is that they're in plain sight and you don't have to wonder what they're up to. Shown building a sand castle at this year's stock show are: Briana Brisbin (front), and (from left) J. P. Conner, Dawson Brisbin, Blake Millican, Cody Brosh, Emilee Yanez, and Garrett Heard.

Lady Steers vs. Abilene Christian High School

The Lady Steers traveled to ACHS on Jan. 13 and came home with a 78-35 win over the Lady Panthers in a non-district contest. The Lady Steers were led by Jodee Helwig's 24 points as she connected on seven of nine field goal attempts and was one short of perfect from the line, as she hit on 10 of 11 free throw attempts. DeShira Dickey had 13 points, connecting on six of nine field goal attempts. Dixie Simpson was six of eleven for her twelve points. Amber Freeman hit on four of five for nine points. Jennifer Alexander made three of four for six points, Whitney Millican had nine points followed by Shanna Wojtek with three, and Jennifer Hamilton with two. Kizre Matthews had five assists and two steals in a game that all players saw about sixteen minutes of playing time each.

Lady Steers vs. Lady Horns

The Robert Lee Lady Steers were able to walk away with a hard fought 33-26 victory over the Lady Horns in Bronte last week. While the Lady Steers were not at the top of this offensive game, their defense shined in the first half, as they jumped out to a 19-4 lead at the half. Bronte made a come back, that saw them close to within five points 29-24, late in the fourth quarter, but the Lady Steers were able to hang on to the win and go 2-0 in district play and 15-7 for the year. Jodee Helwig had twelve points, DeShira Dickey had seven, Dixie Simpson and Shanna Wojtek six each, and Whitney Millican had two.

RLJV basketball travels to Bronte

"A" Team Girls
The Junior High traveled to Bronte on Jan. 17. The "A" team girls won by a score of 24-18.

Tyler Lott led the team with

seven points, followed by Rachel Wallace with four, Shannon Honse with three, Jessica Fluhmann, Julie Riley, Jennifer Fluhmann, Monica Rodriguez, and Lindsey Roe all had two points each.

"B" Team Girls

The "B" team girls also won their game by a score of 21-16 against Bronte.

Veronica Cerritos was the leading scorer for the team with eight points. Alana Parker had six, Stacy Denton three, Michelle Sanchez and Brittany Soliz each had two points.

8th Grade Boys

The eighth grade boys lost against Bronte by a score of 23-36.

Travis Taylor led the team with ten points, followed by Cole Flanagan with nine, and Phillip Arellano with four.

7th Grade Boys

The seventh grade boys lost against Bronte by a score of 15-16.

Omar Saucedo was the leading scorer for the team with five points. Logan Gaitan and Wade Arledge each had four points and Jake McCabe had two.

RLJH boys vs. Water Valley

8th Grade

The eighth grade boys lost against Water Valley by a score of 17-46.

Travis Taylor led the team with eight points, Cole Flanagan had four, Phillip Arellano three, and Brian Abalos had two.

7th Grade Boys

The seventh grade boys won against Water Valley by a score of 18-5.

Jake McCabe and Ruben

Torres led the team with six points each, followed by Cisco Moreno with four and Drew Shultz with two.

RLJV vs. Bronte

The JV girls won against Bronte by a score of 31-24.

Christina Middleton led the Lady Steers with twelve points. Bobbie Sparks had nine, Amanda Kuhl had four, Krystal Soliz, Ashlee Millican, and Misti Brothers had two points each.

RLJV girls defeat ACHS

The JV girls won against ACHS by a score of 45-25.

Christina Middleton was the leading scorer for the team with ten points. Krystal Soliz had eight, Bobbie Sparks and Amie Kendall each had five, Nicole Sanchez and Misti Brothers had four each, Kindra Matthews, Ashlee Millican, and Amanda Kuhl each had two points.

RLHS sponsors blood drive

The student body of Robert Lee High School is leading the way into the millennium with an adult attitude. The school is sponsoring a blood drive Thursday, January 27 at the high school auditorium. The drive will start at 10 am and end at 2:30 pm.

According to community relations representative for United Blood Services, Gary Karschner, this drive comes at a very critical time for them. Karschner said, "We need blood now more than any other time of the year. We have lost so many regular donors because they have had the flu or a cold. If a person is not feeling well or currently on antibiotics we can not let them donate. We are counting on these high school students to be the future donor base of all our blood donors for the next four or five decades. If we can show them how safe and easy it is, then maybe they will take the next step and do this on a regular basis and do it five or six times a year."

To donate a donor must be at least seventeen years of age and weigh at least one hundred and ten pounds. All donors are asked to bring an ID card with them when they donate. Blood has a shelf life and is only good for five to forty two days. All donors should feel well and healthy when they come to donate. United Blood Services is a not for profit organization serving West Texas Hospitals.

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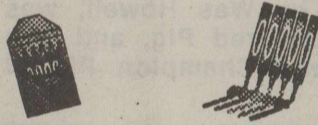


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Shamrock Clinic of Robert Lee welcomes Kathy Enright, PA-C

Kathy Enright, PA-C, will practice family medicine at the Shamrock Clinic of Robert Lee beginning Monday, January 24.

Originally from Irving, Kathy comes to Robert Lee from Concentra Medical Center in Dallas.

She received an associate's degree from Kilgore College and a bachelor's degree in business management from Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos.

She graduated from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas Physician Assistant Program in 1994.

Kathy is a member of the North Texas Academy of Physician Assistants, the Texas Academy of Physician Assistants and the American Academy of Physician Assistants.

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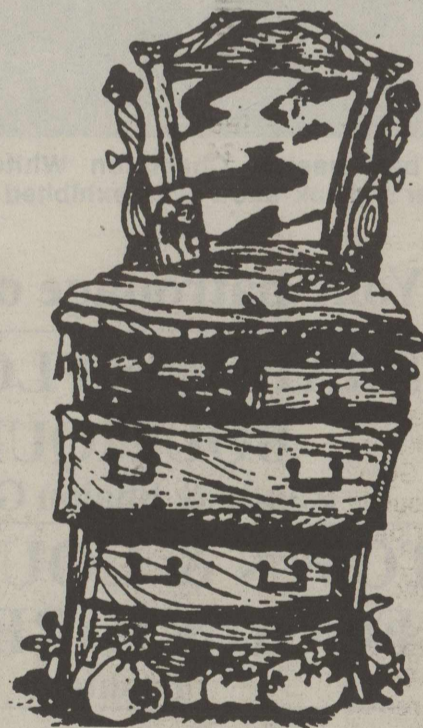
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Jake McCabe exhibited the Champion Meat Goat of the recent county show, and the premium on this year's champion was purchased by Wayne McCabe.

