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Coke County livestock show results announced

by Hal Spain, Publisher

If ever you doubt the veracity of a good county stock show as an effective instrument for youth development, follow along with me and you will understand more about the process. The process starts sometimes nearly a year in advance of the show, when projects are selected and bought at sales and by private treaty. The long hours of feeding and exercising teaches the youngster much about the responsibility of owning and caring for livestock, which must be cared for despite school, homework, and other activities in which these youth are involved.

When it comes time for the show, there is much work which has to be done preparing animals for the show and sale. The work's not done when the sale is over, as is described below.

At this year's premium sale, Kim (my wife) and I sat behind long-time county show supporters Wilbern Millican and Dale Wojtek. Dale had just purchased several animals in the premium sale, and we witnessed at least two of these youngsters come up the steps and they either shook Dale's hand or hugged him, expressing their appreciation for purchasing their animals.

Now I don't know how much encouragement or arm-twisting it took from their parents to get these kids up those stairs, but it really doesn't matter. The bottom line is that the work is not over until that contact with the buyer is made, whether it be by a handshake or a hug or by a handwritten note of thanks to the buyer.

Having both showed livestock in high school, Kim and I were moved by these kids' sincere gesture of appreciation, and it reinforced our opinion of the positive nature of the livestock feeding program as a major factor in youth development.

Another highlight of this year's show was the presentation of the plaques to the Three Amigos, namely Wayland Drennan, Roy Tinkler, and Gaylon Pitcock. These three gentlemen have cooked briskets for the show for the past twenty-plus years, and it was a fitting tribute to their efforts.

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

Comedy Sisters coming to Robert Lee!

The Brady Girls - Town & Country Motivational Comedy Presentation - is slated for Robert Lee Friday, January 27, beginning at 6:30 pm in the RLHS auditorium. The evening will benefit the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District through donations at the door.

These ladies, Carolyn Brady Slaughter and Judy Brady Gregg, will have you laughing, crying perhaps, and looking at your own situation with a different perspective. In mid-life, they switched places, one who lived in the country became an executive for a major corporation in a large city and travels the globe. The other, a successful real estate agent and business owner in Texas who traveled extensively, now lives in the country near Bend, Oregon. Their experiences provide for a very entertaining and insightful presentation.

For more information, contact Donna Waldrop at 453-2623, ext. 3.

Relay for Life committee meeting set

The first meeting of the Coke County Cancer Society's 2006 Relay for Life committee will be held Thursday, January 26, 2006, at 6 pm at Bronte City Hall.

All citizens of Coke County are strongly encouraged to attend.

Election dates announced

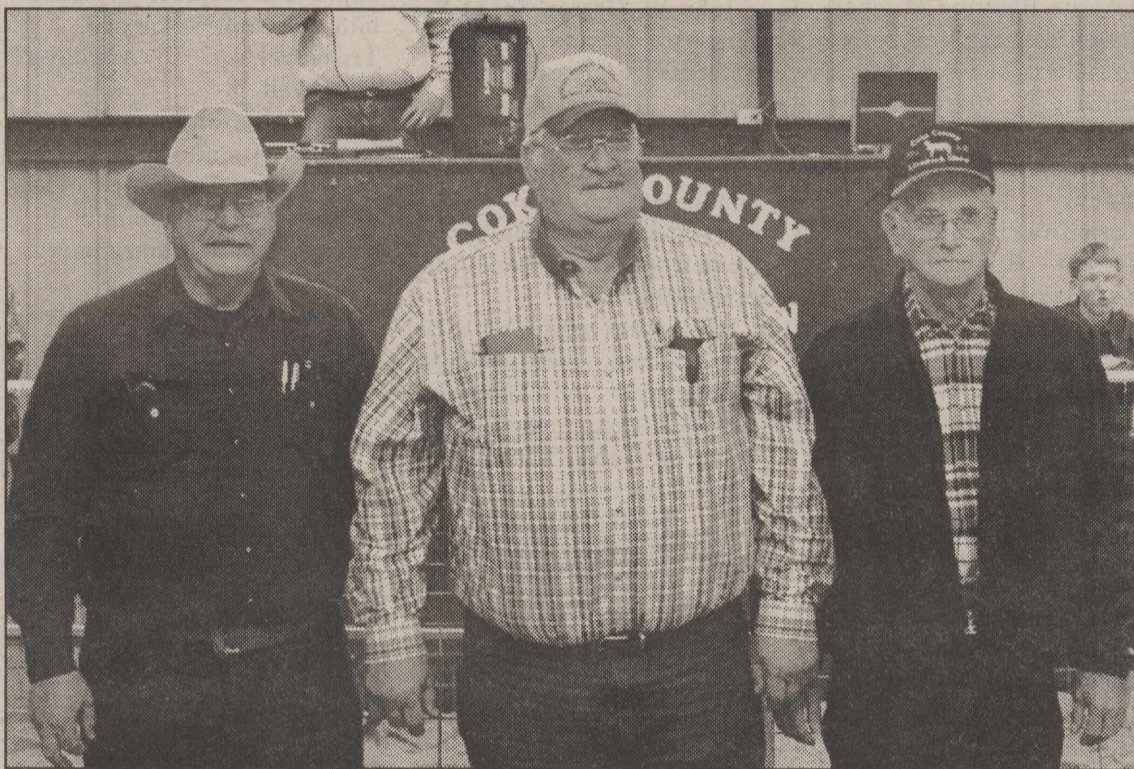
The last day to register to vote in the March 7, 2006, primary election is Monday, February 6, 2006.

Early voting for this election begins Tuesday, February 21, and will continue through Friday, March 3.

Tuesday, February 28, is the final day the clerk's office may receive an application for a ballot by mail.

Early voting at the Law Enforcement Center in Bronte is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, February 22 and 23 and March 1 and 2, from 9 am to 1 pm.

Students who will be 18 years of age by March 7, 2006, will have the opportunity



Honored at Stock Show! The Three Amigos were each presented a special plaque for their twenty plus years of cooking briskets for the Coke County Stock Show. Honored were (l to r): Wayland Drennan, Gaylon Pitcock, and Roy Tinkler.

nity to register to vote at Robert Lee High School Monday, January 30, and at Bronte High School Tuesday, January 31. Demonstrations of the new voting machines will also be given for school personnel during these periods.

Final date to order tree seedlings approaches

The final date to order windbreak tree seedlings through the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District is Monday, January 30, 2006.

Delivery date is set for February 9, 2006. Contact Donna Waldrop at 453-2623 ext. 3.

Fire guard information posted

For information about Fire Guards that may be placed on State Highways for the protection of structures, please call County Judge Roy Blair at 453-2641 or come by the Judge's office to pick up a packet.

New voting machines available for public's inspection

One of the new electronic voting machines is set up in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Coke County Courthouse in Robert Lee. The public is urged to stop by during normal business hours anytime before early voting begins February 21st to familiarize themselves with the new machine. Any group or community organization who

would like to have the machines demonstrated for their members are encouraged to contact the Coke County Clerk's office at 453-2631 to schedule a demonstration.

Skywarn class set February 6th

The RLVFD will sponsor a Skywarn class on February 6th at 7 pm at the fire station. This class will be given by the National Weather Service.

The class will help the average person to understand and read the weather, understand the meaning of cloud formations, and what type of cloud formation could spawn a tornado or damaging hail.

The public is invited to join the fire department in attending this class.

Sorosis Study Club hosting style show

Bronte Sorosis Study Club is hosting a style show sponsored by Stein Mart of Abilene. All of the money raised from the sale of the tickets will go to the Sorosis Club's Bronte High School Scholarship Fund.

The clothes will be from Stein Mart of Abilene and the models will be local! Mark your calendars for Thursday, February 9th at 7 pm. The style show will be at the Fellowship Hall at First Baptist Church, Bronte. Club members will provide refreshments after the show. Come and see the newest trends for Spring.

Rehab telethon phone bank is successful

The Robert Lee phone bank for the West Texas Rehabilitation telethon took

in \$3,830 last Saturday evening, January 21. The phone bank was sponsored by the '64 Study Club.

WVDFD varmint calling contest set

The Water Valley Volunteer Fire Department will hold their annual varmint calling contest on Jan. 28-29 for Tom Green and surrounding counties.

For more information, call 325-484-3388 or 325-484-2405.

Burn bans remain in effect in spite of expected rain

Texas Forest Service fire officials encourage citizens to remain vigilant in their efforts to prevent wildfire, even though some areas of the state are expected to receive rain in the next few days. The extreme drought means that any moisture that does occur will be immediately absorbed by the dry ground and vegetation.

"Folks have a tendency to think that with some rain, the fire danger has passed," said Texas Forest Service Fire Information Officer Traci Weaver. "We want to emphasize that burn bans remain in effect, and it will require a prolonged period of significant rain to return to safe conditions."

