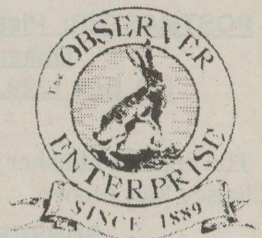


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65th annual county stock show termed big success

The term which seems to apply the most to the annual county junior livestock show is consistency. The annual event is a constant in a world that seems to be changing every day around us.

The success of the annual show, which has been around some 65 years, is a credit to all involved. It starts with an excellent show committee, which represents all parts of the county, working toward the same goal. Add to that some very involved ag teachers and a county agent, plus interested and supportive parents and a bunch of hard-working young people, and you have the basic recipe for success.

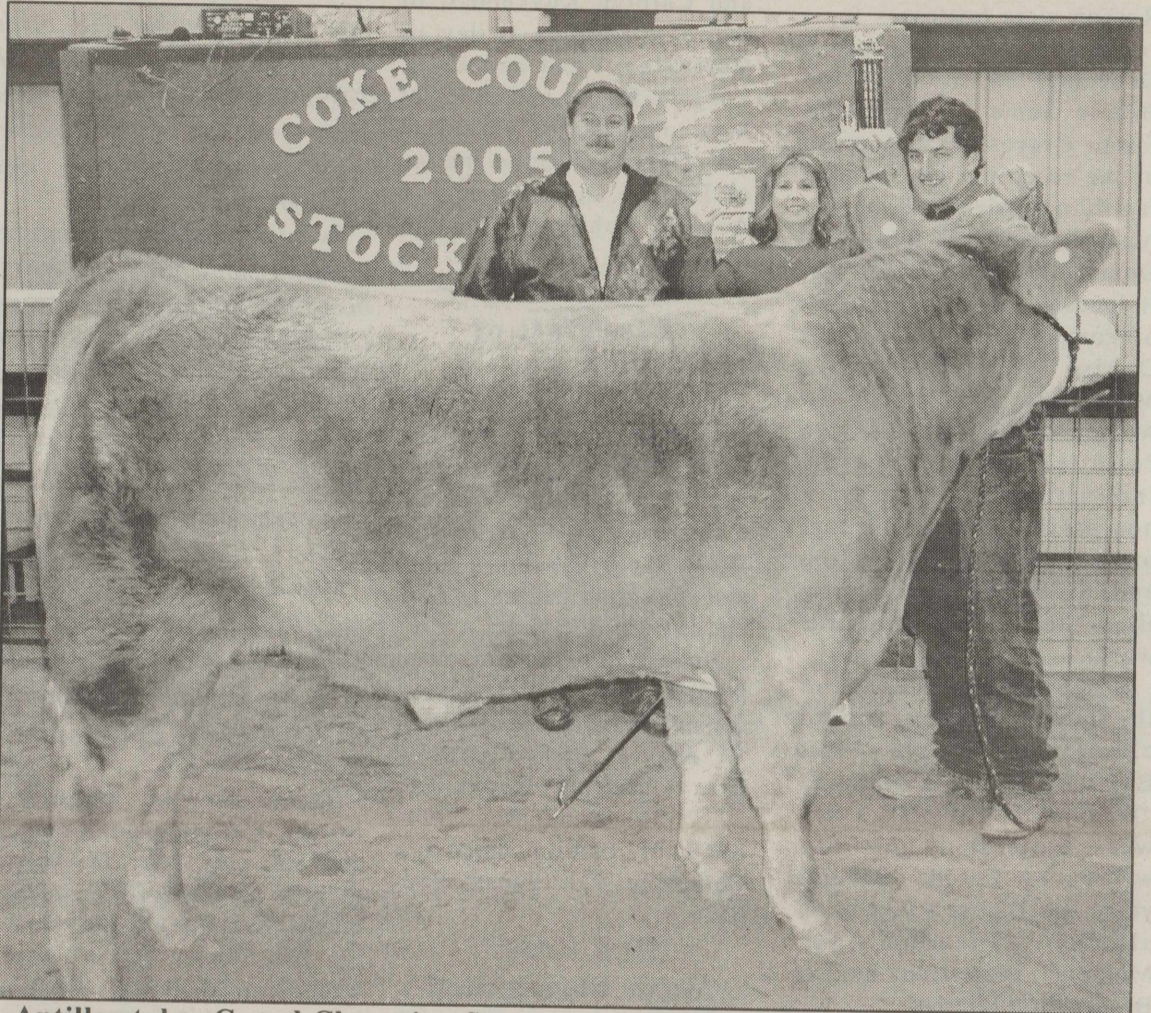
Don't forget all the other adults who volunteer their time to cook, serve, clean up, or perform other duties. Add in all the

businesses and individuals who support the show monetarily, and the mixture seems to make this recipe complete.

This year's edition was no exception, as every part of the show seemed to go without a hitch. Listed below are some of the big winners at this year's show, with the complete results following.

Cody Bridges continued his successes at this year's show, exhibiting the Champion Finewool Lamb, Champion Mediumwool Lamb, Reserve Grand Champion Lamb, and the Champion Black OPB Pig. Cody also received the Frank Percifull Overall Showmanship Award and the Ralph Walker Memorial Top Hand Award.

Kyla Millican showed the Champion Finewool Cross Lamb, the Reserve Champion



Antilley takes Grand Champion Steer, etc! Clay Antilley added to his long list of winners with this year's Reserve Champion Mediumwool Lamb, the Champion Duroc Pig, Champion Crossbred Steer, Reserve Champion Crossbred Steer, Grand Champion Steer, and the Steer Showmanship award. Shown with Clay and his Grand Champion Steer are Ron and Cindy Brown of Robert Lee, who have purchased the Grand Champion Steer for the past several years.



Bridges has great show! Cody Bridges was a multiple winner at the 65th annual Coke County Stock Show, exhibiting the Champion Finewool Lamb, Champion Mediumwool Lamb, Reserve Grand Champion Lamb, and the Champion Black OPB Pig. Cody also received the Frank Percifull Overall Showmanship Award and the Ralph Walker Memorial Top Hand Award.

Finewool Cross Lamb, and Grand Champion Lamb, and was awarded the Lamb Showmanship award.

Clay Antilley continued his winning ways by exhibiting the Reserve Champion Mediumwool Lamb, the Champion Duroc Pig, the Champion and Reserve Champion Crossbred Steer, the Grand Champion Steer, and the Steer Showmanship award.

Jonathan Marrs exhibited the Reserve Champion White OPB Pig, the Champion Hampshire Pig, and the Grand Champion Pig at this year's show.

Complete results of this year's show begin on page 6 of this issue.

Early voting continues in local option election

On Saturday, February 5, 2005, Coke County will be voting on the legal sale of beer and wine for off-premise consumption only. The first day to apply for a ballot by mail was December 7, 2004, and the last day will be January 28, 2005.

Early voting began yesterday,

Thursday, January 20, 2005, and will continue until Tuesday, February 1, 2005. You may vote early in the Clerk's office during office hours, Monday-Thursday from 8-5 and Friday from 8-1.

If you have any questions on the upcoming election, please feel free to call 453-2631.

On election day, the polls will be open from 7:00 am - 7:00 pm at the following locations:

Precinct 1 - Senior Citizen Bldg. in Robert Lee

Precinct 2 - Senior Citizen Bldg. in Bronte

Precinct 3 - Courthouse

Precinct 4 - City Hall in Bronte

Please remember when voting to bring your voter registration card. If you have misplaced your card, call the voter registration office at 453-2614 and they will be glad to issue you another card.

Girls fast pitch softball tryouts set

Texas Swing 10-u girls fast pitch softball team is looking for players born in 94 or 95 who are interested in playing competitive softball.

Tryouts will be held on

Sunday, January 23 at 2:00 pm at SAY baseball on Arden Road in San Angelo. FMI call 325-942-9211 or 325-277-6031.

Livestock permits need to be renewed

Residents of Bronte are reminded to contact the City Hall at 473-3501 to renew their Livestock Permits for 2005. Persons in Bronte who have livestock and fowl are required by the City's Animal Ordinance to have a permit.

Dance slated February 1

The monthly dance will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2005, from 7-10 pm.

**Coke County
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Livestock
Show
pictures
inside!**

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**Reception held for
visiting Glens**

Susan Graves and Leah Rosson were hostesses for a reception at 4:30 p.m., December 26, 2004, in the Bronte home of Jerry and Susan Graves. The purpose of the reception was to give family and friends an opportunity to visit with David and Denise Glenn from Jakarta, Indonesia, where David is an oil company geophysicist and Denise is involved in MotherWise Bible studies for women. They are also the founders of Kardo International Ministries, a non-profit organization that provides for the publication and distribution of family Bible studies throughout the world.

At the present time, one of the men's Sunday School classes at Bronte First Baptist Church is studying "Wisdom for Fathers", a ten-week Bible study that was written by David. Several years ago Denise spoke at an all-day "Freedom for Mothers" Bible study held at Bronte First Baptist.

Susan Graves has been the local leader for several of Denise's Bible studies. The most recent one, "Restore My heart", was completed just before Christmas. Denise's MotherWise studies have been translated and taught in Spanish, Russian, Korean and Indonesian. Translations into other languages are in progress. In the spring Denise plans to travel to the Ukraine and North Korea where she will teach her Bible studies with an interpreter.

At the reception David and Denise discussed the culture, customs, living conditions, foods, clothing and activities of living in a Muslim-dominated society. They have found the people of Jakarta to be warm and friendly and they attend a rather large Christian church there. Thankfully, the Jakarta area had no physical damage from the recent tsunami.

A unique end to the discussion gave guests an opportunity to place a flower on a wreath as they expressed good wishes and encouragement to the honorees.

David and Denise spent several days in Bronte during the Christmas holidays visiting his parents, Clark and

Mary Frances Glenn. Other relatives sharing Christmas Day with them were David and Carolyn Kuykendall of Abilene; Karmen Briley of Grapevine; Chad and Kristi Longley, Dexter and Derek of Seminole, Doctors Victor and Liza Glenn, Charlotte and Ian of DeSoto and Allyson and Ashley Johnson of San Antonio.

**National Prayer
Breakfast of
San Angelo set**

The National Prayer Breakfast for 2005 will be held on Thursday, February 3 at the San Angelo Convention Center. Breakfast will begin at 6:00 am. Program begins at 6:45 and is over at 7:45 am.

Tickets can be purchased from the Chamber Office at the new Visitors Center, 418 W. Ave. B, 655-4136, New Life Christian Bookstore, 3712 Sherwood Way, 944-8760 or Family Christian Bookstore, 4112 Sunset, 942-6525.