...Stock Show
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Champion Finewool - Ashlee Millican
Reserve Champion Finewool - Allison Millican

LIGHT FWX
1st. Ashlee Millican; 2nd. Jake McCabe; 3rd. Lance Millican; 4th. Cody McCabe; 5th. Whitney Millican; 6th. Kyla Millican; 7th. Kyla Millican; 8th. Cassidy Wink; 9th. Whitney Millican; 10th. Brian Abalos.

HEAVY FWX
1st. Ashlee Millican; 2nd. Erin Millican; 3rd. Lance Millican; 4th. Allison Millican; 4th. Cara Eaton; 5th. Jake McCabe; 6th. Jake McCabe; 7th. Cara Eaton; 8th. Taylor Percifull; 9th. Miranda Parks; 10th. James Graves.

Champion FWX - Ashlee Millican
Reserve Champion FWX - Erin Millican

SOUTHDOWN
1st. Erin Millican; 2nd. Josh Conner

MEDIUM WOOL
1st. Erin Millican; 2nd. Allison Millican; 3rd. Charles Abalos

Overall Grand Champion - Ashlee Millican
Overall Reserve Grand Champion - Ashlee Millican

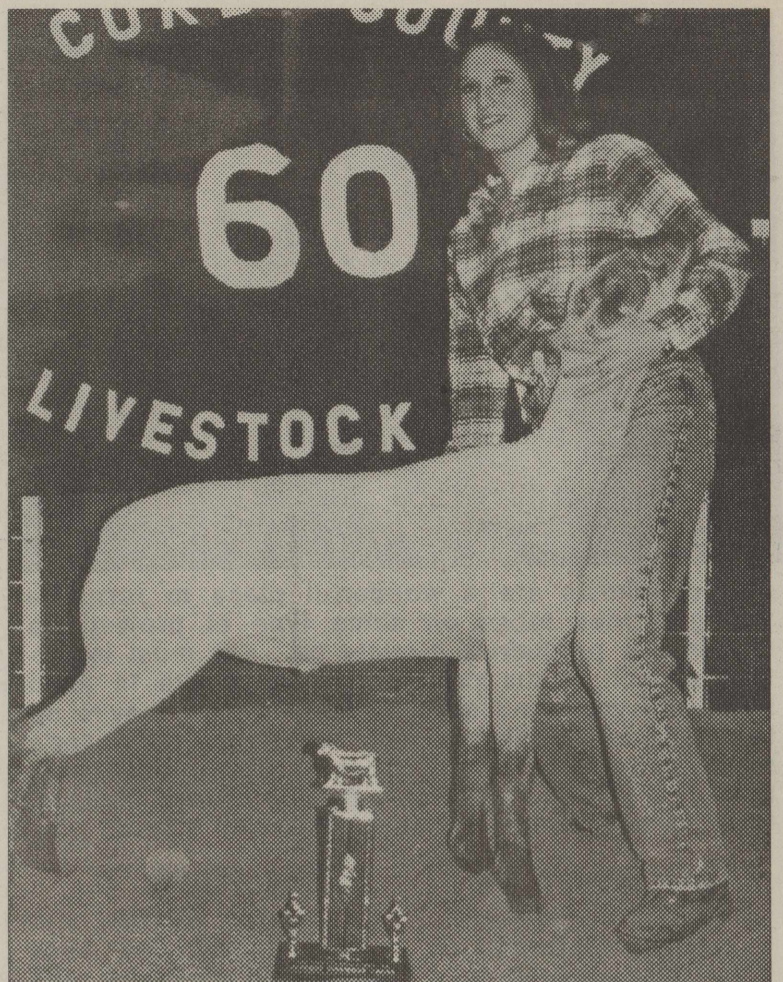
LIGHTWEIGHT MEAT GOAT

1st. Cody McCabe; 2nd. Ashlee Millican; 3rd. Michele Sanchez; 4th. Kevin Honse; 5th. Mason Jackson; 6th. Sam Rawlings; 7th. Zeke Montgomery; 8th. Ruben Torres; 9th. Garrett Jackson; 10th. Joel Webb; 11th. Cody Denton; 12th. Mason Ross; 13th. Trent McCabe; 14th. Josh Conner; 15th. Chris Torres; 16th. Garrett Jackson; 17th. Joel Webb; 18th. Trent McCabe; 19th. Johnathan Paden; 20th. Amie Kendall.

MEDIUMWEIGHT MEAT GOAT

1st. Lance Millican; 2nd. Brady Bolding; 3rd. Jake McCabe; 4th. Lance Millican; 5th. Michele Sanchez; 6th. April Cowart; 7th. Ashlee Millican; 8th. Mason Ross; 9th. Johnathan Paden; 10th.

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Reserve Champion Finewool Cross Lamb was this entry exhibited by Erin Millican.



The Reserve Champion White OPB Pig of this year's stock show was exhibited by Lance Millican.



This entry, fed and shown by Wes Howell, was selected as the Champion Crossbred Pig, and was later named the Reserve Grand Champion Pig of the 2,000 county stock show.

Your patronage of the following stock show boosters is greatly appreciated.

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The Champion Duroc Pig of this year's stock show was exhibited by Kaden Duncan.



Exhibiting the Champion Hampshire pig at this year's county stock show was Cassandra Fields.

...Stock Show

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Garrett Jackson; 11th. Nicole Sanchez; 12th. Taylor Percifull; 13th. Ryan McCorkle; 14th. Sammy Schiwart; 15th. Sammy Schiwart; 16th. Zeke Montgomery; 17th. Brandon VanHuss; 18th. Mason Ross; 19th. Stacy Denton; 20th. Stacy Denton.