Burn bans in 221 counties remain in effect. A map of the counties with burn bans, along with other wildfire-related information, can be

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Mitchell

Annie Beatrice Mitchell of Fredericksburg and formerly of Robert Lee died Monday, January 9, 2006, in a local hospital. Funeral services were at 2 pm Wednesday January 11, 2006, at the Emmanuel Pentecostal Church. Burial followed in Robert Lee Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include her daughters, Bettye Sue McAdams and husband, W.T. of Fredericksburg and Diane Hambright and husband, Elwood of Kerrville; brothers, J.B. Robertson of Robert Lee, Jesse Robertson of San Angelo, and Donny Robertson of Robert Lee; sisters, Bonita Hester of San Angelo and Elaine Bennett of Dallas; two step-sisters, Billie Tally of Cleburne and Lanelle Tomes of Tyler; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Sawyer

Gene Sawyer, 55, died Friday, January 13, 2006, at his residence in Andrews. Memorial services were held at 10 am Tuesday, January 17, in McNett Funeral Home chapel.

Survivors include sons Jay Sawyer of San Angelo and Brian Sawyer of Lamoore, California.; daughters Amy Hale of Robert Lee, Brandi Sawyer of Friendswood and Lyndsey Sawyer of San Marcos; brothers Jimmy Sawyer of Abilene and Johnny Sawyer and Mitch Sawyer both of Andrews; and sisters Venita Shellman of Anaheim, California. and Joretta Woods of Eldorado, Arkansas.

Sharp

Leslie Sharp, 65, of Crane, died Tuesday, January 3, 2006, in an Odessa hospital. Service was held at 10 am Thursday, January 5 in Shaffer-Nichols Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Crane County Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Brenda Sharp of Crane; son Curtis Sharp of Crane; daughters Charmin Sharp and Candy Ingram, both of Crane; and brother Randy Sharp of Water Valley.

Gaston

John W. Gaston Sr. of San Angelo, passed away Saturday, December 31, 2005. He was born on August 9, 1916, in Tennyson.

Graveside services were conducted at 10 am Tuesday, Jan. 3rd in the Mulecreek Cemetery with James Murphy officiating.

He is survived by his wife, Oletha; and three children, Janelle Hale, John Gaston Jr. and Jeff Gaston; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Robert Lee Methodist Church slates five week study

Beginning January 29, 2006, Robert Lee First United Methodist Church will be starting a 5 week Study on Early Church in the Holy Land and Turkey. This study was filmed on location. The session will be held each Sunday evening at 6:00 pm in the Church Fellowship Hall.

For more information, call Jeanette Jacobs at 453-2417.

Valentine supper set February 9

A Valentine supper will be held at the Robert Lee Senior Center on Thursday, February 9, 2006, from 6 to 8 pm.

There will be a potluck meal of soup, salad, and desserts. Please call and RSVP at 453-4780 or on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday mornings at 453-2314. Also, knowing what dish you would like to contribute will also assist in the planning.

Commissioners court meets in regular session

[Editor's Note: It has been our wish here at The Observer/Enterprise for some time to be able to bring Commissioners' Court minutes to our readers. Our thanks to County/District Clerk Mary Grim for her cooperation in this matter.]

On this the 9th day of January, 2006, the Honorable Commissioners Court met in regular session in the usual meeting place thereof, the courthouse in Robert Lee, with the following offices of said Court being present and in attendance, to-wit: Roy Blair County Judge, Gene

Montgomery Commissioner, Pct. #1, Bill Wheat Commissioner, Pct. #2, Gaylon Pitcock Commissioner, Pct. #3, George Snapp Commissioner, Pct. #4, and Mary Grim, Clerk, when the following proceedings were had, to-wit: The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag. Prayer was led by Commissioner Pitcock.

Judge Blair announced the presence of a quorum
Minutes approved

Commissioner Wheat made a motion seconded by Commissioner Snapp to approve December 27, 2005 minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Affidavit approved

Commissioner Pitcock made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Affidavit. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. Motion carried.

Extension reports presented
 County Agents Tommy Antilley and Jan Yanez presented their reports.

Sheriff's report

The Sheriff's report was not available.

Tax Collector's report

Tax A/C Josie Dean presented her report.

Trapper's report

The Trapper's Report was not available. They are in the process of changing computers.

Bonds for auditor and attorney approved

Commissioner Wheat made a motion seconded by Commissioner Pitcock to approve the bonds for Auditor Stover Taylor and County Attorney Nancy Arthur. Motion carried.

Judge Pro-Tem for 2006

elected

Commissioner Wheat made a motion to elect Commissioner Montgomery as Judge Pro-Tem for 2006. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pitcock. Motion carried.

Emergency Disaster Declaration for wildfires extended

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion to accept and extend the Emergency Disaster Declaration for Wildfires. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pitcock. Motion carried.

Action taken on library roof repairs

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion seconded by Commissioner Pitcock for the County to buy the materials and Precinct 1 do the work. Motion carried.

Request from Bronte golf course denied

Bronte Golf Course requested the operations be turned over to the County. Commissioner Pitcock made a motion to not entertain any action. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. Motion carried.

Family Protection fee dropped from fees

Commissioner Snapp made a motion to withdraw the \$30.00 Family Protection fee

from all divorces. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wheat. Motion carried.

County Auditor certified by District Clerk

County/District Clerk Mary Grim presented an order from District Judge Barbara Walther appointing Stover Taylor to serve as County Auditor for a term beginning on January 1, 2006 and ending on December 31, 2007.

Bronte swimming pool

It was reported by the foreman that they are ahead of schedule.

Reports from commissioners and judge

Commissioner Snapp reported that the City of Bronte Fire Department would like old water truck that the County doesn't use.

Private road work

There being no private road work requests no action was taken.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion to pay bills. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wheat. Motion carried.

Approved in open Commissioners Court this the 23rd day of January, 2006.

Commissioner Snapp made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. Motion carried.

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 11 am Worship
 Wed. 7 pm Choir

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 Portis Ribble, Minister
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 Wed. 6 pm

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 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
 Sat. 6 pm

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PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of Robert Lee
 on Sterling City Hwy • (325) 453-2004
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 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

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PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
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 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 6 pm, Worship

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 Joe Hodges, Pastor
 (325) 473-2040
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship

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PO Box 638 • 6th & Houston
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 (325) 453-2208
 Rev. Irene Ford, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6 pm, Prayer Meeting

**Register to Vote
 by February 6, 2006!**

... Burn Bans

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found on the Texas Forest Service Wildfire Information web page.

Citizens are urged to continue a common sense approach to wildland fire prevention: Observe burn bans; use the vehicle ashtray; be careful when using equipment or welding outdoors; avoid driving or parking on tall grass; and remember that almost any heat source can start a fire under these conditions. Anyone who observes smoke or flames is asked to call 911 immediately.

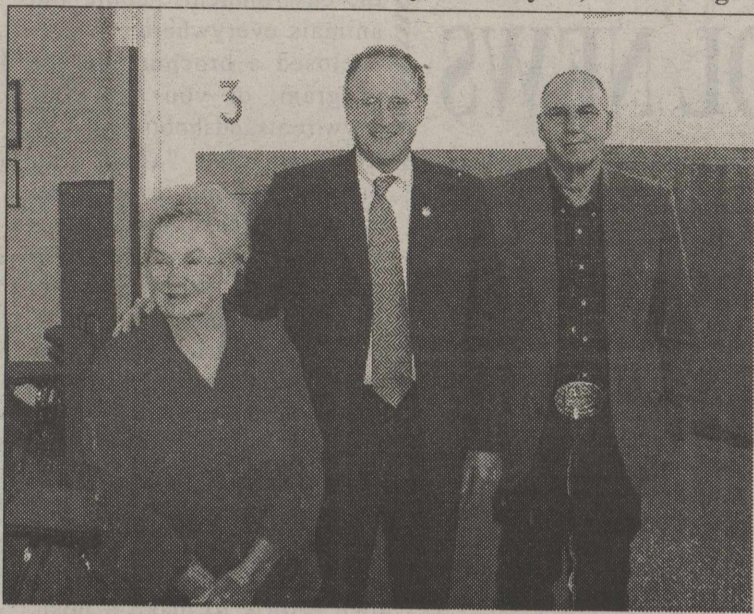
Homeowners can take steps to protect their property by ensuring vegetation is thinned enough to prevent flames from finding a way to the structure. They should remove other burnable material at least 30 feet around their homes. Helpful tips can be found online at <http://www.firewise.org/>.

A toll free hotline has been established for anyone who has information regarding possible arson starts. The Texas Arson Hotline is 1-877-4FIRE45 (817-434-7345).