**Red Cross'
Mash Bash slated**

HEB urges area "Klinger" and "Hawkeye" fans to join them for an evening of entertainment at the second annual MASH BASH benefiting the Concho Valley Branch of the American Red Cross. The event will be Friday, January 28, from 7 to 11 pm at the



**Zada Denman honored on
85th birthday!** *Zada Denman was honored on her 85th birthday on Saturday, December 11, 2004, at Baptist Memorial Club House in San Angelo, by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.*

Twenty-five family members were present for the joyous occasion. Children were Lanny Denman and family from Wichita Falls, Wendell and Jeanna Lee and family of Bronte and San Angelo, David and Ronda Denman and family of Plainview, Houston, and Wichita Falls.

A noon meal was served to the family from 3:00-4:30 pm. Other friends were registered for the occasion, which brought the total of family and friends to 65. The Lanny Denman family (other than from Wichita Falls) were from The Woodlands, a suburb of Houston.



Tickets may be purchased by calling the Concho Valley Branch office at (325) 658-4409.

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12/28 - medical
12/29 - patient refused service
12/29 - patient refused service
12/30 - medical

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- Central Baptist Church**
324 S. Franklin • Bronte
(325) 473-4811
Tim White, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am & 6 pm Worship
Wed. 6 pm
- Emmanuel Pentecostal**
PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2360
Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm
- First Baptist Church**
424 S. Washington • Bronte
(325) 473-2331
Bro. Morris Johnson, Pastor
Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,
10:55 am Worship, 6 pm Youth
and Worship
Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting
- First United Methodist Church**
Corner of Washington & Holmes
Bronte
(325) 473-3281
Rev. Larry Tianen
Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
5:00 Youth
- First United Methodist Church**
PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2417
Rev. Steve Rowe, Pastor
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11 am Worship
Wed. 7 pm Choir
- Iglesia Bautista Bethel**
101 Houston • Robert Lee
(325) 453-5003 • 453-2296
Pastor: Basilio Esquivel
Sun. 9:45, 11:00, & 11:30 am
& 6 pm, Wednesday 7 pm
- Northside Church of Christ**
PO Box 388 • 9th & Chadbourne
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2619 or 453-2270
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Sat. 6 pm
- Pecan Baptist**
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Rev. Richard Easterling, Pastor
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship
- Robert Lee Baptist Church**
PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
(325) 453-2724
Bro. Mike Poye, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship
Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting
- Southside Church of Christ**
PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2176
Frank J. Daniels, Preacher
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 7 pm, Worship
- Tennyson Baptist Church**
Hwy 277 • Tennyson
Joe Hodges, Pastor
(325) 468-0014
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting
- Victory Assembly of God**
PO Box 638 • 6th & Houston
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Wed. 6 pm, Prayer Meeting

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**Jeffie Roberts
commissioned Grand
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Jeffie Roberts of Robert Lee received a nice appointment from Karen Morgenthaler, Worthy Grand Matron of Texas, and Linda Wright, Worthy Grand Matron of Minnesota. Jeffie was commissioned as Grand Representative of Minnesota in Texas. Her commission will be for 2 years. As the letter read from the Worthy Grand Matron of Minnesota, "being a Grand Representative is the greatest honor one can receive from your Grand Chapter. The purpose of such a commission is to promote and establish good will between our Grand Jurisdictions." Therefore, Jeffie and Bobby Roberts will be traveling to Minnesota in May to attend their Grand Chapter Session to be held in St. Cloud, Minnesota. Bobby and Jeffie traveled to Cisco and she was commissioned during the Eastern Star Conference (School) with about 150 Eastern Star members present.

**ASU Dean's List
released**

The Dean's List for the 2004 Fall Semester has been announced at ASU in San Angelo.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

The honorees include the following from the Robert Lee area: Chad W. Helwig, Samantha Laurice Lee, Tabitha Marie Lee, Marcella Munoz, Katrina Lynn Rodriguez, and Sandra K. Sawyer.

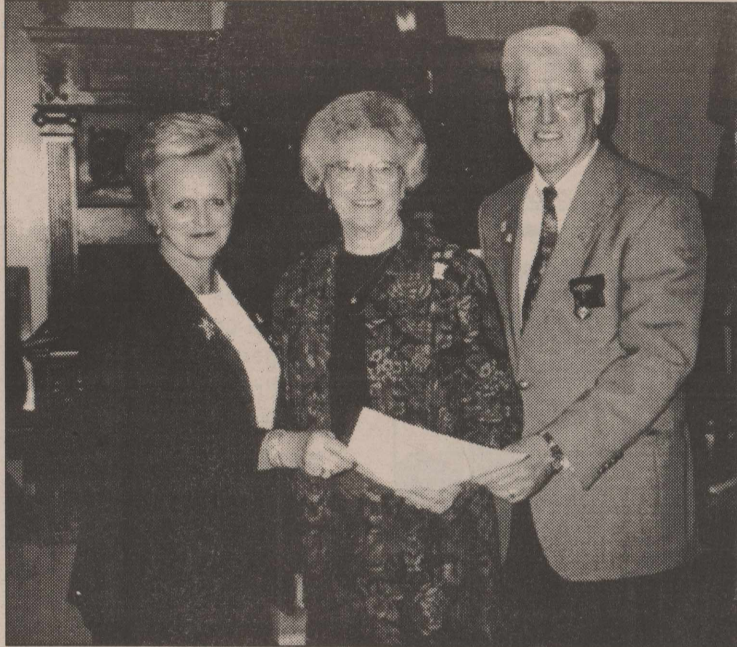
From Bronte: Katrina Lynn Buckner, Corin Marie Garcia, Katy M. Johnson, Tiffany Jane Marshall, and Melinda Reed.

**Bryan's Barn hosts
over 6500 visitors**

During the month of December, Bryan's Barn hosted visitors from 36 states and nine other countries. Six thousand, five hundred plus people signed the guest book at Bryan's Barn. This number does not include the visitors who drove through, or who flew over, or who did not sign the guest book. The visitors were from 36 states, including Mississippi, New York, Alaska, California, Montana, New Mexico, Washington, Idaho, Nebraska, Alabama, New Hampshire, Oregon, Pennsylvania, and Michigan just to name a few.

The foreign countries that were represented were Peru, the Philippines, England, Aruba, Mexico, Japan, Africa, Iraq, and Jamaica.

Some of the comments heard during the month-long Christmas at Bryan's Barn were: "I've never seen anything like this.", "Thank you for giving us this experience.", "This is the fifth year we've been here and we'll be back.", "This is so much better than those commercial



Roberts receives commission! Jeffie Roberts (center) is shown with Karen Morgenthaler, Worthy Grand Matron of Texas, and Jerry Martin, Worthy Grand Patron Order of the Eastern Star.

lights.", "Anything here for sale?", "Where is the bird?", That is just amazing."

Many out of town visitors plan family outings around coming to Robert Lee to visit Bryan's Barn. Some of the children ask about their favorite thing and want to go straight to it. Some notice when something is missing or has been added. Some visitors want to know where a decoration came from and where they can get one just like it.

This year, a cost share program with TexasYes!, an agency of the Texas Department of Agriculture's rural program, enabled

Bryan's Barn to secure signs and brochures to promote the event. Included in the month long celebration at the Barn was the "Tis the Week Before Christmas with Santa Claus" when children were able to convey their wishes to Santa.

As always, Bryan's Barn wishes to acknowledge the hard working and dedicated volunteers who make it happen year after year. Those folks who volunteer to help with the outside displays and who sign up as greeters every year are part of what makes the Barn such a special treasure for Coke County and are part of the reason why many folks return year after year.

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- 2003 Ford F-150 Super Crew XLT \$18,495**
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- 2004 Mercury Grand Marquis LS \$19,995**
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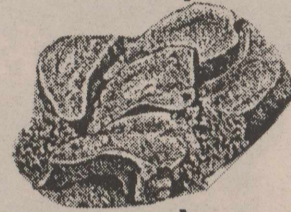
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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



BHS Robotics Team! The Bronte High School Robotics team includes (top row, from left) Team Captain Paul McConnell, Team Sponsor Jerita Taylor, Gus Saunders, (bottom row, from left) Emilie McMullan, Estephania Flores, and Casey Harris.

BHS students enter Region XV Robotics contest

January 7th, 2005, a team of Bronte High School students entered their robot in the Region XV Robotics competition in San Angelo at the Educational Service Center. Paul McConnell acted as the Captain of the team which consisted of Gus Saunders,

Casey Harris, Estephania Flores and Emilie McMullan as the Alternate.

The team received 3rd place out of 6 Division I (High School) teams: Eldorado, Richland Springs I & II, Nueces Canyon, Veribest, and Bronte. About 6 Junior High School teams competed on a different arena as Division II Schools.

The students began working on this project December 6th. They used the internet web sites of Irving High School and TCEA in Austin to help them with their design as well as using the examples in their instruction book. Learning the programming software was the most challenging for the students. They built several test models, then built their own design, and developed their own computer program for the robot.

John Driggers built their practice arena for them using the dimensions given on the state web site. The students gained valuable skills, such as communications, teamwork, problem solving, engineering and computer programming. They are excited about entering next year and going to state competition in Austin. Jerita Taylor is their sponsor and

Ron Cooper is their Gifted and Talented Coordinator.

BISD trustees meet in regular session

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a regular meeting on January 12, 2005, at 7:00 pm. Those in attendance were Wayne Coalson, Terry Charles, Jeff Schoenfield, Kendall Gibbs, Bob Frazee and Superintendent, Alan Richey. Absent were Gary Acker and Scott Frasier. Also present were Rick Howell, Terry Marrs, and Michael Bohensky.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rick Howell.

The board was presented with a unique robotics project by the following students: Casey Harris, Paul McConnell, Gus Saunders, Stephanie Flores, and Emilie McMullan. These students attended a Regional contest at the Education Service Center where they received third place. Their sponsor, Jerita Taylor and GT coordinator, Ron Cooper also attended the contest.

Terry Marrs, Elementary Principal, Rick Howell, Secondary Principal, and Michael Bohensky, CCJJC Principal, gave their reports.

The board amended the budget, completed the Superintendent's evaluation, and approved the proposed non-renewal of the term contract of Loretta Bridges.

Alan Richey, Superintendent, gave a facility and legislative update. Mr. Richey also gave an update on construction.

The meeting was adjourned by the President at 11:20 pm.

Bronte boys basketball results

The Bronte boys varsity team won against Novice 57-29. Stats for Bronte: Sherman Griffin 2 steals; Riley Coalson 9 pts., 7 rebounds; Zach White 11 pts.; Logan Rawls 26 pts., 13 rebounds, 6 steals, 4 assists; Eric Hendrickson 6 pts.; Garrett Acker 2 pts., 3 steals; Jonathan Marrs 3 pts.