MEDIUM HEAVYWEIGHT GOAT

1st. Sarah Philley; 2nd. Katie Bessent; 3rd. Ashlee Millican; 4th. Lance Millican; 5th. Brady Bolding; 6th. Katie Bessent; 7th. Nicole Sanchez; 8th. Mason Jackson; 9th. Garrett Jackson; 10th. April Cowart; 11th. Jake Graves; 12th. Amber Brosh; 13th. Amber Brosh; 14th. Brady Bolding; 15th. James Graves; 16th. Mason Jackson; 17th. Brian Abalos; 18th. Sam Rawlings; 19th. Sarah Philley; 20th. Cody Denton.

HEAVYWEIGHT MEAT GOAT

1st. Jake McCabe; 2nd. Brady Bolding; 3rd. Erin Millican; 4th. Amber Brosh; 5th. Erin Millican; 6th. Allison Millican; 7th. Mason Jackson; 8th. Nicole Sanchez; 9th. Rebecca Rawlings; 10th. Michele Sanchez; 11th. Amber Brosh; 12th. Katie Bessent; 13th. Philip Rawlings; 14th. Brady Bolding; 15th. Philip Rawlings; 16th. April Cowart; 17th. Sarah Philley; 18th. Sterlin Ebenstein; 19th. Ryan McCorkle; 20th. Becca Skinner.

Overall Grand Champion Meat Goat - Jake McCabe

Overall Reserve Grand Champion Meat Goat - Cody McCabe

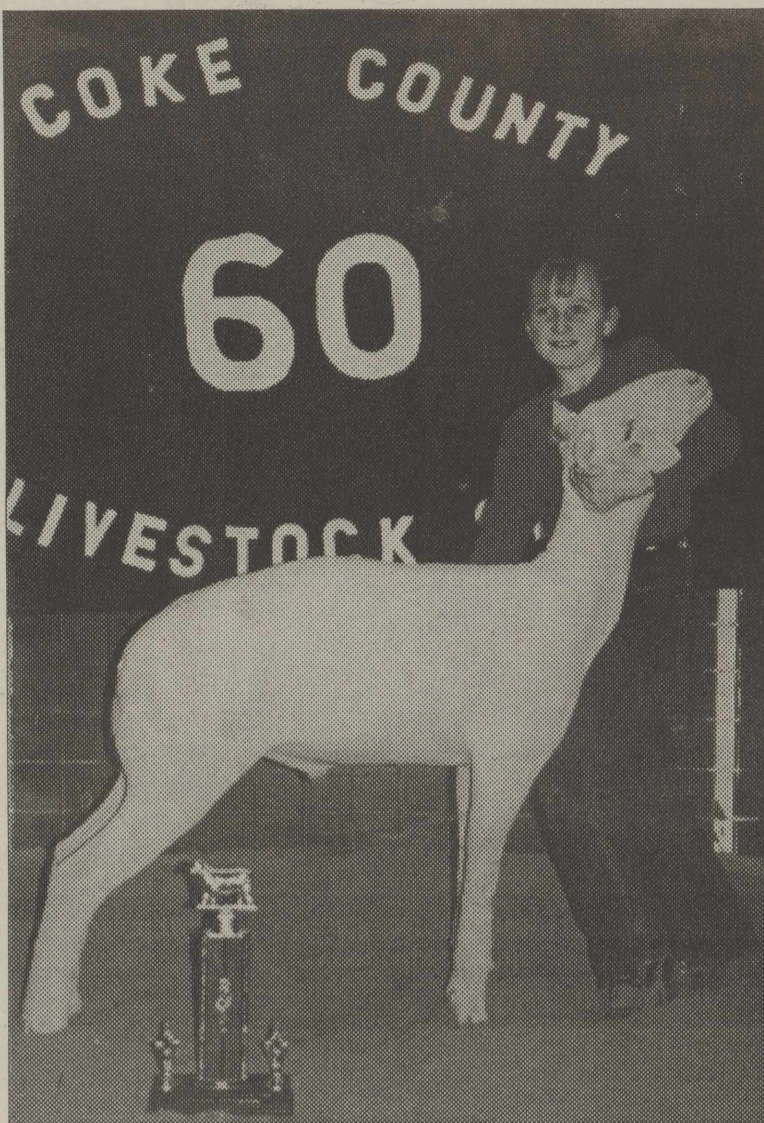
LIGHTWEIGHT DUROC

1st. Cara Eaton; 2nd. Bretnie Reed; 3rd. Jeremy Eaton; 4th. Kaylie Howell; 5th. Katie Bessent; 6th. Chelsea Conner; 7th. Sherman Griffin; 8th. Clay Antilley; 9th. Cassandra Fields; 10th. Clay Antilley; 11th. Zeke Montgomery.

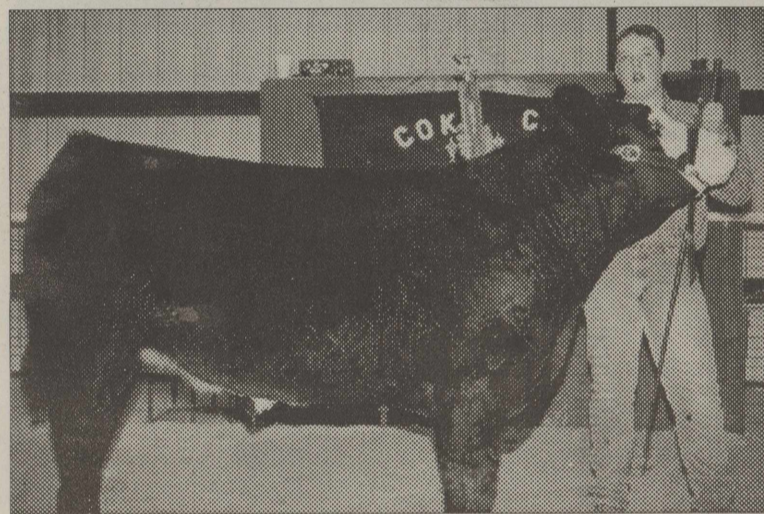
MEDIUMWEIGHT DUROC

1st. Kaylie Howell; 2nd.