Sorosis Study

Club news

The Sorosis Study Club met for their regular monthly meeting on January 12, 2006, at the home of Fredna Moore. Tom and LouAnna Peters had an interesting and informative program on the basic use of computers and creative ways



Conaway Visits Coke County! Congressman Mike Conaway (center) visited in Robert Lee and Bronte Monday evening, January 16, 2006. He is shown with Joan Davis, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, and Roy Blair, County Judge.

to enhance the use of files. Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, Lanette Fletcher; First Vice President, Fredna Moore; Second Vice President, Janet Wommack; Third Vice President, Kay Styles; Secretary, Peggy Hembree; Treasurer, Earline Moore; Reporter, Marilyn Bivins; Parliamentarian, Jane Wheat; and Historian, Diane Luckett.

Plans for the style show with dessert to be presented by the club on February 9th, were discussed and finalized. SteinMart of Abilene will furnish fashions that will be of interest to everyone. The time of the show will be 7 o'clock and will be held in

the fellowship hall of First Baptist Church. The tickets will be sold by each member of the club and at the door. The public is cordially invited to attend. All proceeds will go to the Bronte High School Scholarship Fund.

Jane Wheat invited the club members to come to their house on February 16th at 2 o'clock to preview the new voting machines that will be used for the first time in the March primary election. Lanette Fletcher also advised that the machines will be available at the Coke County Courthouse and other locations in town so that everyone can have hands-on

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IT COULD HAPPEN IN BRONTE!

The residents of Cross Plains didn't think it could happen to them, but it did. In one afternoon, over 100 homes were destroyed. Not by a tornado, but by a wildfire.

Wildfires continue to occur in our area on a daily basis. We must act now to protect our City.

Residents and property owners need to take action to help reduce the chance of another wildfire tragedy from happening in Bronte.

Due to good rains in early fall, weeds and grasses grew thick and very tall. With no measurable rain in nearly three months, they are dead and dry. These grasses and weeds have increased the chances of a wildfire.

Residents and property owners should keep all grasses and weeds mowed. Attention to alleys and fence lines is of great importance. Accumulations of flammable materials should be removed.

Residents and property owners who do not clean and mow their properties will be contacted. If they do not comply, the City will mow the properties and assess the cost of the mowing plus an administrative fee to the resident or owner.

Owners and residents of property that border the City Limits are asked to help by following the same actions. The City would greatly appreciate these efforts.

City officials urge all residents and property owners to make every effort to help reduce the danger of the Cross Plains tragedy from happening in Bronte.

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12 oz
cans

\$19.99



Keystone Light
30 pack **\$16.79**

ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

RLHS Spanish Club calendars behind in production

RLHS Spanish Club birthday calendars will be here the latter part of January. They are running somewhat behind in production but are working diligently to fill our orders. The calendar will run from February 2006 through January 2007. Sorry for any inconveniences this may have caused.

Fire victims benefit supper slated

All of the Robert Lee High School clubs/organizations are planning a 'fund-raiser' meal Tuesday, February 7, before the basketball game with Bronte. The profits from this dinner will be donated to the Cross Plains fire victims and/or other West Texas wild-fire victims, as well as local residents needing medical funds. Nationally recognized Chef Henri Wiens will be doing the cooking and the plans are to serve Mexican Food. There will also be a silent auction. Watch for details as the game nears.

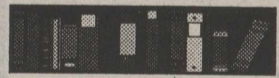
Make your plans to enjoy the meal and help our fellow small town residents.

Donations have been sent for hurricane disaster relief and RLHS Clubs thank the community for help with this endeavor.

RLISD board meets in regular session

The RLISD board of trustees met at 7:00 on Thursday, Jan. 19, 2006, in a regular meeting held in the school library. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Roe.

School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, Jan. 30
Juice, pizza, cereal, milk
Tuesday, Jan. 31
Juice, muffin, cereal, milk
Wed., Feb. 1
Juice, breakfast pizza, cereal, milk
Thurs., Feb. 2
Juice, pop tart, cereal, milk
Friday, Feb. 3
Juice, donut, cereal, milk

Lunch

Monday, Jan. 30
Sausage wrap, French fries, salad, go-gurt, milk
Tuesday, Jan. 31
Chicken spaghetti, carrots, roll, peanut butter, pineapple, milk
Wed., Feb. 1
Burrito, salad, corn, peaches, chocolate pudding, milk
Thurs., Feb. 2
Chicken O's, mac & cheese, green beans, sliced bread, pears, milk
Friday, Feb. 3
Chicken Patty on bun, pickles, French fries, pork & beans, fruit cocktail, milk

Members present: Torres, Reed, Roe, McCabe, Washam, Supt. Hood. Members absent: Riley.

Irma Torres made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2005 board meeting as read seconded by Wes Washam. All for.

Irma Torres made a motion to approve the agenda seconded by Tod Reed. All for.

Resignation letter of Ron Hill read. Wes Washam made a motion to accept Hill's resignation with regrets seconded by Fredda McCabe. All for.

Tod Reed made a motion to appoint Kevin Roe as President seconded by Irma Torres. All for. Tod Reed made a motion to appoint Wes Washam as Vice President seconded by Fredda McCabe. All for.

Board vacancy was discussed. Supt. Hood made recommendation to appoint to fill the vacancy. Tod Reed made a motion to appoint Tom Sawyer Jr. to fill the vacancy seconded by Irma Torres. All for.

Wes Washam made a motion to approve the bills as listed seconded by Tod Reed. All for.

Wes Washam made a motion to approve the budget amendment seconded by Fredda McCabe. All for.

Dwin Nanny, HS Principal gave his principals report. Wayne Simpson, Asst. Principal gave his report.

Irma Torres made a motion to approve the Order of Election for Board of Trustees on May 13, 2006 seconded by Tod Reed. All for.

Fredda McCabe made a motion to approve Update 77 with exception to DFE Local seconded by Irma Torres. All for.

Wes Washam made a motion to issue stipend of \$40 to Mr. Nanny and Mr. Simpson for use of cell phones seconded by Tod Reed. All for.

Fredda McCabe made a motion for Thursday, March 30, 2006, as Early Release Day for junior high track meet seconded by Irma Torres. All for.

Drug testing policy was

discussed.

Election contract for DRE Machine was discussed.

Supt. Hood gave his respective report on superintendent's activities, office and district reports.

The board entered into closed session at 9:02 pm and reentered open session at 9:40 pm.

Next regular board meeting will be February 16, 2006. Meeting adjourned at 9:42 pm.

RL 5th graders express thanks to Jane Goodall

Mrs. Byrne's 5th grade class in Robert Lee read My Life with the Chimpanzees by Jane Goodall. After reading the fantastic book about Jane Goodall's experiences with chimpanzees, the students wrote letters to Jane Goodall thanking her for what she has done. They expressed their feelings and respect for the programs that she started. The following letter is the reply they received back from the Jane Goodall Institute.

Dear 5th grade students of Robert Lee Elementary,

Thank you so much for your enthusiastic letters and for your passion for Dr. Jane's work. We will be sure that Dr. Jane gets your message; unfortunately, she travels over 300 days a year and cannot personally respond to each letter. However, we know she would be very happy to learn about your interest in all that she is doing to save the chimps and make the world a better place. She believes very strongly that kids like you are the reason that there is hope for animals and the environment.

If you are interested in helping Dr. Jane make a difference, you might want to consider joining the Roots & Shoots program of the Jane Goodall Institute. Roots & Shoots is the Jane Goodall Institute's international environmental and humanitarian program for young people. Anyone can join or start a group. A group can consist of one person or as many people as are interested in making a positive change for

the environment, people and animals everywhere. I have enclosed a brochure on the program, or you can visit www.rootsandshoots.org.

You can also "adopt" an orphaned chimp through the Jane Goodall Institute's Chimpanzee Guardianship program. Please visit www.janegoodall.org for more information about that as well as answers to questions about Dr. Goodall and her primate work (under the "Study Corner" section).

Thank you again for your kind words to Dr. Jane. We wish you all the best in your own efforts to make a positive difference in the world. Sincerely,

Kate Gersh

Roots & Shoots Education

Assistant

The Jane Goodall Institute

Girl Scout troops

formed in Robert Lee

Girl Scout Troops have recently been formed in Robert Lee.

Junior Girl Scout Troop #194-3rd-6th grades will have Karla Hamrick and Mary Tinkler as co-leaders.

Brownie Troop #193-1st-2nd grades will have Cynthia Skipworth and Katie Drennan as co-leaders.

Daisy Troop #192-Kindergarten will have Blanca Mendoza and Robin Munoz as co-leaders.

Daisy Troop #191-Pre-K and Headstart co-leaders will be Brandi Ramon and Misti Hayes.

If your daughter is interested in joining a troop, please contact one of the leaders in the appropriate group.

The Cookie Sales will start in early February for the Brownies and Junior Girl Scouts. The Daisy girls do not sell.