Bronte varsity won a close game against Robert Lee by a score of 43-41. Stats for Bronte: Sherman Griffin 3 pts., 5 rebounds; Garrett Jackson 3 pts., Riley Coalson 9 pts.; Logan Rawls 17 pts., 5 rebounds; Eric Hendrickson 11 pts., 6 rebounds.

On the 13th, the Bronte JV team lost a close game to Robert Lee 26-23. Scoring for Bronte: Jonathan Ehl 3; Zack Bennett 5; Brett Wills 7; Cody Wallace 2; Adam Halfacre 6.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am collecting stories and tales about Tennyson, Texas. I am hopeful that some of your readers may have some memories of when they were growing up in the area. I have collected some things from family and friends that grew up in the area of Tennyson, Mule Creek and Brookshire.

If any one has a story, photo of an old building, or train in this area, I would appreciate if they would send it to me.

After 100 years of history has gone by, I would like to preserve these stories for my children and family.

If you would send these to: Joe McCarty, 301 W. 13th, Crane, Texas 79731, or call me at 432-558-3318 or E-mail me a minajery@aol.com, it would be very helpful and appreciated.

Sincerely,

Joe McCarty

TFB scholarships available

Farm Bureau is offering three scholarships for high school students who have not yet graduated.

The Young Farmer & Rancher scholarships are for enrolled college students who are pursuing degrees in agriculture and who have completed a minimum of 45 hours of college credit. Each of these scholarships must be postmarked no later than March 31, 2005. Every attempt will be made to announce the recipients by May 2, 2005.

Applications for each of these scholarships can be found on the TFB website at <http://www.tfb.org> by clicking on Youth Activities. Also available on our website are links to other scholarship and financial assistance opportunities.

Interested students can contact their school counselor at Bronte, Robert Lee, or Sterling City for help; or contact Brenda at Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau at 453-4505 for any additional information.

TFB High School citizenship seminar slated

The 42nd annual Texas Farm Bureau Citizenship Seminar is scheduled for the week of June 13-17 on the campus of Angelo State University in San Angelo.

The seminar will include: Activities and programs on Free Enterprise, Constitutional Government, Americanism, Self-awareness and Leadership; A Junior Counselor program with 20 returning students from 2004 serving in leadership capacities; A detailed manual for each student covering topics presented during Seminar week; Participation in the Congressional Insight computer simulation.

Eligible students are those: Entering the 11th or 12 grades in August, 2005; Students previously attended Citizenship Seminar is not eligible to participate. Student's parents have to have an active membership with Farm Bureau to apply.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Brenda at the Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau for more information.

School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, Jan. 24

Cereal, mixed fruit, toast, jelly, milk

Tuesday, Jan. 25

Sausage rolls, assorted juice, milk

Wed., Jan. 26

French toast sticks, assorted juice, syrup, milk

Thurs., Jan. 27

Breakfast pizza, assorted juice, milk

Friday, Jan. 28

Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, assorted juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, Jan. 24

Chicken nugget, gravy, potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit, roll, milk

Tuesday, Jan. 25

Taco's with cheese, pinto beans, Spanish rice, lettuce & tomato, taco shell, jello

Wed., Jan. 26

Spaghetti, tossed salad, corn, bread sticks, milk

Thurs., Jan. 27

Spud day, chili & cheese, potato (baked), broccoli, peach cups, crackers, milk

Friday, Jan. 28

Sloppy Joe, French fries, ranch style beans, bun, brownies, milk

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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

RL boys

basketball results

On the 11th in Santa Anna, the Steers varsity won 56-31. Scoring for Robert Lee: Andy Mulkey 19; Omar Saucedo 10; Kevin Honse 7; Jake McCabe 2; Ruben Torres 10; Lance Millican 6; and Johnathan Pagan 2.

Their record is 12-8 with a district record of 3-2.

On the 13th, the Steers lost a very close game to the Bronte Longhorns 41-43. Scoring for Robert Lee: Andy Mulkey 9; Omar Saucedo 6; Kevin Honse 18; Jake McCabe 4; Ruben Torres 3; Lance Millican 1. Their record stands 12-9, and district 3-3.

The Robert Lee JV boys team won a close game against Bronte 26-23. Scoring for Robert Lee: Cody Martin 2; Cameron Hodge 4; Brody Dillard 6; Johnathan Pagan 11; Chase Roe 3. Their team record is 11-2.

On the 17th, the RLJH boys "B" team lost to Winters 13-29. Scoring for Robert Lee: Miguel Perez 2; Jimmy Womack 2; Stetson Nesbit 5; Garrett Blair 4.

The RLJH boys "A" team won against Winters 45-13. Scoring for Robert Lee: Aaron James 4; Kaden Duncan 1; Michael Rodriguez 2; Cody Brosh 4; Mason Ross 4; Jeremy Martinez 25; Dustin Moreno 7.

Brewer Scholarship Fund increases with gifts

December 2003 saw the end of life for a wonderful Robert Lee resident and the beginning of a perpetual gift. Jack Brewer passed away in December of 2003 after a long and courageous battle with myelodysplasia-leukemia. One of his last gifts to

the community was to establish a scholarship fund to help young people from Robert Lee get a college education.

The Jack and Nina Brewer Scholarship Fund was created at the San Angelo Area Foundation in 2003 and the Brewer gift was matched by the San Angelo Health Foundation, under a collaborative grant agreement. Nina was able to add to the fund and again the Health Foundation matched her gift. More than eighty additional gifts in memory of Jack were added to the fund and today it stands with more than \$86,000. The earnings from the investment of the fund will provide scholarships to Robert Lee youth from now on.

Last year, the first recipients of the scholarship were Sharon Honse, Jodee Helwig, Alan Roe and Shanna Wojtek. Each spring new scholarships will be awarded and prospective applicants can download the application at <http://www.saafound.org>.

Robert Lee high school seniors are encouraged to apply for this scholarship and friends of the Brewers can certainly add to this fund in order to continue the wonderful legacy created in memory of Jack. Donations can be made to the San Angelo Area Foundation, 2201 Sherwood Way, Suite 205, San Angelo, Texas 76901 and reference the Jack and Nina Brewer Scholarship Fund in the memo line of your check.

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RLHS Spanish Club hosts RLCC Birthday Celebration! Elena Sanchez's RLHS Spanish Club hosted the December birthday party at Robert Lee Care Center. The class presented each resident with a poinsettia, followed by Christmas caroling.

Constitutional Government, Americanism, Self-awareness and Leadership; A Junior Counselor program with 20 returning students from 2004 serving in leadership capacities; A detailed manual for each student covering topics presented during Seminar week; Participation in the Congressional Insight computer simulation.

Eligible students are those: Entering the 11th or 12 grades in August, 2005; Students previously attended Citizenship Seminar is not eligible to participate. Student's parents have to have an active membership with Farm Bureau to apply.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Brenda at the Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau for more information.

Bridal shower honors Hammerton

Crystal Hammerton, bride-elect of Ryan Stanford of Stephenville, was honored with a bridal shower Sunday, January 16, 2005. The shower was held in the home of Marla McKinney in Stephenville. Crystal will graduate in May from Tarleton State University in Stephenville. Among those present were her mother, Sheila (Roberts) Farrar and friend, Paige Street, both of Houston, grandmother - Jeffie Roberts of Robert Lee, and several of her college friends and co-workers.

Eastern Star news

Robert Lee Eastern Star Chapter No. 187 held their regular meeting January 13, 2005. Jeffie Roberts, Worthy Matron, conducted the meeting. The Chapter voted to donate \$25.00 to the Coke County Livestock Show Association and support the

boys and girls who show livestock at the County Stock Show. They also voted to host the April birthday party at the nursing home in Robert Lee.

Anne Langston of San Angelo and Deputy Grand

Matron, District 5 Section 1 gave her instructions from the Worthy Grand Matron. Present at the meeting were members and visitors from San Angelo, Winters, Bronte and Robert Lee.

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Monday, Jan. 24

Juice, biscuit, sausage, cereal, milk

Tuesday, Jan. 25

Juice, pop tart, cereal, milk

Wed., Jan. 26

Juice, donut, cereal, milk

Thurs., Jan. 27

Juice, pigs in blanket, cereal, milk

Friday, Jan. 28

Juice, muffin, cereal, milk

Lunch

Monday, Jan. 24

Pizza, corn, salad, applesauce, teddy grahams, milk

Tuesday, Jan. 25

Chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, green beans, sliced bread, pineapple, milk

Wed., Jan. 26

Bean chalupa, salad, cheese, Spanish rice, fresh fruit, milk

Thurs., Jan. 27

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Friday, Jan. 28

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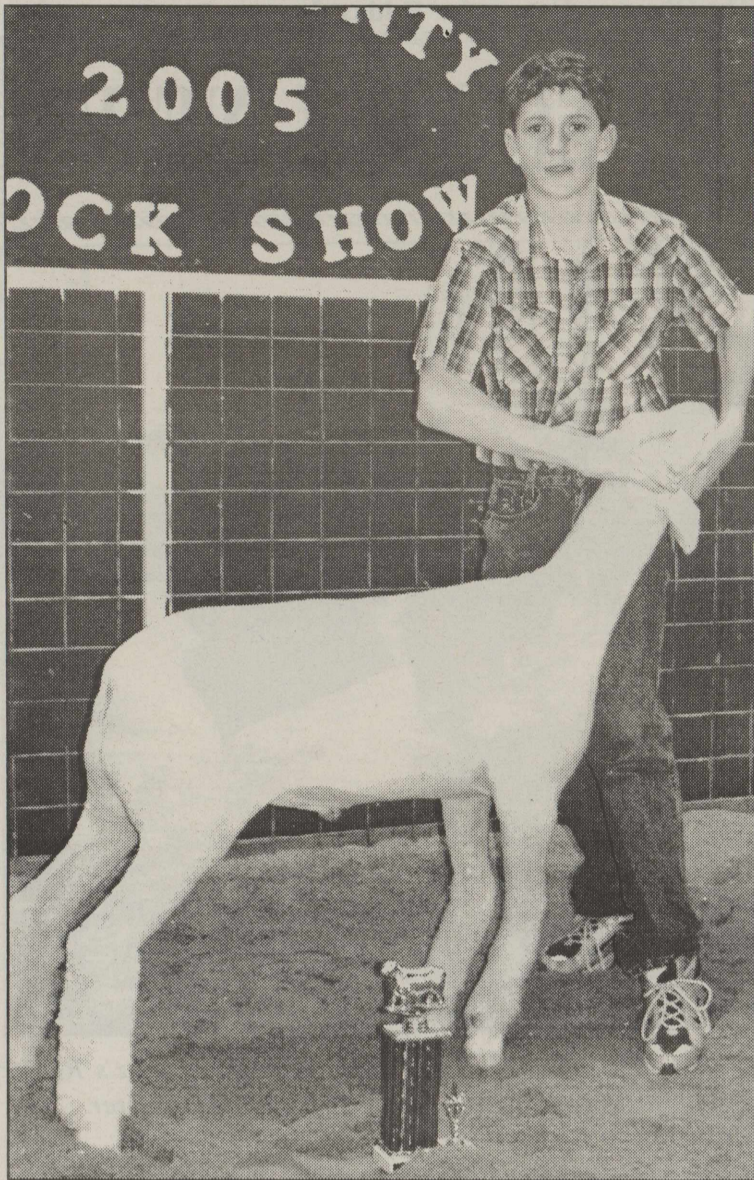
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The Reserve Champion Finewool Lamb at last weekend's Coke County Stock Show was exhibited by Blake Millican.