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Allison Millican showed the Reserve Champion Finewool Lamb at this year's show.

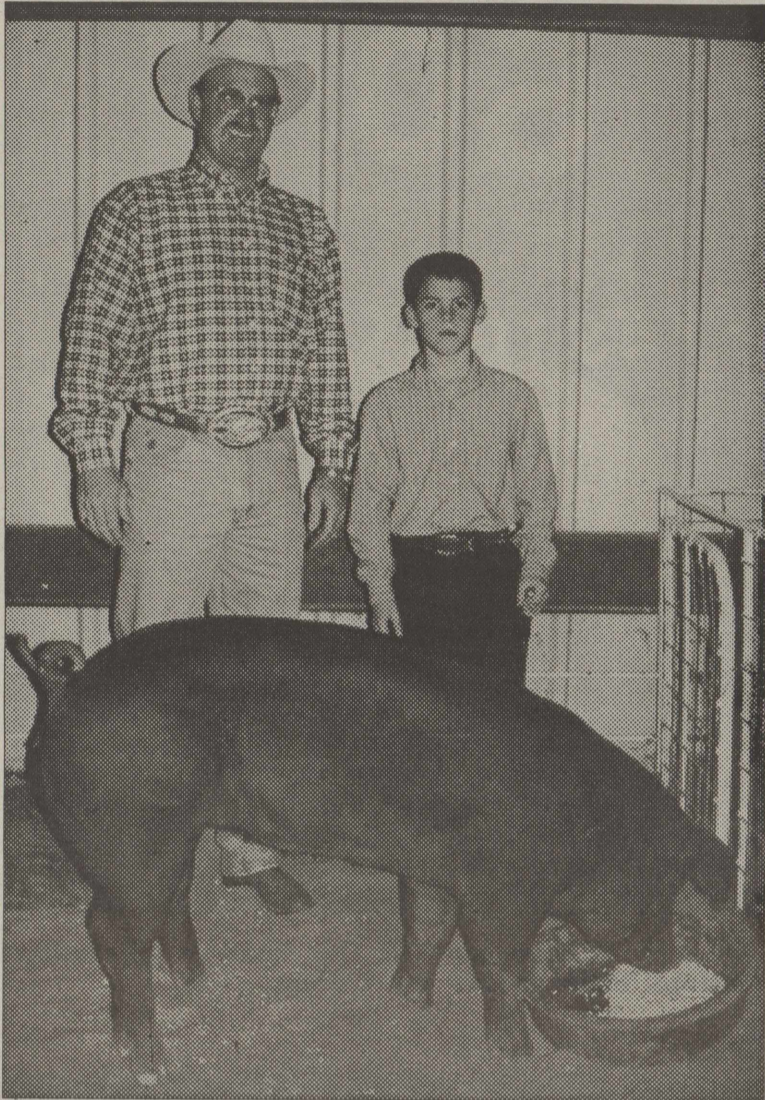


The Grand Champion Steer of the 2,000 Coke County Stock Show was this Champion European Cross entry fed and shown by Lance Owens.

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Russell Davis, representing Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau, bought the Champion Duroc Pig, exhibited by Kaden Duncan.

Kanah Coalson; 3rd. Sammy Schiwart; 4th. Taylor Percifull; 5th. Cooper Riley; 6th. Wes Howell; 7th. Ashlee Millican; 8th. Julie Riley; 9th. Cooper Riley; 10th. Garrett Blair; 11th. Mandy Blair; 12th. Kayla Medrano.

HEAVYWEIGHT DUROC

1st. Kaden Duncan; 2nd. Wes Howell; 3rd. Morgan Hill; 4th. Angie Harrell; 5th. Kaylie Howell; 6th. Kyla Millican; 7th. Kasie Skinner; 8th. Travis Pitcock.

Champion Duroc - Kaden Duncan

Reserve Champion Duroc - Kaylie Howell

LIGHTWEIGHT HAMPSHIRE

1st. Kailey Howell; 2nd. Taylor Percifull; 3rd. Angie Harrell; 4th. Jamie Wojtek; 5th. Macy Hill; 6th. Whitney Millican; 7th. Julie Riley; 8th. Kelsey Duncan; 9th. Cara Eaton.

HEAVYWEIGHT HAMPSHIRE

1st. Cassandra Fields; 2nd. Ariel Coalson; 3rd. Taylor Percifull; 4th. Morgan Hill; 5th. Riley Coalson; 6th. Clay Antilley; 7th. Travis Pitcock; 8th. Angie Harrell; 9th. Becca Skinner.

Champion Hampshire - Cassandra Fields

Reserve Champion - Ariel Coalson

BLACK O.P.B.

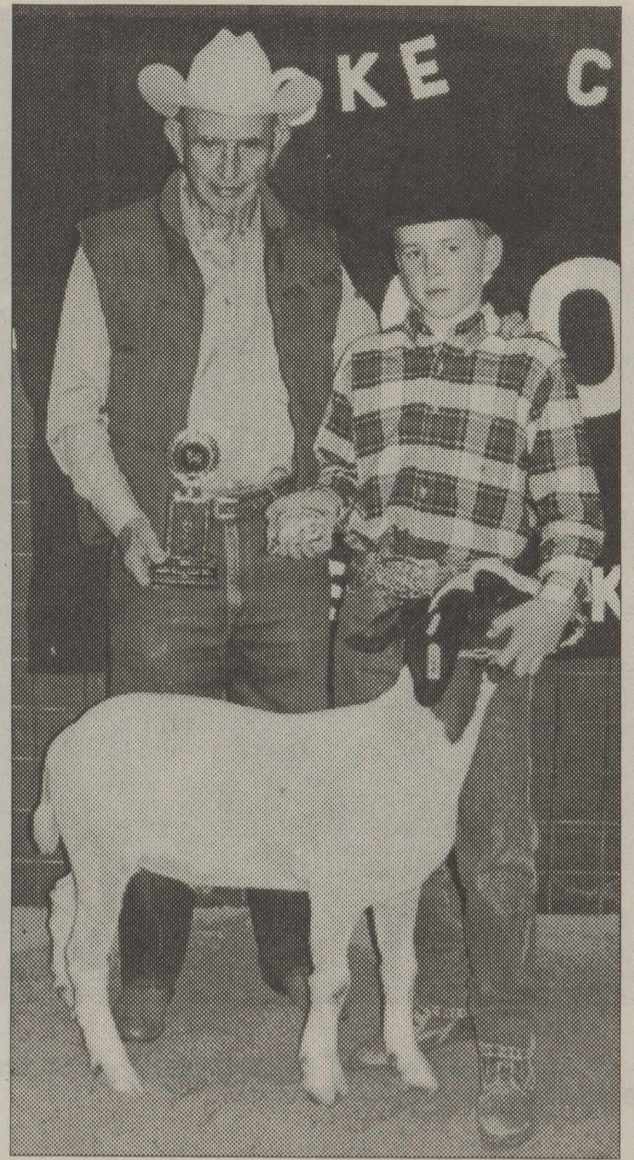
1st. Jodi Patterson; 2nd. Sammy Schiwart; 3rd. Cheyenne Webb; 4th. Kayla Medrano; 5th. Julie Riley; 6th. Anthony Gibbs; 7th. Kayla Medrano; 8th. Zeke Montgomery; 9th. Cooper Riley; 10th. Kanah Coalson.