The leaders hope to have many events for the girls to take part in. Individual troops will set their meeting dates and times and will contact the girls who are in those troops to let them know. They will be using the former Boy Scout Hut located in the Coke County Park for meetings as soon as they get it cleaned. They will be meeting on Saturday, January 28th to work on the building.

Christmas Audubon bird count held

The annual Christmas

Audubon bird count was held December 17, 2005, in and around Robert Lee. There were nineteen people involved in the count this year. Folks from Robert Lee, Bronte, Midland, Odessa, Fort Worth, and other cities spent the day working the area. They ate in the cafes and some spent the night. Each year there are a few more people involved in this effort.

A report from Rose Marie Stortz, organizer and compiler, shows that 102 species were accounted for. There are ten different species of ducks in the area. Four species of hawks including 18 kestrels were counted.

A sparrow is not necessarily just a sparrow to a knowledgeable bird counter. Thirteen different species of sparrows were counted this year with the white-crowned sparrow leading the count at 605, the house sparrow second with 219, one lone Brewer's Sparrow, one lone Swamp Sparrow, and others including the Chipping Sparrow, Vesper Sparrow and Savannah Sparrow.

Six species of wren were counted although not in such great numbers. The species included the Rock Wren, Canyon Wren, Bewick's Wren, House Wren and a Marsh Wren. Our regulars included Wild Turkey, 53; Scaled Quail, 20; Northern Bobwhite, 63; Red-winged Blackbirds, 256; Meadowlarks, 296; Mourning Dove, 69; Inca Dove, 17; and Eurasian Collared Dove, 15; Northern Cardinal, 55; Mockingbird, 203; and Roadrunner, 6.

Ninety-two species were counted last year. The first count in Robert Lee was taken in 1973, and the highest number of species counted was 111 in 1974. The total list of species and numbers are available at the Coke County Library and from the Caliche Loop Bird and Wildlife Association. For information call Noel Gregston, 325-453-4488.

Birds were created to survive by being very cautious and to hide their nests to protect their young. Fewer and fewer isolated places exist. Birds have not changed to believe that living side by side with humans is safe. Birds will not repopulate without an isolated place to nest. Humans have been too slow to protect isolated places for the smallest of creations.

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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Bronte Longhorn basketball results

The Bronte Longhorns defeated Panther Creek 53-16. Bronte stats: Riley Coalson 10 pts., 5 rebounds, Zach White 5 pts., Logan Rawls 22 pts., 6 rebounds, 3 steals, 4 assists, Eric Hendrickson 3 pts., 9 rebounds, Albert Force 5 pts., Philip Rawlings 2 pts., 3 steals, Jaylon Saunders 2 pts., Adam Halfacer 4 pts.

Water Valley defeated Bronte 41-32. Bronte stats: Riley Coalson 4 pts., Zach White 3 pts., Logan Rawls 16 pts., 8 rebounds, Eric Hendrickson 7 pts., 11 rebounds, Albert Force 2 pts.

Bronte JV Boys basketball results

On Jan. 24th, the Bronte JV boys basketball team defeated Veribest 64-20. Bronte scoring: Sam Rawlings 9, Gus Saunders 5, Reece Springer 9, Ty Mackey 4, Cody Wallace 3, Zack Bennett 1, CJ McClure 11, Mathew Allen 12, and Paul McConnell 10.

Bronte JH boys basketball results

The Bronte Shorthorns "Maroon" team won the Christoval "A" team tournament on January 21.

Team members for the Shorthorns were: Haydan White, Louie Martinez, Jacob Scott, Kolten Pena, Rob Rosson, Terron Charles, Heath Richey, Kerwin Rawls, and Dakota Rawls.

In the 1st round on the 19th, Bronte defeated Menard

33-23. Bronte scoring: Heath Richey 3, Kerwin Rawls 2, Dakota Rawls 6, Kolten Pena 3, Louie Martinez 7, Jacob Scott 4, and Rob Rosson 8.

In the 2nd round on Saturday, the 21st, Bronte defeated Miles in overtime 32-28. Bronte scoring: Heath Richey 2, Kerwin Rawls 1, Dakota Rawls 13, and Rob Rosson 16.

In the Championship game on Saturday, Bronte defeated Winters 31-27. Bronte scoring: Heath Richey 3, Kerwin Rawls 4, Dakota Rawls 9, Kolten Pena 4, Louie Martinez 2, Jacob Scott 5, Rob Rosson 2, and Haydan White 2.

On the 23rd, the Bronte 8th grade boys were defeated by Miles 40-15. Bronte scoring: Kolten Pena 2, Louie Martinez 2, Rob Rosson 8, Ernesto Casillas 1, and Haydan White 2.

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Take advantage of Higher IRA "Catch-up" Limits

Now that it's 2006, you are one year closer to retirement. Of course, if you are still in your 20s, this milestone may not mean that much to you. But if you are 50 or older, the prospect of actually becoming a retiree looms larger as the years go by. Fortunately, it's just become a little easier to build savings for your retirement years. Why? Because, as of Jan. 1, you can put \$1,000 in "catch-up" contributions into your traditional or Roth IRA, up from \$500 in 2005. So, given the \$4,000 annual limit for regular contributions, you can put a total of \$5,000 into your IRA in 2006.

Fully funding your IRA should be one of your top investment priorities. Keep in mind that IRAs offer two major benefits.

*Tax advantages-If you have a traditional IRA, your earnings have the potential to grow tax-deferred, so your money will grow faster than it would in an investment on which you paid taxes every year. (You will eventually have to pay taxes on your earnings, but, by then, you may be in a lower tax bracket). Also, depending on your income level, your contributions may be tax-deductible. When you have a Roth IRA, you can withdraw your contributions at any time, free of taxes. You also can take out earnings, free of taxes, as long as you don't begin withdrawals until you've reached age 59 1/2 and had your account for at least five years.

*Variety of investment options-You can invest your

IRA in virtually any security you choose-stocks, bonds, Treasury bills, certificates of deposit, etc. In fact, you're not confined to just one type of investment within your IRA; you can create a diversified portfolio containing a variety of holdings.

Given the tax advantages and investment flexibility, it's almost certainly a good idea to "max out" on your IRA every single year. Of course, it's not always that easy to come up with \$5,000 at one time, so keep in mind that you can fund your IRA over the course of a year by putting in about \$416 per month. And, to make it even easier for you to completely fund your IRA, you could have that \$416 moved automatically, via a bank authorization, from you checking or

savings account to your IRA.

On the other hand, if you can possibly afford to pay the full \$5,000 in the first few weeks of the year, you may well end up with more money in the long run. That's because you'll be giving your money more time to grow and, as an investor, time can be your greatest ally.

But however you do it-over 12 months or right away-put the full amount into your IRA. Along with your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, your IRA is one of the best retirement-savings vehicles you have available. And if you are on

the "plus" side of 50, you'll want to really focus your efforts on making sure you have the resources available to enjoy the retirement lifestyle you deserve.

McMurry University announces 2005 Fall Dean's List

Kayla D'Linn Saunders of Blackwell, a sophomore at McMurry University has been named to the Fall 2005 Dean's List. To be eligible for the Dean's list, a student must have maintained at least a 3.5 grade point average while taking 12 or more credit hours.

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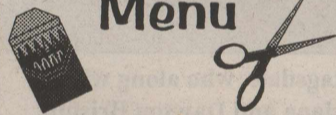


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School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, Jan. 30

Cereal, diced pears, toast, jelly, milk

Tuesday, Jan. 31

Sausage, assorted juice, biscuit, jelly, milk

Wed., Feb. 1

Honey bun, assorted juice, toast, jelly, milk

Thurs., Feb. 2

French toast sticks, assorted juice, syrup, milk

Friday, Feb. 3

Pancake and sausage on a stick, applesauce, syrup, milk

Lunch

Monday, Jan. 30

Pizza, sweet corn, tossed salad, sliced peaches, mixed fruit, Rice Krispie bar, milk

Tuesday, Jan. 31

Burrito, tossed salad, Spanish rice, mixed fruit, peanut butter cookies, milk

Wed., Feb. 1

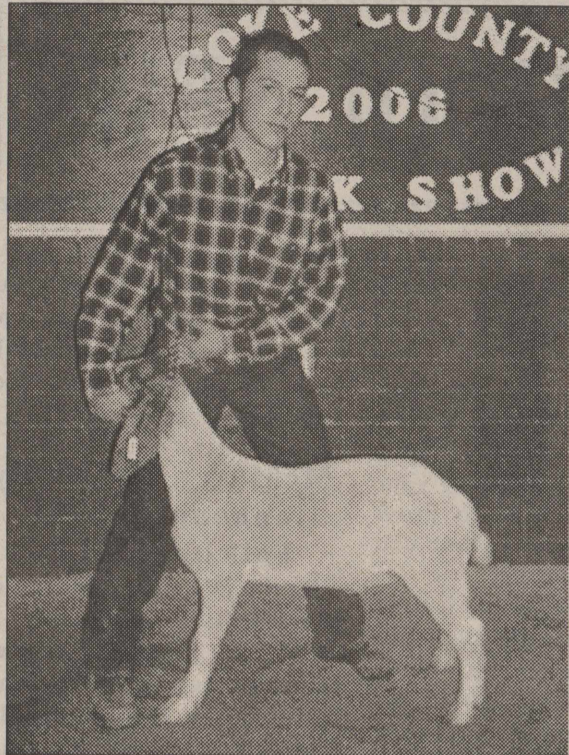
Chicken pot pie, tossed salad, baby carrots, fruit jello, milk