Granddad Bob Ragsdale is a perennial buyer at the county stock show, splitting the purchase with the other granddad, A. B. Brisbin. Shown here with granddad are Dawson Brisbin and his Reserve Champion Southdown Lamb, and Briana Brisbin, who exhibited the Champion Southdown Lamb.

Coke County Stock Show Results
January 14 & 15, 2005

Lambs:

Lightweight Finewool

1. Cody Bridges; 2. Blake Millican; 3. Kyla Millican; 4. Briana Brisbin; 5. Stacey Denton; 6. Cody Denton; 7. Molli Hinderliter; 8. Cooper Hinderliter

Heavyweight Finewool

1. Blake Millican; 2. Kyla Millican; 3. Briana Brisbin; 4. Cody Bridges; 5. Cody

6. Garrett Blair

Champion Finewool - Cody Bridges

Reserve Champion Finewool - Blake Millican

Light Finewool Cross

1. Dawson Brisbin; 2. Clay Antilley; 3. Cody Bridges; 4. Clay Antilley; 5. Cooper Hinderliter; 6. Kacee Roberts; 7. Taylor Percifull; 8. Garrett Blair

Medium weight Finewool Cross

1. Blake Millican; 2. Clay

- Antilley; 3. Cody Bridges; 4. Dawson Brisbin; 5. Dawson Brisbin; 6. Robert Raney; 7. Molli Hinderliter

Heavyweight Finewool Cross

1. Kyla Millican; 2. Kyla Millican; 3. Blake Millican; 4. Clay Antilley; 5. Briana Brisbin; 6. Cody Denton; 7. Briana Brisbin; 8. Kacee Roberts; 9. Stacey Denton; 10. Garrett Blair

Champion Finewool Cross - Kyla Millican

Reserve Champion Finewool Cross - Kyla Millican

Southdown

1. Briana Brisbin; 2. Dawson Brisbin; 3. Cody Denton; 4. Cooper Hinderliter; 5. Robert Raney; 6. Stacey Denton; 7. Molli Hinderliter

- Champion Southdown - Briana Brisbin
- Reserve Southdown - Dawson Brisbin

Lightweight Mediumwool

1. Clay Antilley; 2. Stacey Denton; 3. Briana Brisbin; 4. Cooper Hinderliter; 5. Taylor Percifull; 6. Robert Raney; 7. Molli Hinderliter

Heavyweight Mediumwool

1. Cody Bridges; 2. Kacee Roberts; 3. Kacee Roberts; 4. Cody Bridges; 5. Cody Denton; 6. Robert Raney

Champion Mediumwool - Cody Bridges

Reserve Champion Mediumwool - Clay Antilley

Grand Champion Lamb - Kyla Millican

Reserve Champion Lamb - Cody Bridges

Meat Goats

Class #1

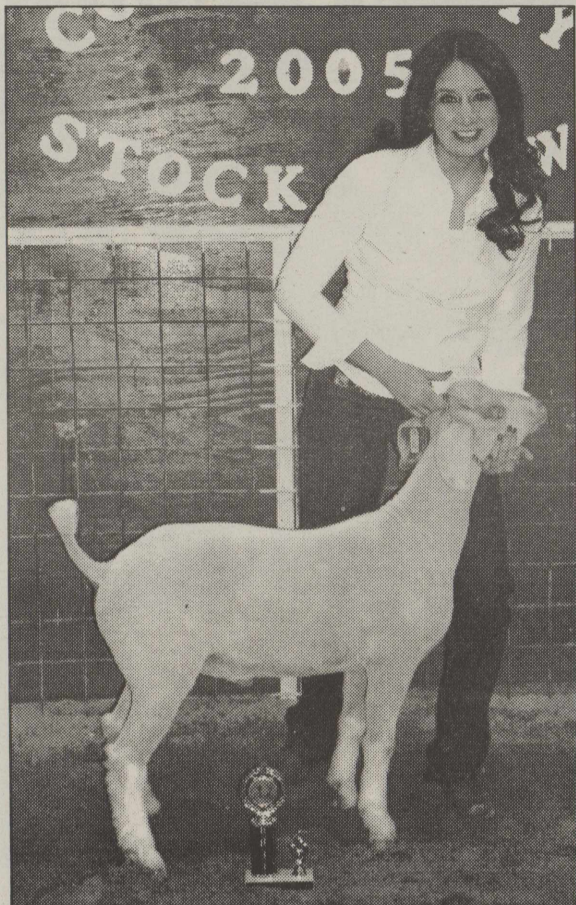
1. Ginny Caston; 2. Zachary Sanchez; 3. Bailey McGlothlin; 4. Nancy Landeros; 5. Bailey McGlothlin; 6. Charissa Caston; 7. Logan McGlothlin; 8. Cory Cooper; 9. Alexis Mendoza; 10. Stacey Denton; 11. Sarah Walker; 12. Sergio Rocha; 13. Sarah Walker; 14. Alexis Mendoza

Class #2

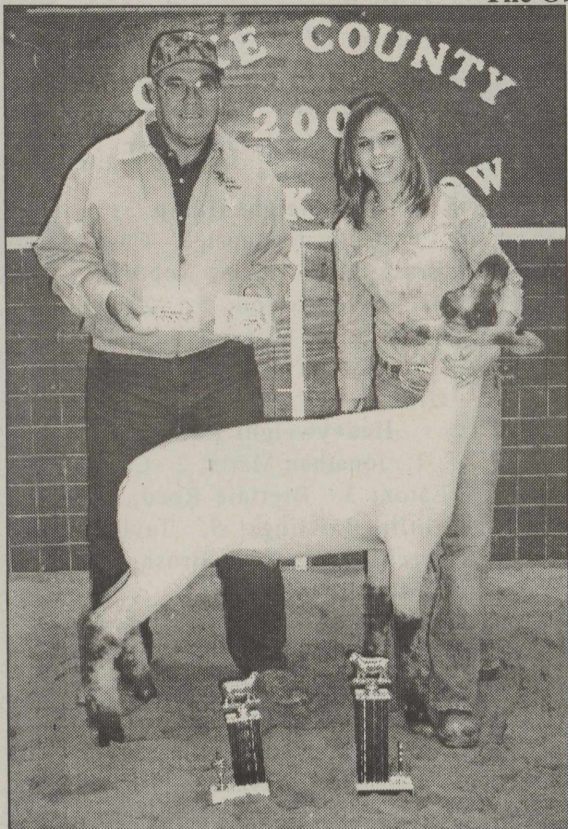
1. Cody Bridges; 2. Michele Sanchez; 3. Cody Brosh; 4. Kyle Kelton; 5. Cody Brosh; 6. Brettne Reed; 7. Jael Williams; 8. Logan McGlothlin; 9. Cooper Hinderliter; 10. Charles Lloyd; 11. Mason Jackson; 12. Amanda Mendoza; 13.

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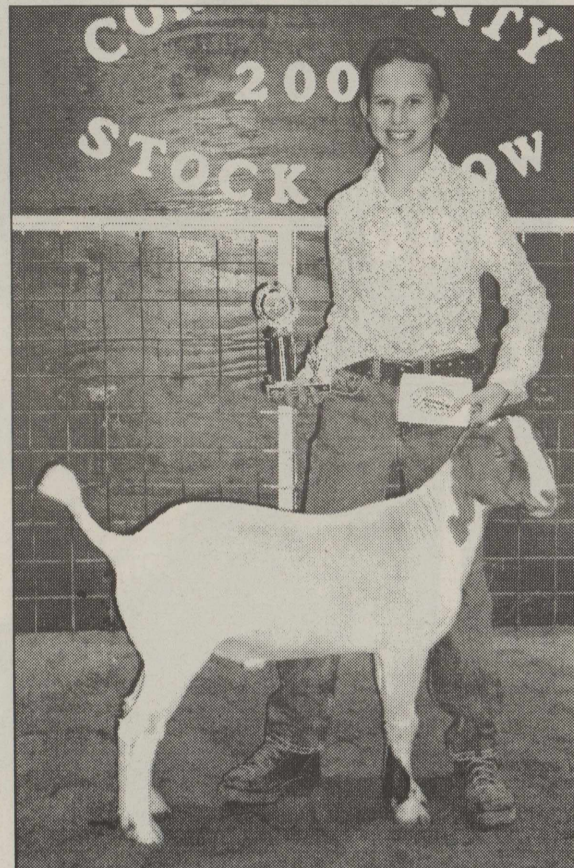
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The Grand Champion Meat Goat at this year's show was exhibited by Michele Sanchez. Michele was also selected as the Goat Showmanship winner.



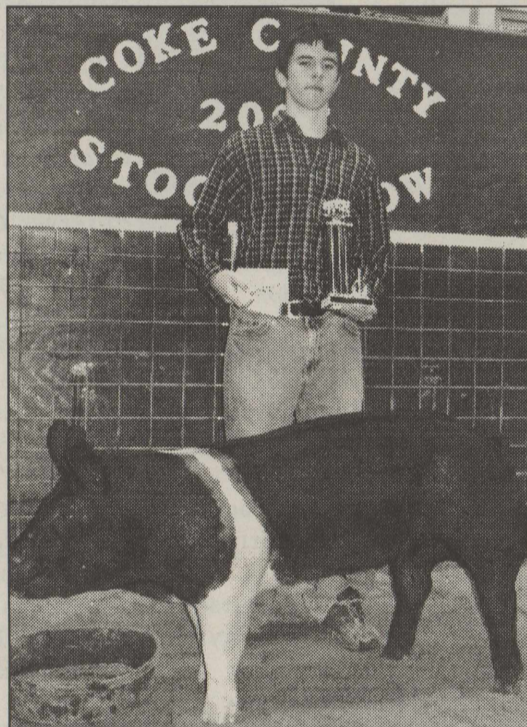
In addition to exhibiting the Champion Finewool Cross Lamb, the Reserve Champion Finewool Cross Lamb, and the Grand Champion Lamb of this year's county stock show, Kyla Millican was also named Lamb Showmanship winner. Shown with Kyla is Bobby Roberts, representing the Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau, who purchased the Grand Champion Lamb.