Champion Black O.P.B. - Jodi Patterson

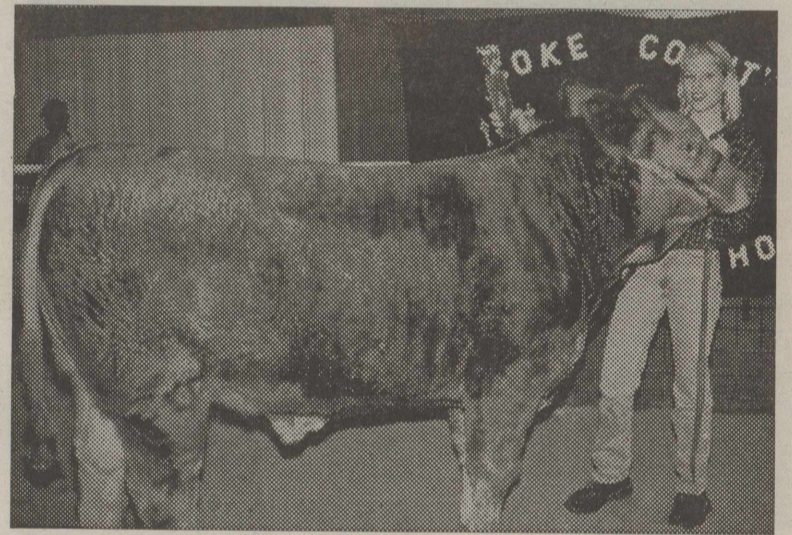
Reserve Champion Black O.P.B. - Sammy Schiwart

WHITE O.P.B.

1st. Kailey Howell; 2nd. Lance Millican; 3rd. Jodie Patterson; 4th. Katie Bessent; 5th. Megan Gibbs; 6th. Cassandra Fields; 7th. Whitney Millican; 8th. B.J. Bessent; 9th. Macy Hill; 10th. Jeremy Eaton.



Cody McCabe showed the Reserve Champion Meat Goat at this year's show. Cody is shown with his buyer Wayne McCabe.



Michelle Owens exhibited this Reserve Champion European Cross Steer to Reserve Grand Champion status.

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...Stock Show (cont'd. from page 8)

Champion White O.P.B. - Kailey Howell
Reserve Champion White O.P.B. - Lance Millican

LIGHT CROSS PIGS
 1st. Jonathan Marrs; 2nd. Katie Bessent; 3rd. Cara Eaton; 4th. Whitney Millican; 5th. Taylor Percifull; 6th. Kevin Honse; 7th. Riley Coalson; 8th. Kaden Duncan; 9th. Kyla Millican; 10th. Kelsey Duncan; 11th. Kelsey Duncan; 12th. Bretnie Reed.

HEAVY CROSS PIGS
 1st. Wes Howell; 2nd. B.J. Bessent; 3rd. Kailey Howell; 4th. Ashlee Millican; 5th.

Lance Millican; 6th. Macy Hill; 7th. Brandon Gibbs; 8th. Zeke Montgomery; 9th. Kyla Millican; 10th. Jennifer Alexander; 11th. Travis Pitcock; 12th. Shanna Wojtek.

Champion Cross - Wes Howell
Reserve Champion Cross - B.J. Bessent
Overall Grand Champion - Kailey Howell
Overall Reserve Grand Champion - Wes Howell

ENGLISH STEER PUREBRED
 1st. Clay Antilley; 2nd. Clay Antilley; 3rd. Clay Antilley.

ABC STEER
 1st. Macy Hill; 2nd. Matthew Pitcock.
EUROPEAN CROSS STEER
 1st. Lance Owens; 2nd. Michelle Owens; 3rd. Matthew Pitcock; 4th. Tony Blackstock; 5th. Angie Harrell; 6th. Shalon Arrott.
Champion European

Cross - Lance Owens
Reserve Champion European Cross - Michelle Owens
Overall Grand Champion Steer - Lance Owens
Overall Reserve Grand Champion - Michelle Owens
Lamb Showmanship - Ashlee Millican