Thurs., Feb. 2

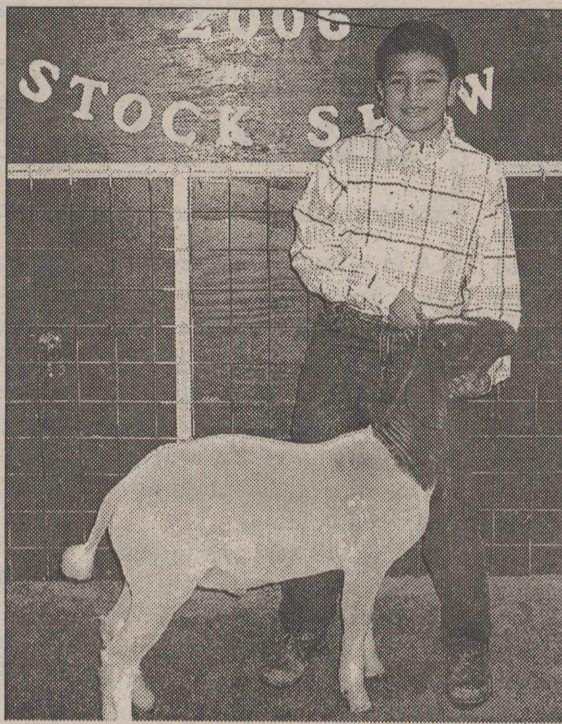
Chicken nuggets, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, roll, peach cobbler, milk

Friday, Feb. 3

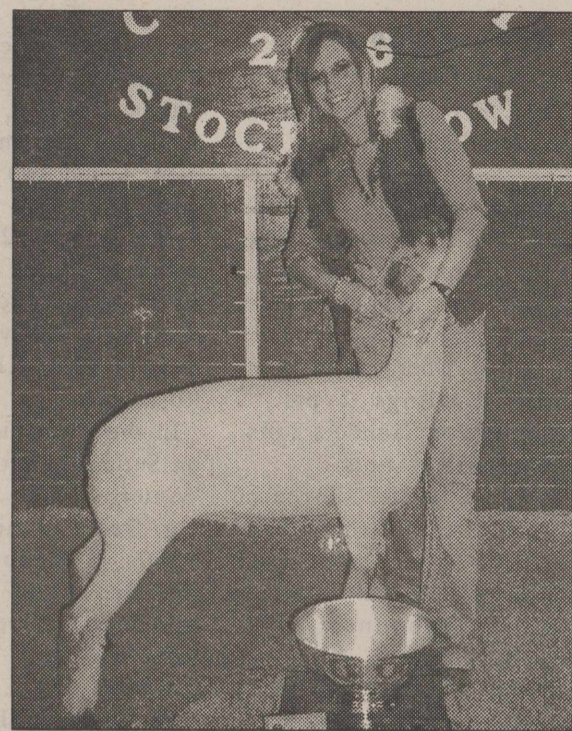
Hot dogs, chili & cheese, grapes, tator tots, baked beans, bun, banana pudding, milk



Reserve Grand Champion Meat Goat was fed and shown by Philip Rawlings.



Zachary Sanchez exhibited the Grand Champion Meat Goat at this year's county show.



Kyla Millican was a multiple winner at this year's show. She exhibited the Grand Champion Lamb, which was the Finewool Cross Champion, and the Champion Mediumwood Lamb, in addition to the Champion Black OPB Pig.

2006 Coke County Stock Show results
Market Goats

Class 1

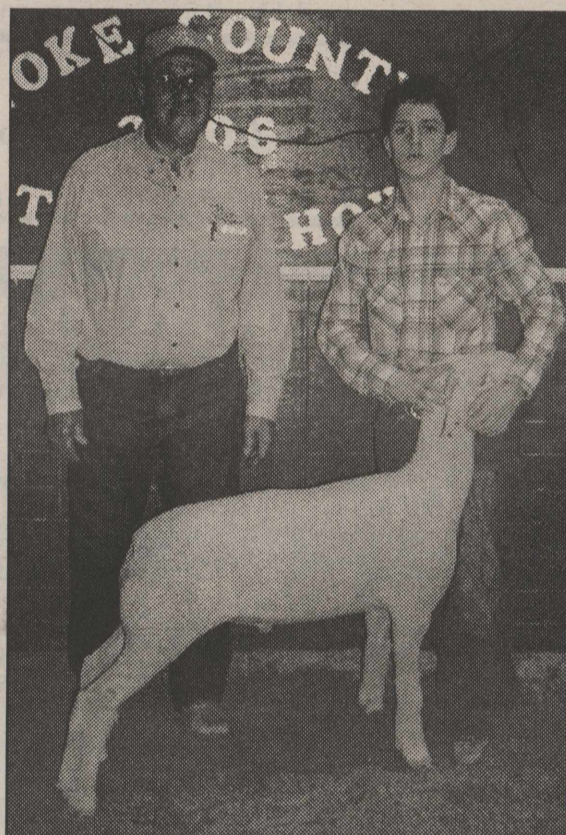
1. Cody Denton; 2. Brettnie Reed; 3. Zachary Sanchez; 4. Brettnie Reed; 5. Michael Rodriguez; 6. Zachary Sanchez; 7. Cooper Hinderliter; 8. Bailey McGlothlin; 9. Amanda Mendoza; 10. Bailey McGlothlin; 11. Alexis Mendoza; 12. Connie Saucedo

Class 2

1. Brettnie Reed; 2. Samuel Rawlings; 3. Charissa Caston; 4. Dawson Brisbin; 5. Zachary Sanchez; 6. Ashley Williams; 7. Molli Hinderliter; 8. Charrissa Caston; 9. Jayton Torres; 10. Alexis Mendoza; 11. Logan McGlothlin; 12. Alexis Mendoza; 13. Amanda Mendoza

Class 3

1. Zachary Sanchez; 2. Philip Rawlings; 3. Briana Brisbin; 4.



Bobby Roberts, representing Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau, premium sale buyers of Blake Millican's Reserve Grand Champion Lamb.



Pete and Deone Roe are shown with Bob Ragsdale, who along with A. B. Brisbin, purchased the sale animals of Briana and Dawson Brisbin.

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Jael Williams; 5. Ginny Caston; 6. Briana Brisbin; 7. Taylor Williams; 8. Jayton Torres; 9. Amanda Mendoza; 10. Mason Jackson; 11. Logan McGlothlin; 12. Alexis Mendoza; 13. Amanda Mendoza

Class 4

1. Brettanie Reed; 2. Emilee Yanez; 3. Emilee Yanez; 4. Emilee Yanez; 5. Ginny Caston; 6. Emilee Yanez; 7. Jael Williams; 8. Dawson Brisbin; 9. Mason Jackson; 10. Michael Rodriguez; 11. Paul McConnell

Grand Champion - Zachary Sanchez

Reserve Grand Champion - Philip Rawlings

Market Lambs

Southdown

1. Briana Brisbin; 2. Dawson Brisbin

Finewool

1. Blake Millican; 2. Kyla Millican; 3. Briana Brisbin; 4. Matt Allen; 5. Lauren Allen; 6. Matt Allen

Finewool Cross

1. Kyla Millican; 2. Briana Brisbin; 3. Blake Millican; 4. Dawson Brisbin; 5. Dawson Brisbin; 6. Kacee Roberts; 7. Cody Denton; 8. Kacee Roberts

Medium Wool

1. Kyla Millican; 2. Cody Denton; 3. Blake Millican; 4. Kacee Roberts; 5. James Roberts; 6. James Roberts;

Grand Champion - Kyla Millican - Finewool Cross

Reserve Grand Champion - Blake Millican - Finewool

Market Swine

Duroc - Light Weight

1. Mason Ross; 2. Mason Ross; 3. Blake Millican; 4. Meagan Ross; 5. Cooper Hinderliter; 6. Brody Dillard; 7. Brettanie Reed; 8. Taylor Percifull