Emilee Yanez showed this entry, winning the Reserve Grand Champion Meat Goat award at this year's show.



Eaton wins big! (left) In addition to receiving the Swine Showmanship award, Cara Eaton exhibited the Reserve Champion Hampshire Pig, the Reserve Champion Crossbred Pig, and the Reserve Grand Champion Pig at this year's county show.



Jonathan Marrs (right) added to his successes of the past by exhibiting the Reserve Champion White OPB Pig, the Champion Hampshire Pig, and the Grand Champion Pig of the 2005 Coke County Stock Show.

Garrett Jackson; 14. Sergio Rocha; 15. Taylor Foster

Class #3

1. Briana Brisbin; 2. Michele Sanchez; 3. Cody Bridges; 4. Kyle Kelton; 5. Kyle Kelton; 6. Zachary Sanchez; 7. Michele Sanchez; 8. Cody Denton; 9. Brettnie Reed; 10. Logan Philley; 11. Michael Rodriquez; 12. Mason Jackson; 13. Amanda Mendoza; 14. Cody Brosh; 15. Nancy Landeros

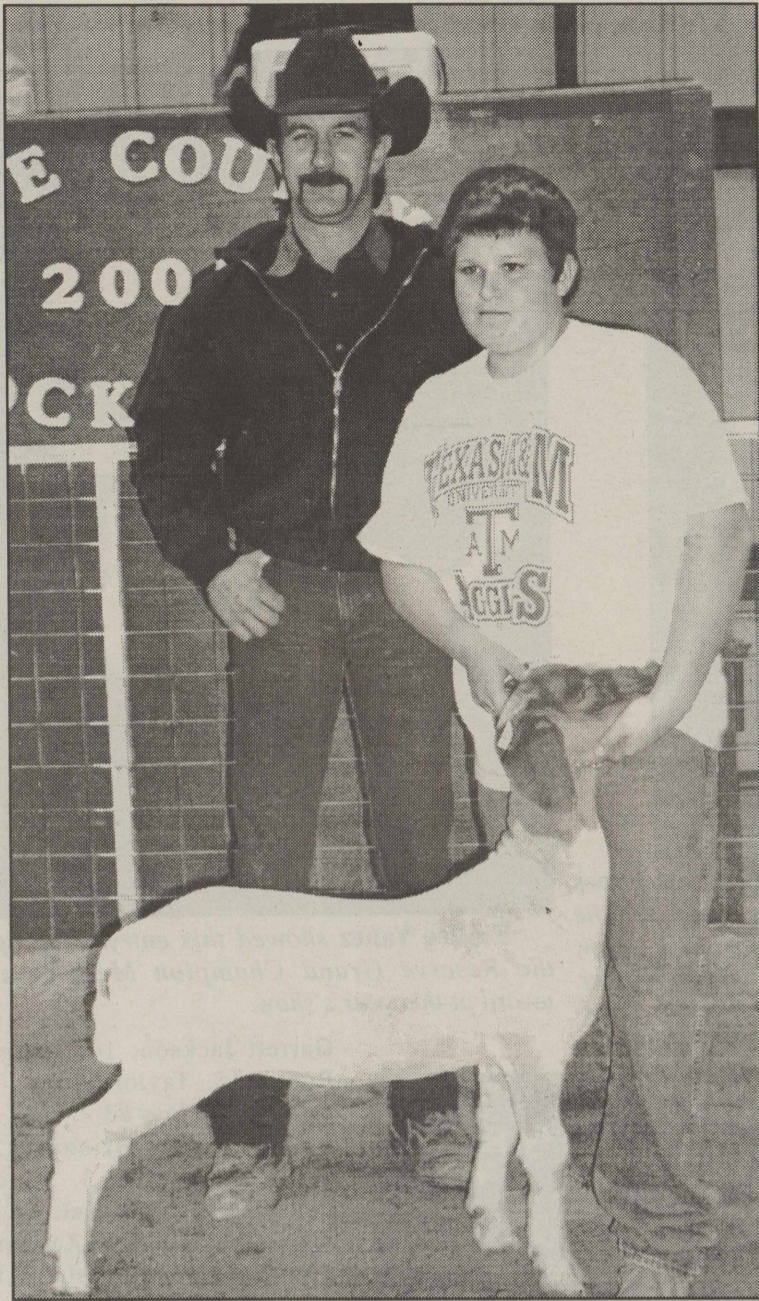
Class #4

1. Emilee Yanez; 2. Zachary Sanchez; 3. Briana Brisbin; 4. Zachary Sanchez; 5. Makenna Netting; 6. Dawson Brisbin; 7. Jael Williams; 8. Stacey Denton; 9. Rebecca Rawlings; 10.

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Joe Harmon purchased this meat goat exhibited by Cody Denton, in memory of Finis and LaRue Harmon.

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 Logan Philley; 11. Molli Hinderliter; 12. Garrett Jackson; 13. Paul McConnell; 14. Michael Rodriquez

Class #5
 1. Michele Sanchez; 2. Dawson Brisbin; 3. Makenna Netting; 4. Makenna Netting; 5. Jael Williams; 6. Logan Philley; 7. Emilee Yanez; 8. Brettanie Reed; 9. Samuel Rawlings; 10. Samuel Rawlings; 11. Philip Rawlings; 12. Paul McConnell

Grand Champion Goat - Michele Sanchez
Reserve Grand Champion Goat - Emilee Yanez

Swine
Lightweight Duroc
 1. Kacee Roberts; 2. Ashley Royall; 3. Katie Cooper; 4. Cody Bridges; 5. Brody Dillard; 6. Clayton Foster

Heavyweight Duroc
 1. Clay Antilley; 2. Cody Brosh; 3. Kollin Meek; 4. Kyle Kelton
Champion Duroc - Clay Antilley

The Champion White OPB Pig (right) at the 65th edition of the Coke County Stock Show was shown by Ashley Royall.

Reserve Champion Duroc - Kacee Roberts

Lightweight Hamp
 1. Cody Bridges; 2. Case Braswell; 3. Kacee Roberts; 4. Kyle Kelton; 5. Zach Skinner; 6. Megan Gibbs; 7. Cara Eaton; 8. Sherman Griffin

Heavyweight Hamp
 1. Jonathan Marrs; 2. Cara Eaton; 3. Brettanie Reed; 4. Philip Rawlings; 5. Taylor Percifull; 6. Cody Brosh; 7. Taylor Percifull

Champion Hamp - Jonathan Marrs

Reserve Champion Hamp - Cara Eaton

Lightweight White OPB
 1. Ashley Royall; 2. Cara Eaton; 3. Dawson Brisbin; 4. Cara Eaton; 5. Briana Brisbin; 6. Stetson Emfinger; 7. Sam Rawlings; 8. Cooper Hinderliter

Heavyweight White OPB
 1. Jonathan Marrs; 2. Ashley Sawyer; 3. Chelsea Meek; 4. Haden Dillard; 5. Cody Bridges; 6. Case Braswell; 7. Brettanie Reed; 8. Cody Brosh

Champion White OPB - Ashley Royall

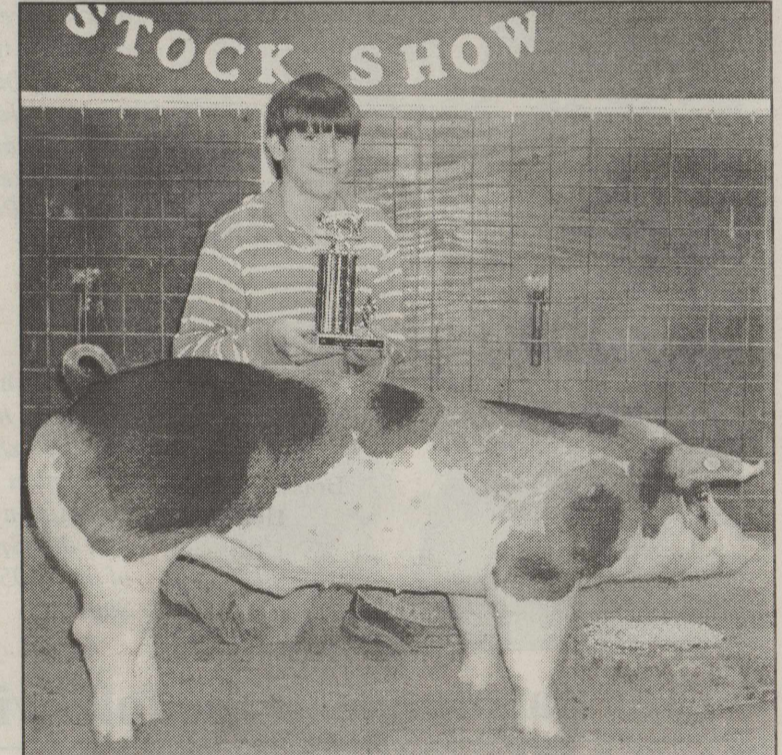
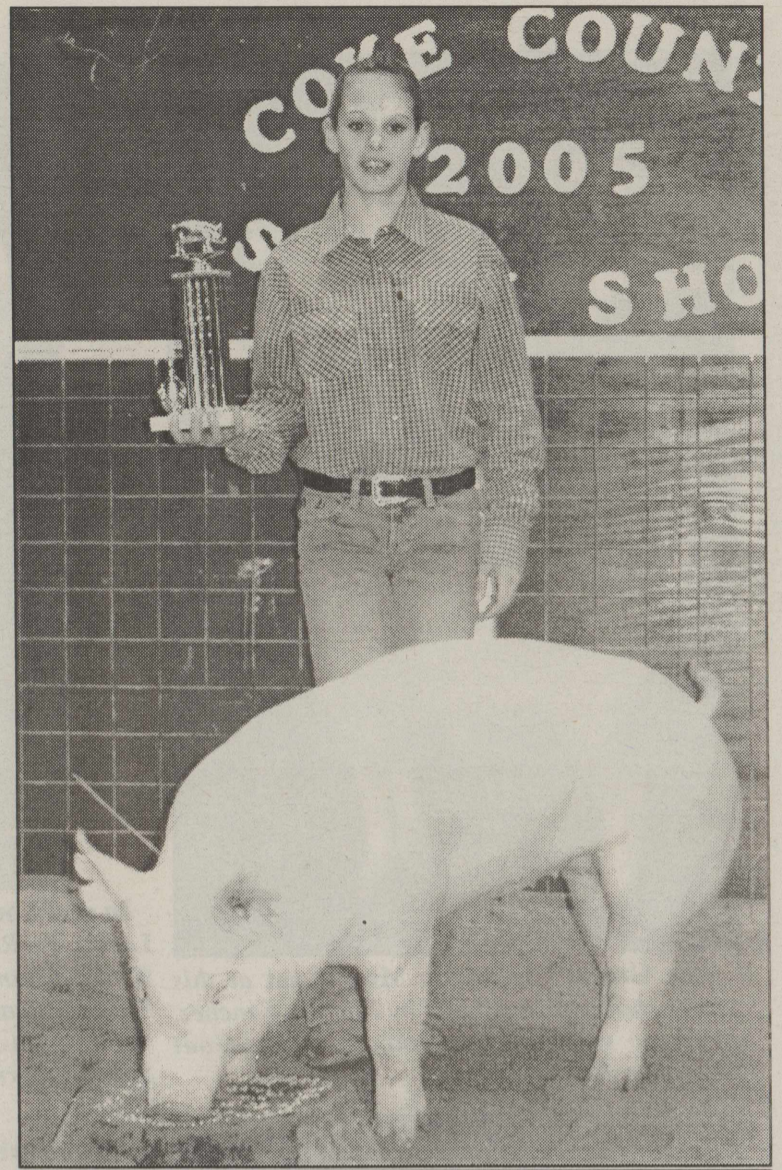
Reserve Champion White OPB - Jonathan Marrs