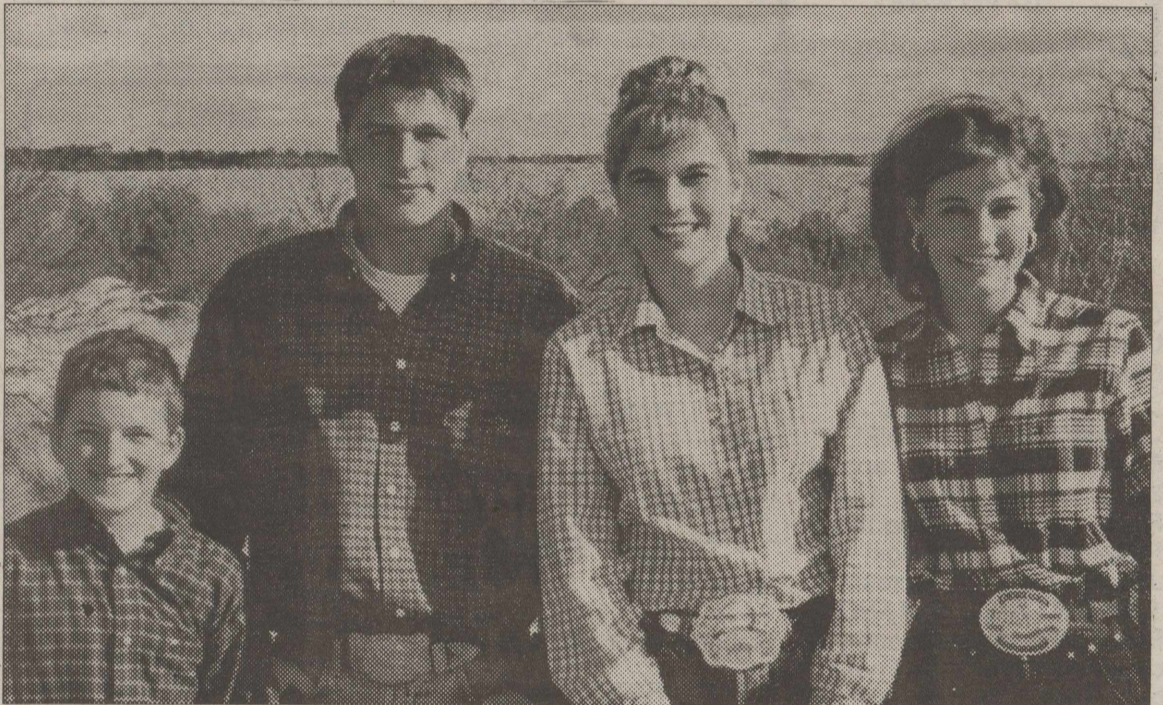
Goat Showmanship - Ashlee Millican
Swine Showmanship - Wes Howell
Steer Showmanship - Clay Antilley
Frank Percifull Overall Showman - Whitney Millican
Ralph Walker Top Hand Award - Ashlee Millican



Those who deserve the credit for the excellent barbecue at this year's county stock show include (from left): Clark Tinkler, Roy Tinkler, Tommy Sismore, Curtis Walker, Gaylon Pitcock, and Wayland Drennan.



Buyer Bob Ragsdale was the high bidder on this meat goat, shown by Joel Webb.



Showmanship winners at the recent Coke County Stock Show include (from left): Clay Antilley - Steers; Wes Howell - Swine; Whitney Millican - Overall; and Ashlee Millican - Sheep & Goats.

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If you plan to work after retirement, and an increasing number of people do, you will need to make sure you understand certain facts about Social Security. These include how much you can make before your benefits are affected--and how other retirement income affects your benefits.

How much you can earn while retired

There are limits on how much you can earn without affecting your Social Security retirement benefits. (The rules for Social Security disability and Supplemental Security Income benefits are different.) Beneficiaries under age 65 can earn up to \$10,080 in 2000 (up from \$9,600 in 1999) without affecting their benefits. Earnings over that will reduce benefits \$1 for every \$2 in excess earnings. Beneficiaries 65-69 may earn \$17,000 (up from \$15,500 in 1999) before benefits are affected. Earning over that reduce benefits \$1 for every \$3. Beneficiaries 70 and over are not affected by the earnings limit.

How other income affects your social security benefits

In general, only earnings from work done after you start receiving benefits affect your benefits. Most other types of retirement income will not affect your benefits. These include payments from private insurance, pensions from pri-

vate employers and annuity payments and income from investments such as interest and capital gains. This rule is designed to encourage people to build up income for retirement and financial security using Social Security as a base.

Other income that could possibly affect your benefits are:

A pension based on work not covered by Social Security will reduce your Social Security retirement payment under the windfall elimination provision.

A benefit received from another public pension system based on your own work not covered by Social Security may affect your benefit as a spouse receiving a Social Security benefit on the earnings record of a worker, under the rules of the government pension offset.

Also note that, if you have high income, federal income tax may be due on up to 85 percent of your Social Security benefits.

Knowing these facts can help you plan your retirement in a way that assures you maximum pleasure from your earnings and benefits. For more information, call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213 and ask for the leaflet, How Work Affects Your Benefits.

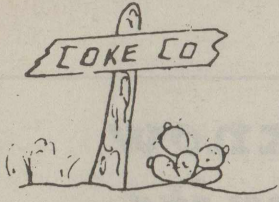
Host families needed for high school exchange students

Celebrate the new millennium by hosting a high school exchange student from Spain, Mexico, France, Germany, Great Britain, Japan, or one of the former Soviet Union countries through World Heritage International Student Exchange Program. Students are awaiting work on their host family for the 2000-2001 academic school year. Some students from Germany need homes for the fall semester 2000. Host families provide room, board, and guidance to a teenager living thousands of miles from home. Students are well screened and are selected based on academic performance, English proficiency, teacher recommendations, and personal interviews. Couples, single parents, and families with no children are all encouraged to apply.

The exchange students arrive from their home country shortly before school begins fall 2000. Each World Heritage student is fully insured, brings his/her own personal spending money and expects to bear his/her share of household responsibilities, as well as being included in normal family activities and lifestyles. At the same time, the student will be teaching their newly adopted host family about their own culture and language.

Families may select the student of their choice from student applications, photo collages, and biographical essays. Once paired, students and families are encouraged to begin corresponding prior to the student's arrival.

To start the new millennium in the spirit of peace and understanding, call George Brickey at (915) 453-4418 or 1-800-888-9040 for more information on hosting an exchange student.



COUNTRY AGENTS
NEWS

by Tommy Antilley
Coke County Agent

Time Close to renew applicator licenses

Check your wallet - not your cash but your private pesticides applicator license card!

The reason is that many private applicators in Texas, as well as all commercial and non commercial applicators, face a February 29, 2000 renewal date.

And you have only a limited time to attend educational meetings that can give you the necessary continuing education units (CEU's) for renewal if you know about it and don't wait too long.