Duroc Heavy Weight

1. Samuel Rawlings; 2. Meagan Ross; 3. Cody Brosh; 4. Cody Brosh; 5. Moriah Royall; 6. Kasie Skinner;

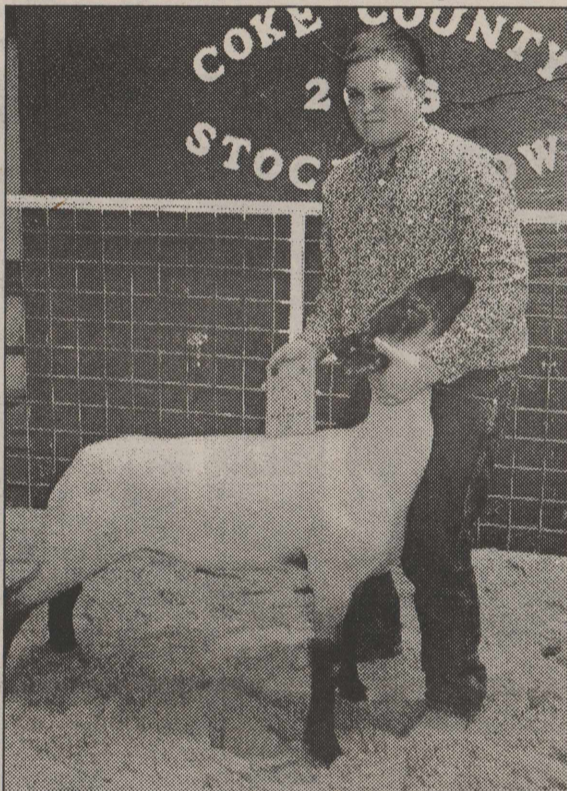
Duroc Breed Champion -



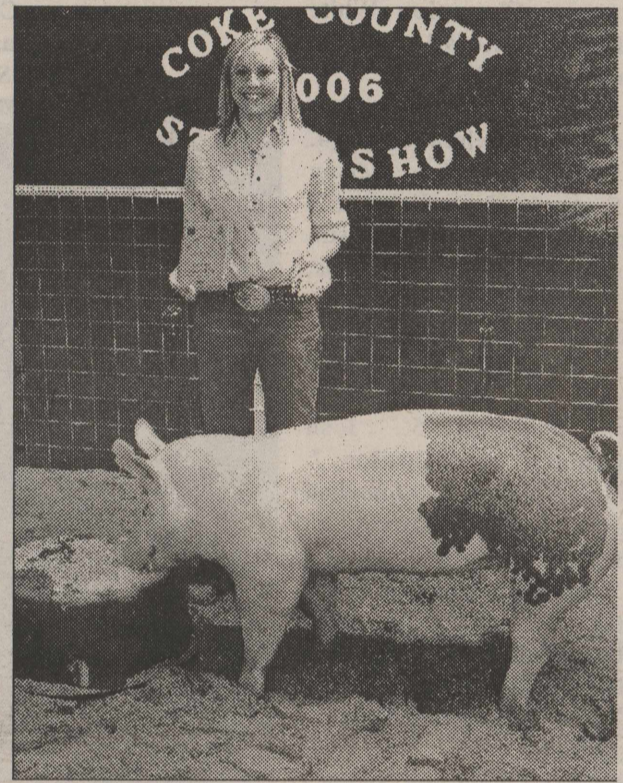
Jana Brisbin and Zach Skinner with his Champion White OPB Pig.



Joe Harmon represented the Finis and LaRue Harmon family in purchasing Ginny Caston's (l) and Jael Williams' meat goat projects.



Cody Denton (l) exhibited the Reserve Champion Mediumwool Lamb at the 2006 edition of the Coke County Stock Show.



Cara Eaton (r) exhibited the Grand Champion Pig of the 2006 Coke County Stock Show.

Samuel Rawlings
Duroc Breed Reserve
Champion - Megan Gibbs
Hampshire - Light Weight
1. J. P. Conner; 2. Blake

Millican; 3. Kacee Roberts; 4. Clay Antilley; 5. Cara Eaton; 6. Ashley Sawyer; 7. James Roberts; 8. Mollie Hinderliter; 9. Mason Ross; 10. Dawson

Brisbin
Hampshire - Heavy Weight
1. Cara Eaton; 2. Kyla Millican; 3. Jonathan Marrs; 4. Taylor Percifull; 5. Philip Rawlings; 6. Ariel Coalson; 7.

Taylor Percifull; 8. Jael Williams; 9. Josh Tennison
Hampshire Breed Champion
- Cara Eaton
Hampshire Breed Reserve
Champion - J. P. Conner

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Black OPB

1. Kyla Millican; 2. Emilee Yanez; 3. Molli Hinderliter; 4. Briana Brisbin; 5. Taylor Percifull; 6. Meagan Ross

Champion Black OPB - Kyla Millican

Reserve Champion Black OPB - Emilee Yanez

White OPB - Lightweight

1. Zach Skinner; 2. Ashley Royall; 3. Josh Conner; 4. Kasie Skinner; 5. Brettnie Reed; 6. Cooper Hinderliter; 7. Zach Skinner; 8. Dawson Brisbin; 9. Hayden Dillard

White OPB - Heavy Weight

1. Kasie Skinner; 2. Becca Skinner; 3. Briana Brisbin; 4. Paige Royall; 5. Becca Skinner; 6. Jonathan Marrs; 7. Zach Skinner

Champion White OPB - Zach Skinner

Reserve Champion White OPB - Ashley Royall

Crosses - Light Weight

1. Taylor Percifull; 2. Cara Eaton; 3. Chelsea Cook; 4. Briana Brisbin; 5. Stetson Emfinger; 6. Kacee Roberts; 7. Rebecca Rawlings; 8. Dustin Brown; 9. Mackenzie Gibbs; 10. Clay Antilley

Crosses - Heavy Weight

1. Cara Eaton; 2. Paige Royall; 3. Cara Eaton; 4. Taylor Percifull; 5. Josh Tennison; 6. Ariel Coalson; 7. Ashley Sawyer; 8. Jonathan Marrs; 9. Ashley Sawyer; 10. Josh Conner

Champion Cross - Cara Eaton

Reserve Champion Cross - Paige Royall

Grand Champion Swine - Cara Eaton

Reserve Champion Swine - Paige Royall

Market Steers

American Breeds & Crosses

1. Clay Antilley

English Breeds

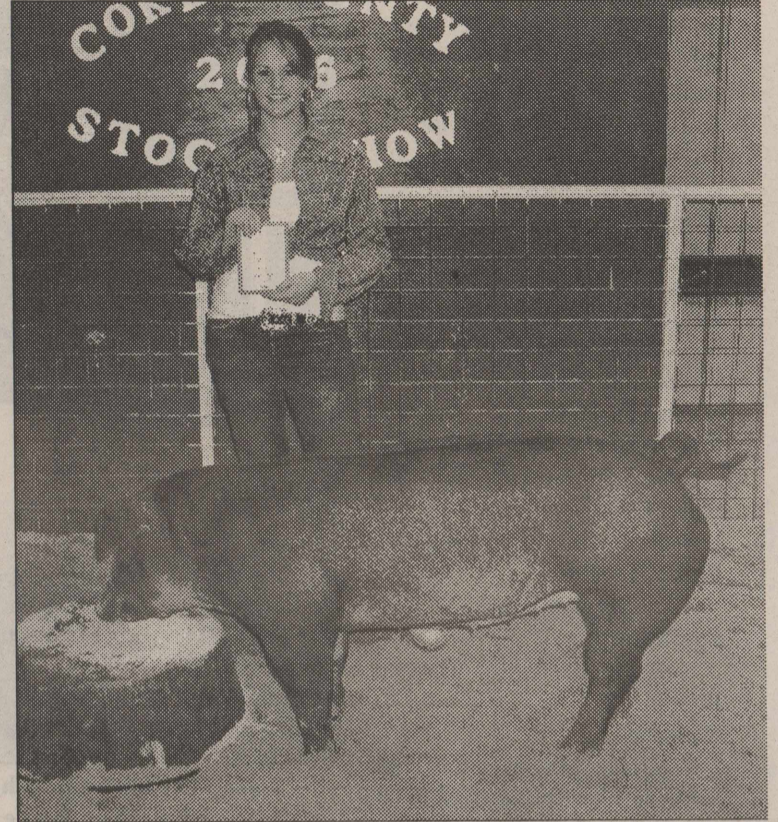
1. Clay Antilley; 2. Riley Coalson; 3. Casey Harris