Black OPB
 1. Cody Bridges; 2. Taylor Percifull; 3. Kacee Roberts; 4. Molli Hinderliter; 5. Clayton Foster
Champion Black OPB - Cody Bridges

Reserve Champion Black OPB - Taylor Percifull

Lightweight Crossbred
 1. Megan Gibbs; 2. Cara Eaton; 3. Jonathan Marrs; 4. Kasie Skinner; 5. Becca Skinner; 6. Makensie Gibbs; 7. Kyle Kelton; 8. Taylor Percifull; 9. Sherman Griffin

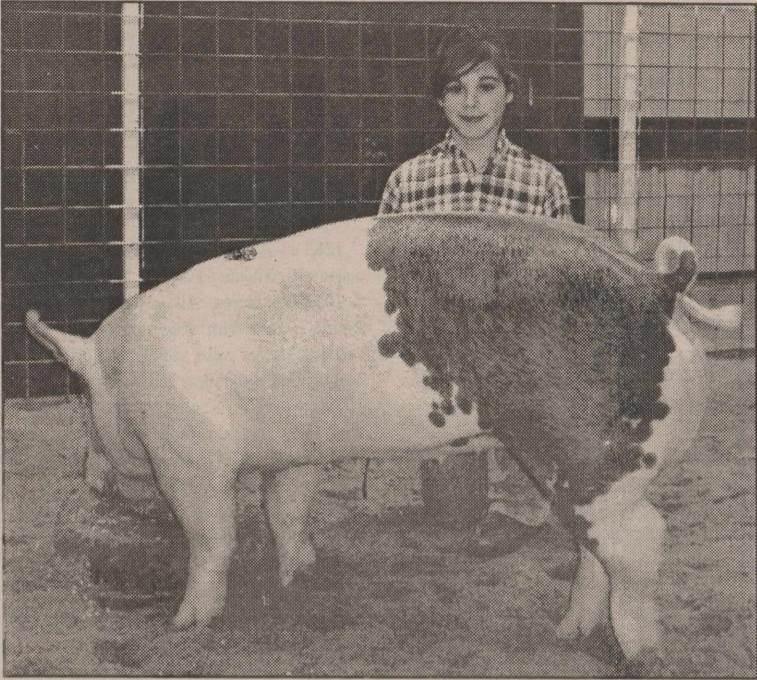
Heavyweight Crossbred
 1. Paige Royall; 2. Cara Eaton; 3. Ashley Sawyer; 4.



Taylor Percifull fed and exhibited the Reserve Champion Black OPB Pig of this year's show.

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The Champion Crossbred Pig was exhibited by Paige Royall.



Reserve Champion Duroc Pig was exhibited by Kacee Roberts.

Ariel Coalson; 5. Cody Bridges; 6. Cody Bridges; 7. Zach Skinner; 8. Taylor Percifull
Champion Crossbred - Paige Royall
Reserve Champion Crossbred - Cara Eaton
Grand Champion Swine - Jonathan Marrs
Reserve Grand Champion Swine - Cara Eaton
Steers

ABC

1. Clay Antilley; 2. Clay Antilley

English

1. Riley Coalson

Lightweight Cross

1. Clay Antilley; 2. Chelsea Cook; 3. Reese Braswell; 4. Casey Harris

Heavyweight Cross

1. Clay Antilley; 2. Creed Coalson; 3. Chelsea Cook; 4. Chelsea Cook

Champion Cross Steer - Clay Antilley

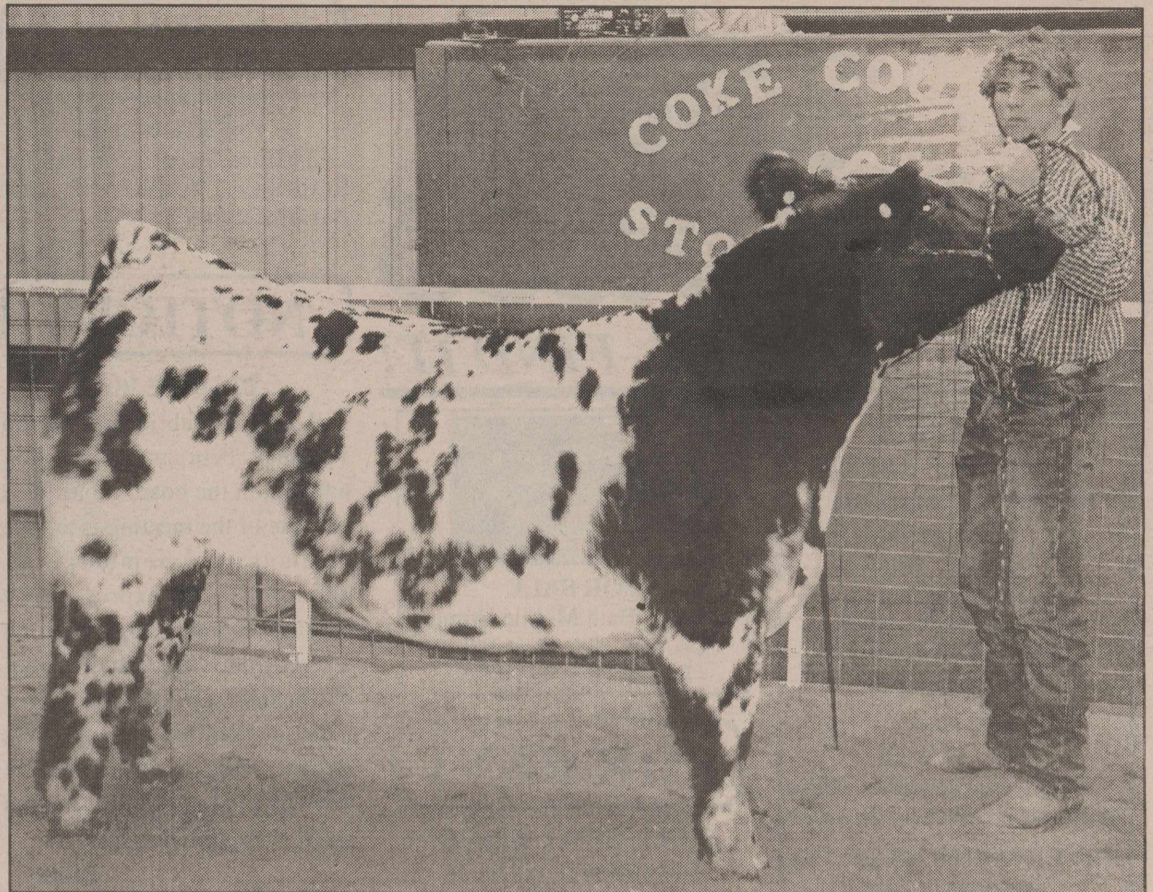
Reserve Champion Cross Steer - Clay Antilley

Grand Champion Steer - Clay Antilley

Reserve Grand Champion Steer - Riley Coalson

Showmanship Awards:

Lamb - Kyla Millican; Goat - Michele Sanchez; Swine - Cara Eaton; Steer - Clay



Reserve Grand Champion Steer of the 2005 show was shown by Riley Coalson.

Antilley; Frank Percifull Overall Showmanship - Cody Bridges

Alderman Cave Top Hand Award - Robert Raney

Ralph Walker Memorial Top Hand Award - Cody Bridges

Sorosis Study

Club news

On January 13th, the following members met at Jane Wheat's home for the regular monthly meeting of the Sorosis Study Club. Marilyn Bivins, Celia Bowden, Jean Fancher, Lanette Fletcher, Mary Frances Glenn, Mary Glenn, Peggy Hembree, Janet Hickman, Joan Lightfoot, Diane Luckett, Earline Moore, Fredna Moore, LouAnna Peters, Charlotte Tounget, Jane Wheat, and Janet Wommack. Guests were: Jane Cumbie, Glenda Draper and Kay Styles.

A delightful book review was presented by Frances Bredmeyer, a 47 year resident of Winters and former school teacher. The book was Patches on My Overalls, by Jack Hatler, relating incidents in his early life in Winters, Texas.

In the brief business meeting that followed, Jane Cumbie, Glenda Draper and Kay Styles were welcomed as new members of the club.

The Chinese Auction was won by Jane Cumbie.

Workday held at RL Cemetery

Members of Hayrick Masonic Lodge in Robert Lee conducted a workday at the Robert Lee Cemetery on December 18, 2004. Due to heavy rains during the last several months, many graves had sunk. They filled in and worked on 30 graves. Workers present were John Jacobs, Bobby Roberts, John Carver, Gaylon Pitcock, Wayland Drennan, Bobby Blaylock, David Chesshir, Tim Lee, Pete Prentice, and Donny Robertson, all members of Hayrick Lodge. Other workers were Roy Tinkler, Jeffie Roberts and Linda Burns.