"Applicators actually still have plenty of time to get their CEU's," notes Texas Commissioner of Agriculture, Susan Combs, Austin. "These classes can help applicators stay informed of changing regulations as well as new products and new application methods. Education is vital for proper and safe pesticide use."

But there's another heads up. Applicators are supposed to furnish the Texas Department of Agricultural with any change of address. Many rural addresses have changed with the implementation of the 911 emergency response system, and the U.S. Post Office won't forward mail for longer than a year in case you move or are assigned a new address.

Many private pesticides applicators have a new mailing

"64" Study Club meets

Members of the "64" Study Club met January 11, 2000 at the First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee. New member Patsy Gunnels along with twenty one other members were welcomed by President Nettie Autry.

Beth Prather was speaker for the evening. She entertained us with details of her trip to Switzerland. Beth, her sister and brother-in-law, Susan and Pat Mouser, made the trip together. They toured parts of Switzerland, Germany, and Austria. They saw many beautiful places and did many fun things.

Club members met at Ivey Motor Company January 8th from 6 pm to 10:00 pm to man the phones and help raise money for the West Texas Rehab. Our club raised over five thousand dollars for Rehab. We thank everyone who helped to make this a big success.

During a short business meeting we voted to change "Ladies Night Out" to March this year. We will have our regular meeting February 15th at the Robert Lee Methodist Church. Plans for the March meeting will be announced at the February meeting.

Hostesses for the evening were: Thelma Jo Hinnard, Dale Fields, Nita Duncan, Sarah Green, Virginia Fikes, and Fay Roe. They served a lovely buffet consisting of sandwiches, chips, dips, vegetables, cheese ball, crackers all with punch and dessert.

address, which the TDA may not have in its records.

Combs reminds that providing updates or address changes allows applicators to receive their renewal notices on time and keep their license current. The TDA is planning to start sending out renewal notices soon.

Private applicators must renew their license every five years and obtain fifteen CEU's during that period. Two credits must be in integrated pest management and two in laws and regulations. Applicators must self-certify their credits by listing them on the renewal form they should receive by early December.

Private applicators also may earn their required credits by passing a comprehensive recertification exam. This test costs \$50. After passing, an applicator will receive a certificate of completion for fifteen CEU's.

Combs said private applicators, mostly farmers,

Veterans Memorial update

by Dorthey Pruitt

The Veterans Memorial Committee met Thursday, January 13, 2000 to further discuss the plans for the monument site. Landscaping, lighting, meditation benches and area to park were discussed at length. In the near future decisions will be made and progress will resume.

Name of veterans continue to come in. If you desire to have your name or a loved ones name listed for the next engraving, please have names in by March 1, 2000 by requesting forms from the Veterans Memorial Committee, Box 230, Bronte, TX 76933.

Most every day people are stopping to meditate and remember their loved ones. We believe there will be even more visitation when the beautification of this memorial plaza is completed.

cannot simply retest to renew their license. A license must have been expired for a year before an applicator can take the private applicator training course and retest.

The commissioner is advising pesticide applicators to check with their county Texas Agricultural Extension Service office to get a list of courses offered, or call the TDA at 1-800-TELL-TDA or (512) 463-7548 for a list of approved courses. A list of CEU courses is also available on TDA's web site: www.agr.state.tx/pesticide/ce_uhome.htm.

TEXAS Grant Program

With the beginning of the spring semester, high school seniors across Texas will begin to fill out college admission applications for the fall semester, many of which are due as early as February 1st. State Representative Robert Junell (D-San Angelo) encourages students to submit their financial aid application along with their application for admission.

By enacting House Bill 713 during the 76th Session, the Texas legislature opened the doors of college to more high school graduates by making a \$100 million commitment to fund the Toward EXcellence Access & Success (TEXAS) Grant Program. TEXAS grants provide money to academically eligible students who wish to attend public and non-profit colleges and universities in Texas.

"It is so important for young people today to obtain an education beyond their high school diploma," said Junell. "A college degree opens up so many more doors for life-long success and I am pleased that the legislature was able to open the doors of higher education to more of our students."

To be eligible for a TEXAS Grant, students must be Texas residents who graduated from a public or accredited private high school no earlier than the fall 1998 semester. Students must also show financial need, and have not been convicted of a

felony or a crime involving a controlled substance.

In order to continue to receive grants throughout their college career, students must demonstrate satisfactory academic progress by maintaining at least a 2.5 grade point average. Grant-award students can receive awards for up to 150 semester hours of study, or for six years, which ever occurs first.

This new program is expected to make the promise of a college degree a reality by paying tuition and fees for eligible students. These costs average \$2,400 per year at universities, \$940 at community colleges and \$1,400 for Texas State Technical College students. By 2005, it is estimated that some 40,000 students will have benefited from the program. Rep. Junell points out that TEXAS Grants will help maintain a highly educated workforce in Texas, which is vital to continuing the state's economic prosperity.

To apply for a TEXAS Grant, or any other financial aid, students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) available at local high schools and colleges. To learn more about the TEXAS Grant program, interested individuals can call the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board toll free at 1-877-782-7322.

Correction: Chase Roe should have been listed with the Accelerated Reader Honor Roll students in last week's edition of the O/E.

United Methodist Church to sponsor "Coat Day"

First United Methodist Church will be sponsoring a "coat day" on Sunday afternoon, January 30, for those in the community who may be needing a coat. The church is in the process of collecting clean, repaired coats of all sizes for "coat day." If anyone has a clean, repaired coat they would like to donate to this effort, they may bring them by the church or call 453-2417.

Look Who's New Carson Joe Millican

Carson Joe Millican was born December 18, 1999 at the Community Medical Center in San Angelo, TX at 3:53 pm. He weighed seven pounds and fourteen ounces and was twenty and one fourth inches long.

Proud parents are Terry Joe and Ann Millican of Menard, Texas. Carson has one proud little sister, Cheyanne, since his arrival.

Grandparents are Wilbern and Charlotte Millican of Robert Lee, Texas and Bobby and Kay Bailey of Seagraves, Texas.

Great Grandmother is Irene Armstrong of Lubbock, Texas.