European Crosses - Light Weight

1. Chelsea Cook; 2. Kaitlyn Braswell; 3. Riley Coalson; 4. Reece Braswell



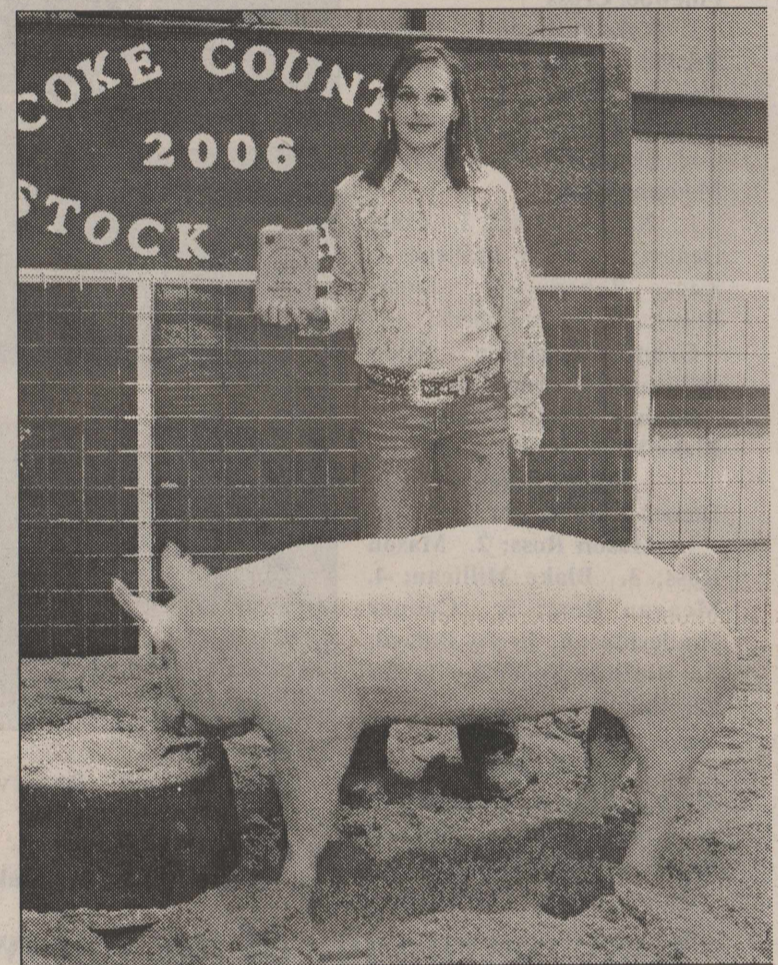
Champion Duroc Pig was fed and shown by Samuel Rawlings.



Megan Gibbs displays her Reserve Champion Duroc Pig.



J. P. Conner with the Reserve Champion Hampshire Pig at the 2006 Coke County Stock Show.



Ashley Royall had the Reserve Champion White OPB Pig.

European Crosses - Heavy Weight

1. Chelsea Cook; 2. Creed Coalson; 3. Chase Harris

Champion European - Chelsea Cook

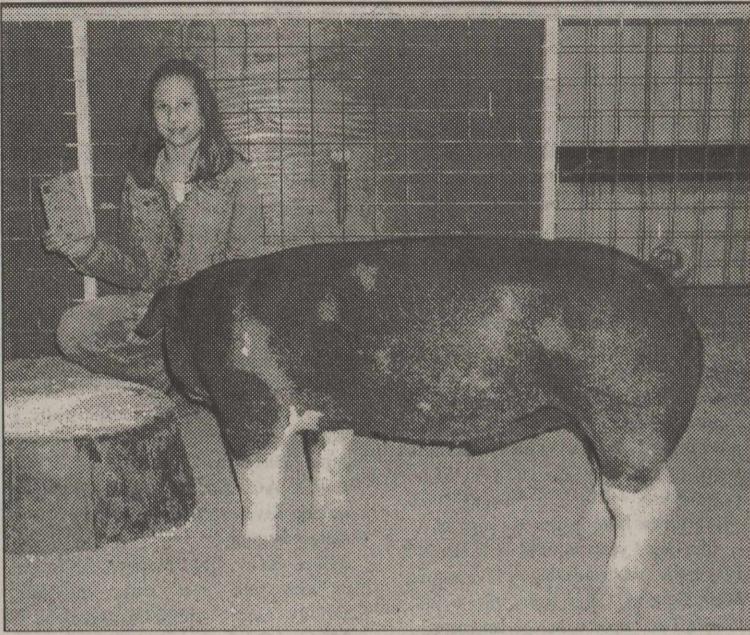
Reserve Champion European - Creed Coalson

Grand Champion Steer - Clay Antilley (American)

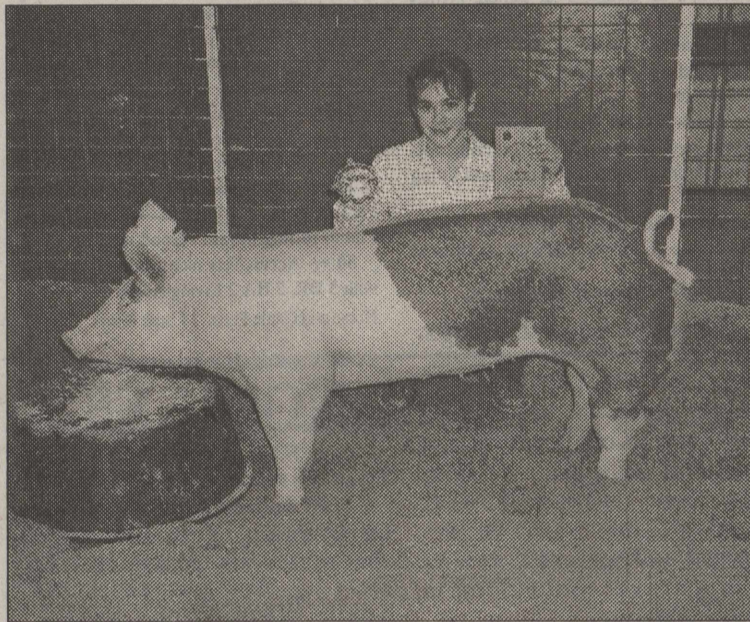
Reserve Grand Champion Steer - Chelsea Cook (European)

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Reserve Champion Black OPB Pig at the 2006 Coke County Stock Show was this entry, exhibited by Emilee Yanez.



Reserve Grand Champion Pig at this year's show was this entry, shown by Paige Royall.

... Sorosis Club

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instruction on the operation of the voting machines.

It was announced that The Brady Girls-Town & Country Motivational Comedy Presentation will be at the Robert Lee High School Auditorium on Friday, January 27th at 6:30 pm to benefit the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District. Admission will be by donation to the District at the door.

The study club anticipates Swan and Paul Archinal being on Pat Attebery's KLST TV show to promote the style show and dessert.

Those present were guest Tom Peters and club members: Celia Bowden, Kay Styles, Janet Wommack, Swan Archinal,

LouAnna Peters, Earline Moore, Pat Lee, Doris Sims, Charlotte Tounget, Diane Lockett, Glenda Draper, Jane Wheat, Joan Lightfoot, Lanette Fletcher, Marilyn Bivins, Peggy Hembree, and hostess, Fredna Moore.