Fire School

registration underway

The school will be held February 11-13, 2005 at the Camp Bowie Military Reservation in Brownwood. The sessions are sponsored by Texas Forest Service and the Dam Volunteer Fire Department.

Courses being offered are Wildland Firefighting for Volunteer and Career Departments, GPS Orientation, Tanker Shuttle,

Mini Engine - Academy, Grants for the Fire Service and Rest and Rehab for Fatigued Fire Fighters. These classes offer instruction in fire fighting methods, structure triage, tactics and suppression, safety, tools and equipment. Also included are tanker functions and planning, foreman duties, GPS orientation and function, and rest and rehabilitation for fatigued fire fighters. These classes will include classroom and field exercises with a live burn. Personal Protective Equipment will be required for participation in field exercises.

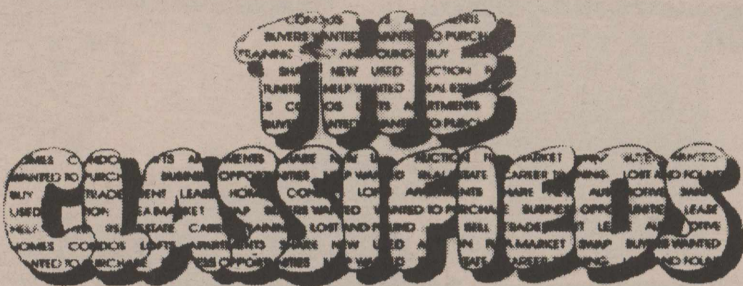
Although the classes are geared toward fire departments, auxiliary groups and citizen emergency response teams, they are open to anyone interested in attending.

Detailed information and registration can be obtained on line at www.tamu.edu/ticc. Tuition Grants are available through the Forest Service. Contact Rick Boehm at 979-458-7351 for grant information.

For cost, class and registration information, call Nick Harrison at 325-676-5827 or Dam Volunteer Fire Department by Mona McCombs at 325-784-7544.

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BRONTE ISD
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RLISD SCHEDULES PUBLIC HEARING
Robert Lee ISD will hold a public hearing on Thursday, January 27 at 7:00 pm in the high school library. The purpose of the meeting is to give the community members an opportunity to express their opinion regarding applying for a waiver from TEA to start school on August 16, 2005. If a waiver is not applied for and approved, RLISD would not be allowed to start school until the week of August 22, 2005. August 21, 2005 is on a Sunday. Texas Education Code (TEC) 25.0811 states that school districts may begin instruction for the school year only during or after the week in which August 21 falls.

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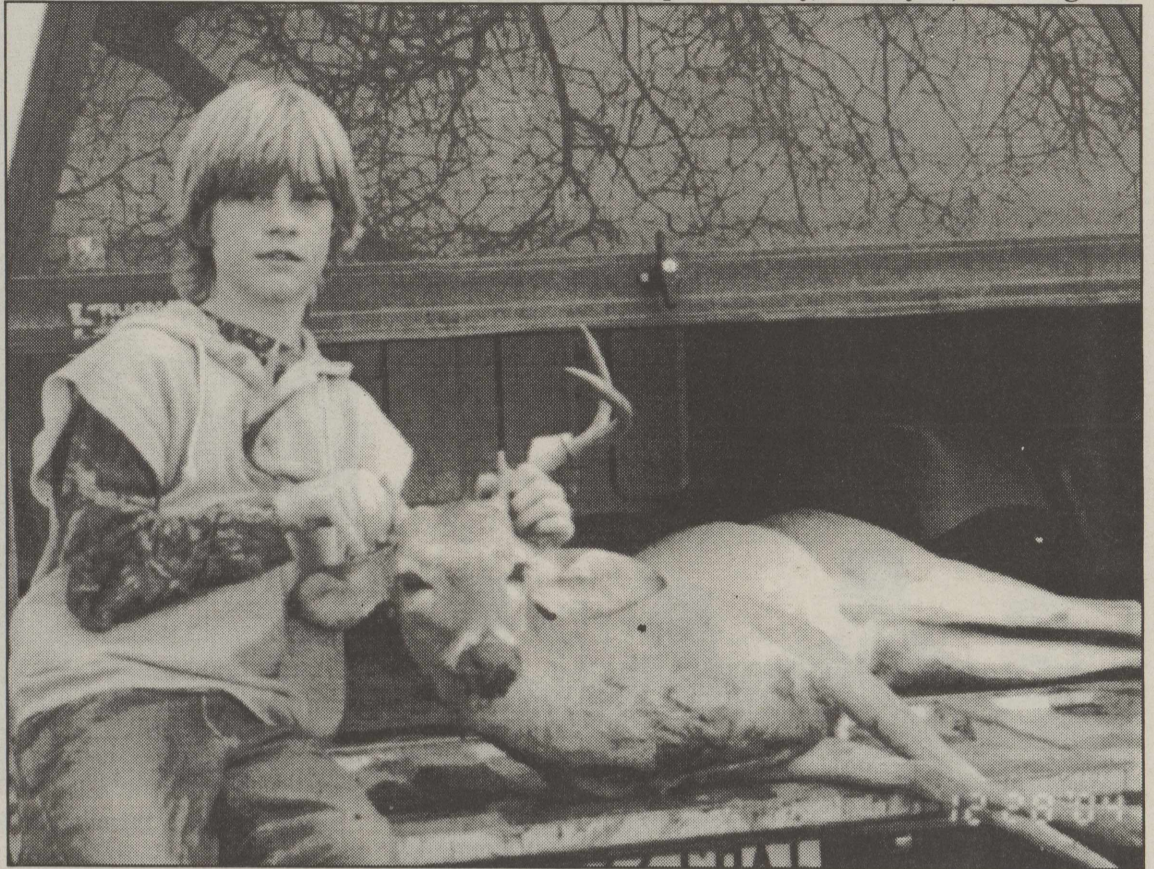
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9 Pointer! Mason Ross of Robert Lee came home with this 9 point buck on December 4, 2004. The deer's spread was 15 1/4". Mason bagged the buck south of Robert Lee on the Ross Mott Place. He is the son of Ricky and Becky Ross of Robert Lee.



Philly takes buck! Logan Philley, 11, brought down this nice 7 point buck on December 29, 2004. The spread measured 15 1/2 inches. Logan is the son of Tim and Kim Philley of Robert Lee and the grandson of Wayne and Caryln Smith of Cleveland, Ohio.

RLVFD news

By Marian Thompson
Secretary

Fourteen members of the fire department met on January 3rd at the station for the first business of 2005. The minutes and treasury reports were accepted as read.

Bud Thompson gave the December Dispatch report. 1 business meeting, training classes and work nights were not recorded, (firemen did not write down their time at the station), 40 recorded activity hours, 1 assist WCCEMS with landing zone, 4 fire department calls, 3 county, 1 city, 24 man hours, 3 1/2 truck hours, 33 1/2 truck miles one way plus personal vehicles, 2 MVA's both on N. 208, 1 smoke report, which was controlled on 158. The city pumper truck took Santa to the courthouse to greet the children, to the Care Center, and also to Head Start for their Christmas party.

Yearly report: 13 regular meetings, 32 recorded training classes, 10 work nights, 1,663 activity hours, 6 assist WCC EMS with landing zone, 51 fire department calls dispatched, 29 county, 19 city, 2 others, 837 1/2 man hours, 142 truck hours, 398 truck miles one way, the same miles for personal vehicles, 78 acres burned in Coke County per Forest Service, 15 motor vehicle accidents, 1 smoke during the burn ban (controlled burn), 6 grass fires, including 4 days of wild fires, 4 structure fires, 3 vehicle fires, 5 false alarms/canceled in route, 5 aggressive bees, 1 search and

rescue, 1 assist Sheriff's office with cattle on highway, 1 electric wire on road, 3 spotter activity, 6 landing zones.

Fire department activities for 2004: January fish fry, boat raffle, sold tickets for dinner and show, helped with second fish fry in October, and all money went into building fund.

Other fundraisers were 911 reflective house signs, and clean-all rags. Six men went to Abilene and 4 to Mineral Wells for Haz-mat, Fire Science, Prevention and Investigation, all Specialized Training classes. Locally they attended classes in Skywarn Training, Extraction Class, Repelling Class, and had an Electric Demonstration relating to Cause of Fires, at the station.

The men had help with the removal of the old station and cement slab. They were at the fire station daily while the new building was under construction. The renovation of truck #3 was completed and it was on standby for the

Bon Fire. It went to the school and Head Start for Fire Prevention Week. 4 trucks were in the Homecoming Parade. They spent many hours repairing and painting truck #5 and #6 after the Wildland fires. The pumper truck was at the January fish fry, the Street Affair, took Santa to the courthouse, the Care Center and also to Head Start. The men worked about 300 hours to ready the station for the ribbon cutting and fish fry when the new building was completed.

Raneys enjoy holiday visitors

Visitors in the home of Marie & Robert Raney during the Christmas holidays were Margie & Rebekah Frasier of Odessa, Dan Frasier & friend from Gulfport, MS, Edwin Frasier & family from Mansfield, TX, Dorothy & Sabrina Barton and Ronnie Martin, all of Robert Lee. This was Marie's son Dan's first leave since returning from Iraq. Everyone enjoyed a long visit.

Harmons visit relatives for Christmas dinner

The Floyd Harmon family enjoyed Christmas dinner on Christmas Day in the home of Wayne and Dorene Mashburn

of San Angelo. Those present were Floyd and Jessie Harmon, Bobby and Jeffie Roberts, Marshall and Sheri Millican and Douglas Roberts, all of Robert Lee; Lawana Perry of Carlsbad; Troy Millican of Sterling City; Jerry and Janie Harmon of Weatherford; Stewart Millican of Stephenville; Kannan Moore of Aledo; Rick and Cheri Mashburn and Tony and Alex Mashburn of Salado; Paul Mashburn of Georgetown; and Wayne and Dorene Mashburn, Rena Johnson, Brady Johnson, Jessica Johnson and Sergio all of San Angelo.

Roberts Family plays host to holiday visitors

Visiting in the home of Bobby and Jeffie Roberts of Robert Lee for several days during the Christmas and New Year holidays were Sheila (Roberts) Farrar and Lauren Hammerton of Houston; Crystal Hammerton and Ryan Stanford of Weatherford; and Kacee and James Roberts of Robert Lee. Others that joined them for various occasions were Lawana Perry of Carlsbad and Douglas and Denise of Roberts of Robert Lee.

OPEN LETTER TO RESPONSIBLE PARENTS AND TO ALL RESPONSIBLE COKE COUNTY VOTERS

I am afraid that we, Coke County Voters, may become promoters of drug abuse if we do not **VOTE AGAINST the SALE OF BEER AND WINE FOR OFF PREMISE CONSUMPTION** in our beautiful towns of Robert Lee, Bronte, and our County. These little towns, and Coke County, at that, are beautiful and clean because we have not made alcohol readily available at every business establishment.