Letter to the Editor

My name is Jessica D. I am a member of Brownie Girl Scout Troop 529 in Marysville, Ohio. The troops in our area are doing a project that we believe you might be able to help us with.

We are looking for residents in your area who are interested in Girl Scouts. We would like anyone who would like to help us to send us postcards, letters, brochures on points of interest, or any other items that they feel would reflect positive aspects of their area. We would especially like to hear from some local Girl Scout troops about activities that their troops do at regular meetings, special events or trips, or badges that are unique to their area or council. We must receive the letters before January 30, 2000.

They can send these items to Union County Girl Scouts, PMB# 14, 15741 US 36 East, Marysville, Ohio 43040, C/O Troop 529.

If you would like us to respond, please enclose a return address.

Verification of this project can be obtained by contacting Seal of Ohio Girl Scout Council Columbus, Ohio.

Looking forward to hearing from your readers soon.

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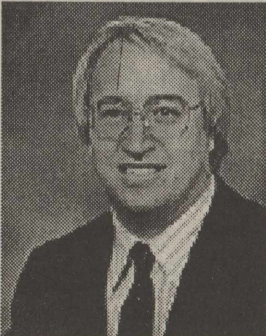
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WTU announces new low income energy assistance program

West Texas Utilities Company has joined with community service agencies across its service territory to offer a new low-income energy assistance program. Called Neighbor to Neighbor, the program provides a fund that helps WTU customers pay their home energy bills in emergency situations.

Funds for the year-round program are provided by an initial contribution from WTU's stockholders with continued funding by customer contributions and a company matching program. Thirteen community action agencies in West Texas administer the program.

"We are indebted to these agencies for their enthusiastic support," said Paul Brower, WTU's general manager and president. "Without them, this program wouldn't be possible." The various agencies, following criteria established by WTU and the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA), determine the eligibility of participants and implement the program in their respective areas. No program funds are used to administer the program, so 100 percent of each contribution directly benefits those in need.

A special feature of the program allows customers to participate in the program

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

A friend just e-mailed this to me, and I think it is something we all should think about.

Microwaving Water to Heat It Up

I feel that the following is information that any one who uses a Microwave oven to heat water should be made aware of. About five days ago my 26-year old son decided to have a cup of instant coffee. He took a cup of water and put it in the Microwave to heat it up (something that he had done numerous times before). I am not sure how long he set the timer for but he told me he wanted to bring the water to a boil. When the timer shut the oven off, he removed the cup from the oven. As he looked into the cup he noted that the water was not boiling but instantly the water in the cup "blew up" into his face. The cup remained intact until he threw it out of his hand but all the water had flown out into his face due to the buildup of energy.

His whole face is blistered and he has 1st and 2nd degree burns to his face which may leave scarring. He also may have lost partial sight in his left eye.

While at the hospital, the doctor who was attending to him stated that this is a fairly common occurrence and water (alone) should never be heated in a microwave oven. If water is heated in this manner, something should be placed in the cup to diffuse the energy such as a wooden stir stick, tea bag, etc. It is, however, a much safer choice to boil the water in a tea kettle.

Please pass this information on to friends and family.

Marian Thompson

through regular or one-time contributions. "Everyone can be a neighbor by extending a helping hand to someone in need," said WTU's Brower. Customers who want to help can obtain a brochure and pledge card at a WTU Business Office, or simply call 1-888-216-3523 (English) or 1-888-216-3505 (Spanish). The donation you indicate will appear on your next electric bill. All contributions to the program are fully tax-deductible.

SSI recipients may be eligible for other services

People in financial need who are age 65 or older, or people of any age (including children) who are blind or have a disability, may be eligible for monthly Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments. But did you know that other benefits may be available for eligible SSI recipients?

If you receive SSI payments, you usually get medical assistance (Medicaid) automatically. You may also be eligible for food stamps. Social Security doesn't decide if you can get them, but if everyone in your household is applying for or receiving SSI, you may apply for food stamps at your local Social Security office.

Additional social services may be available to you through your local department of human services or public welfare. Examples include: homemaker services; rehabilitation services; protective services; and adult/community placement services.

For more information contact your local agency or call Social Security toll-free at 1-800-772-1213. You can also reach us on the internet at www.ssa.gov.

Sixth grade girls start basketball team

The Robert Lee sixth grade girls have started a basketball team. The girls are playing with the Gra-Y basketball program. The girls have played two games and have won both of them. They have named their team the STARZ. The members of the team are Tiffany Bagwell, Cara Eaton, Analy Gallegos, Kayla Medrano, Kyla Millican, Stephanie Trejo, and Cassidy Wink. The STARZ are coached by Robert Wink. Their first game was against Christoval Lady Cougars and the score was 19 to 4 in favor of the STARZ. Their second game was against the Wall Lady Hawks 1 and the score was 16 to 6 in favor of the STARZ. Their next game is at Edison Girls Junior High gym, Saturday, January 22, 2000 at 1:00 pm against the Wall Lady Hawks 2.

While the company is committed to supporting this program, Brower noted that WTU expects the West Texas tradition of neighbors helping their neighbors will make it an even bigger success. Summer temperatures in West Texas regularly exceed 100 degrees, and that can be life threatening if individuals don't have adequate cooling. Winters can be equally challenging for people without adequate heat. Financial hardships and unexpected emergencies can compound the situation for those people already in need.

Applicants to the program must meet the following requirements:

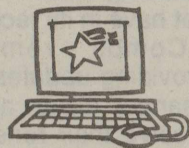
Be a WTU customer.

Be responsible for paying the energy expenses in question.

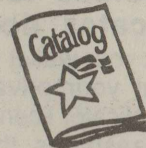
Have a genuine financial need at the time of application.

For more information call 1-888-216-3523 or contact a WTU area business office or one of the agencies that provides assistance.

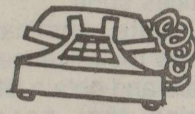
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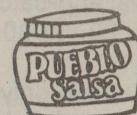
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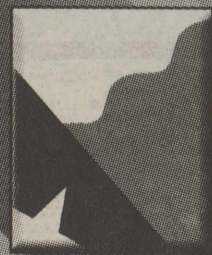
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