The ad in the January 14, 2005, issue of the Observer/Enterprise promoting a "yes" vote on the sale of beer and wine for off premise consumption is based on the almighty dollar and ignores the most important factors in our lives, i.e., "Quality of Life" and the well being of our youth. If the person who placed the ad were to be asked if he were against drugs, he would, more than likely say, "Of course, I am against drugs! Do you think I am a hypocrite?"

Well, alcohol is a drug that causes many problems. It is more dangerous than it seems and it hurts people in many ways. I am a businessman and I can attest to the fact that alcohol has been the cause of the only problems that I've had in my business. **Sober** people have **not** knocked down my doors, **nor** have they destroyed property, or have been disorderly; **only intoxicated people have done that.**

If money is the sole factor to consider, then we should be allowed to sell drugs and allow other lucrative but harmful businesses to flourish just because they bring in more money to our businesses and more sales taxes to our local governments.

Making alcohol readily available will be harmful to our "Quality of Life" and especially to our beautiful youth that we so much treasure. We do not need this kind of money in Coke County!

SAY "NO" TO DRUGS BY VOTING "NO" ON THE SALE OF BEER AND WINE FOR OFF PREMISE CONSUMPTION. YOU WILL BE GLAD YOU DID!

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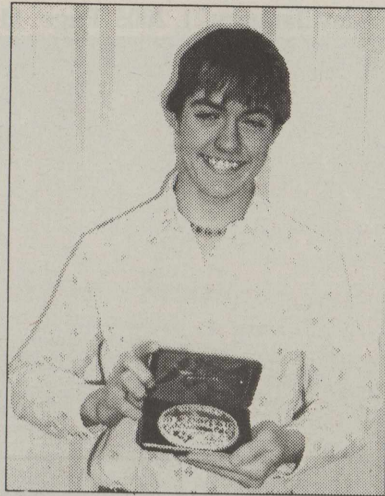
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Robert Raney (left) displays his buckle as the Alderman Cave Top Hand award winner of the 2005 county stock show. This is a new award, selected by committee, that rewards one exhibitor each year for their hard work on their livestock projects.



Sometimes overlooked are the hard working cooks who stay up all night on Friday night preparing the excellent brisket and sausage that all enjoy during the barbecue lunch on Saturday. They are (from left): Keith Dillard, Gaylon Pitcock, Wayland Drennan, and Curtis Blair.



Local gun club receives recognition! Richard Johnson and Tom Sawyer display the certificate given to Red Canyon Gun Club for 17 years of continuous shooting matches.

RCGC receives certificate from NRA

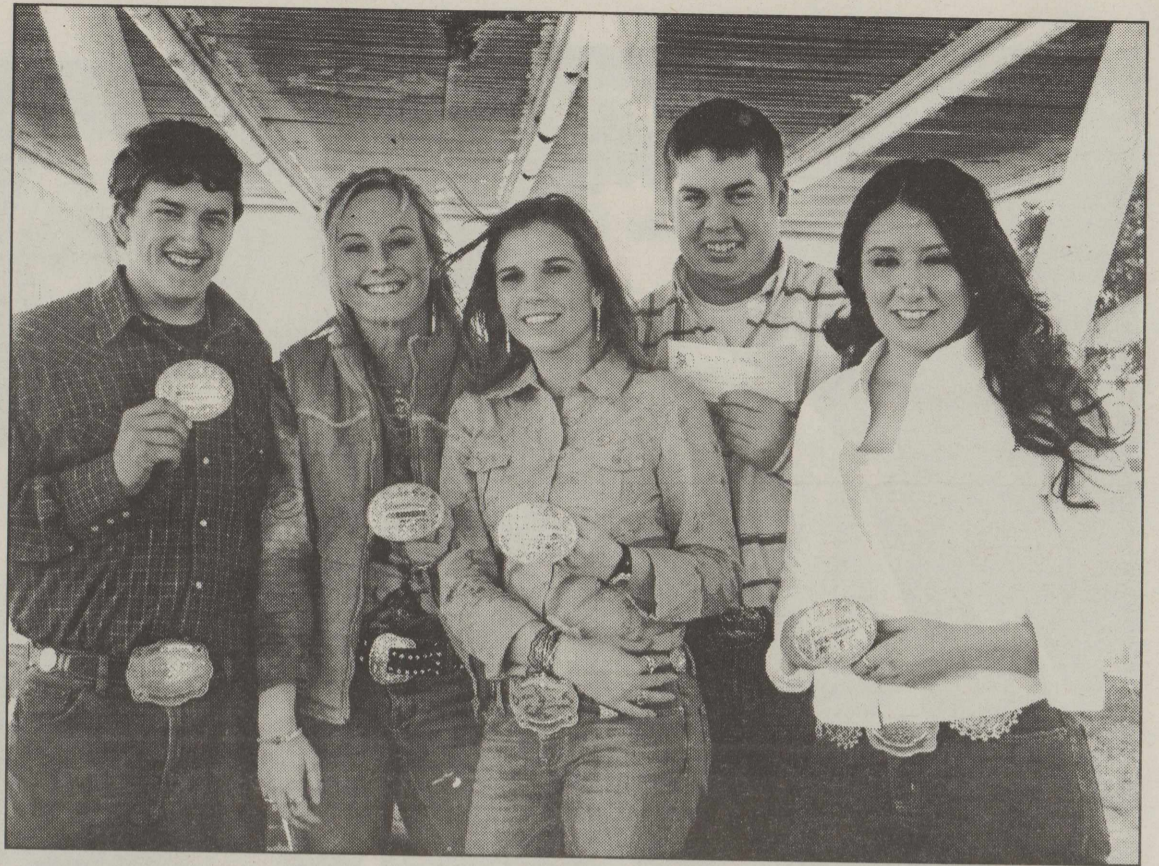
The Red Canyon Gun Club recently received a certificate for competitive shooting from the National Rifle Association for seventeen years of continuous monthly shooting matches. Red Canyon had one of the longest continual matches (192) both rifle and pistol in Texas. In 1987, the club had its first NRA approved match, which was a Small Bore Silhouette Rifle match with 17 shooters from Robert Lee and around the area. From 1987 to 1991, the club began having approved Rifle and Pistol matches each month in the year, and continued until August of 2004. The club currently has no matches scheduled for 2005.

During the period of the matches, 4 shooters have shot their way into the permanent NRA national records book by winning their prestigious "Grand Slam" in silhouette pistol shooting, to achieve this a shooter must shoot a perfect 10 steel silhouettes in a NRA

approved match, 10 chickens at 40 meters, 10 pigs at 50 meters, 10 turkeys at 75 meters and 10 rams at 100 meters. Jim Brisbin of Sonora in 1995 in small bore pistol, Richard Johnson of Robert Lee in 1997 in small bore pistol and 2001 in hunter pistol, Doug Randel of Big Spring in 2002 in small bore pistol and 2003 in hunter pistol, and Linda Randel of Big Spring in 2003 for small bore pistol.

Red Canyon Gun and Archery Club offers a good safe place to shoot any type of rifle, pistol or shotgun, with covered shooting benches, and ranges from 25 yards to 220 yards. The club is a state certified law enforcement training range. Vice President Tom Sawyer Jr. is a state certified Concealed Handgun Instructor since 1996. President Richard Johnson is a NRA certified rifle, pistol and shotgun instructor and also is currently on the state 4-H shooting sports advisory staff.

Membership is open to anyone who is 18 years or older and willing to follow club safety rules and guidelines. For



Showmanship Winners! Winning Showmanship awards at this year's Coke County Junior Livestock Show were (from left) Clay Antilley, Steers; Cara Eaton, Swine; Kyla Millican, Lambs; Cody Bridges, Frank Percifull Overall Showmanship; and Michele Sanchez, Goats.

information, contact Richard Johnson 453-2031 or Tom Sawyer Jr. 453-4349.

Robert Lee Christmas Bird Count conducted

The Robert Lee Christmas Bird Count was conducted December 16, 2004, in four areas around town. The counters have been doing the bird count in this area for many years and come from Midland, Stanton and Robert Lee.

There were 92 species counted for a total of 3,116 birds. A lone turkey buzzard was spotted just before the

Christmas count which is called a "lingerer" by the Audubon group. It is hoped he or she got out before the really cold weather hit.

Sparrows headed the count with some 600 White-crowned Sparrows, 324 House Sparrows, 17 Song Sparrows, 14 Lincoln's Sparrows, 10 Vesper Sparrows, three Field Sparrows, and one lone Fox Sparrow. Northern Mockingbirds were counted at 204.

Eleven different duck species were counted on area water sources. One white pelican was spotted, and thir-

teen Great Blue Herons were seen. Two species of woodpeckers were seen-24 of Golden-fronted and eight Ladder-backed woodpeckers were counted.

Six hawk species and four wren species were counted. House Wrens were a new species counted this year. A total list of the bird species found in this area is available at the Coke County Library.

The first count in Robert Lee was taken in 1973 and the highest number of 111 species was counted in 1974.

LEGAL NOTICE ADVERTISEMENT AND INVITATION FOR BIDS

Coke County will receive bids for City of Bronte Swimming Pool Renovations until 2:00 PM on February 2, 2005, at The C.T. Brannon Corporation, 1321 South Broadway, Tyler, Texas 75701. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:00 PM, on February 2, 2005, at the office of the Engineer.

Bids are invited upon the several items and quantities of work as follows: Modernization and installation of new pool equipment for existing swimming pool.

All quantities are estimated and subject to change. Bid/Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications, are on file at the office of The C.T. Brannon Corporation and Coke County.

One (1) set of proposal, contract, and bonds, plans and specifications may be purchased at the office of The C.T. Brannon Corporation, 1321 South Broadway, Tyler, Texas 75701, (903) 597-2122.

A cashier's check payable to the order of Coke County, in the amount of five per cent (5%) of bid, or Bid Bond issued by a surety licensed to do business in Texas in the amount of five per cent (5%) of the bid shall be submitted with each bid.

Coke County reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding.

Bids may be held by Coke County for a period not to exceed 30 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing bids and investigating the bidder's qualifications prior to the contract award.

In order to assure that all potential bidders receive any corrections or addendums to the specifications, an official "Bidder's List" will be maintained in the Engineer's office for the project. Any notices of changes in the specifications will be sent to those on the "Bidder's List" and the Engineer will not be held responsible for those not on the list.

Judge Roy Blair
Coke County
January 2005