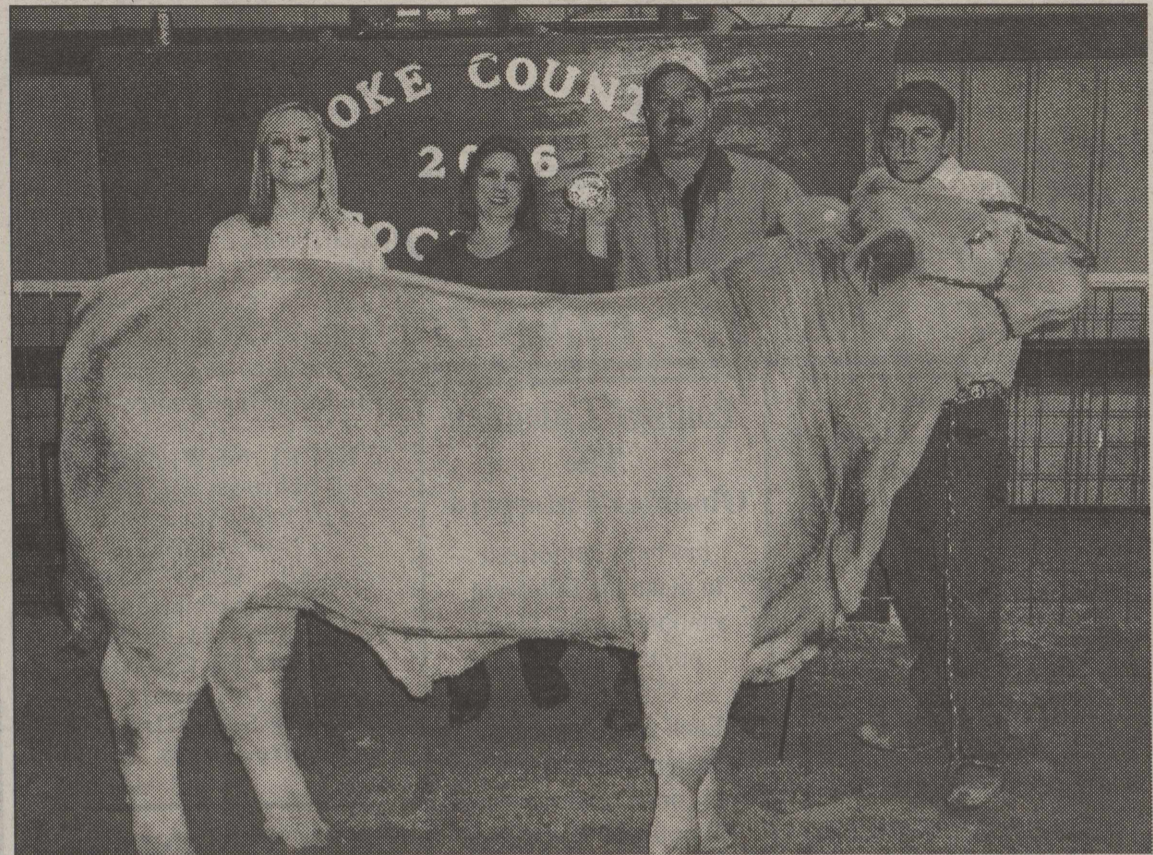
FSA office taking signups for 2006

The Coke-Sterling FSA office is currently taking sign-up applications for the Farm Crop Program (DCP) for the 2006 crop year.

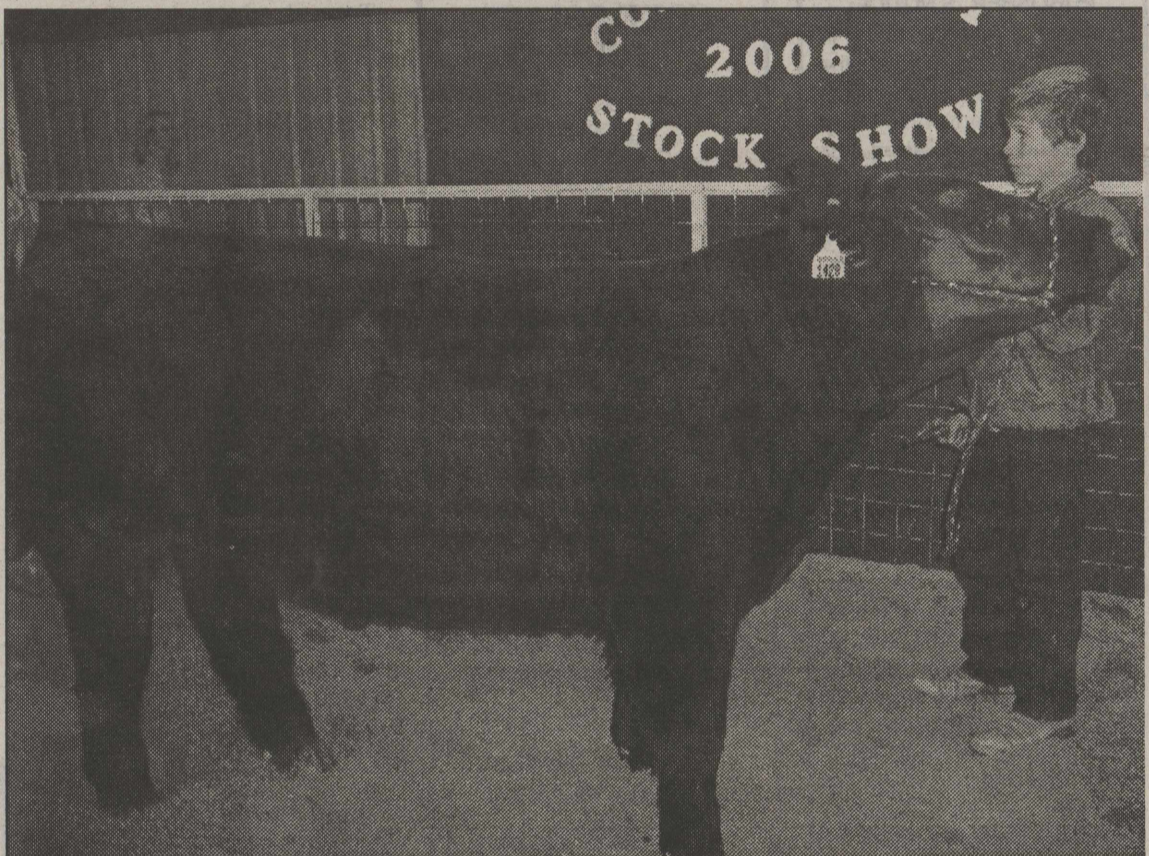
Producers must sign up each year to participate in the farm program. The office started taking sign-ups for 2006 in November.

Producers must have a correct and completed CCC-502 (Pay Limit) on file with the office before any payments can be made.

Producers have until June 1, 2006 to sign up in DCP. After June 1st,



Ron and Cindy Brown (center), representing Cindy's Barbecue, once again purchased Clay Antilley's Grand Champion Steer, which was shown by Cara Eaton.



Creed Coalson with the Reserve Champion European Steer at this year's show.

producers may still sign up but there will be a \$100.00 administrative fee per farm applied.

Due to the situation of having only 2 employees in the office, it is a must for everyone to make an appointment. There are many days when, due to illness, meetings, field work, vacation time, doctor appointments, there is only one person in the

office. There have been some days when the office was forced to close early due to unforeseen events. There is nothing that can be done about this. If you live out of town, it will be in your best interest to call ahead and make an appointment.

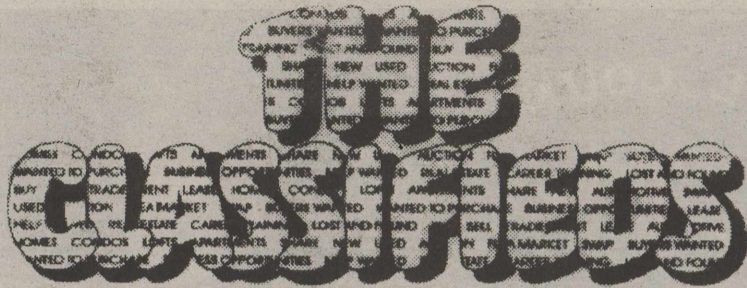
Producers may come by the office or call (325) 453-2751 for additional information.

New exhibits at the Museum of Fine Arts

2006 marks the 25th Anniversary of the founding of the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts. To begin this year of celebration the Museum announces the opening reception of 3 new exhibits on Friday, February 3, from 5:30 to 8 pm.

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Each candidate or the campaign treasurer has paid for his or her announcement. All political advertising, announcements, and printing is cash in advance.

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New Listing, 3 BR, 2 BA Home, 1,715 sq. ft., CA/CH, Single Carport, 24 x 31 metal with concrete floor, RV cover, back porch view.

New Listing on 10 Acres, 3 BR, 2 BA Home, 2,240 sq. ft., Vaulted Ceilings, Fireplace, Dining Room, Large Bathroom with Jacuzzi Tub, 31 x 60 and 25 x 35 metal buildings.

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Close to School! 3 BR, 2 BA home with extra room, CA/CH, 2 car carport, on corner lot.

Brick Veneer Home with 3 BR, 2 Bath, over 2560 sq. ft. Large living area with fireplace. Formal dining and living area, 14' x 16' shop.

Very Nice Office Building Prime location. Landscaped with additional lots.

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Acreage
1023 +/- Acres, Will Divide, All pasture and flat to rolling terrain with deep creeks and rough headers, 3 water wells and electricity, excellent deer hunting with turkey and quail

908 +/- Acres, all pasture, rolling with hills, near the Colorado River, mountain views, 2 good dirt tanks, electricity, water well, good hunting.

884 +/- AC. 150 ac. in cultivation, 172 ac. improved pasture, 2 water wells, 2 tanks, barn, good fences, excellent hunting. Black Buck Antelope.

650 +/- AC. All pasture, close to Colorado River, rolling terrain, 3 tanks, excellent hunting.

338 +/- AC. FM frontage, Rolling hills with deep creek, water well & electricity. Under wildlife management.

320 +/- AC. Secluded, rolling terrain with hills and mountainous views, older rock home. Two water wells, crossed fenced. Good hunting.

314 +/- AC. Live Oak trees on Yellow Wolf Creek, good water well, 230 ac. cultivation, good hunting.

160 +/- AC. FM road access, all pasture, water well, scenic mountain views, good hunting.

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WE ARE SO THANKFUL for our friends who have shown their love through prayer and financial support. During this time, we've thought about all the ways we are blessed and we know having a supportive community is such a blessing.

Thank you.
Billy & Charlotte Tounget
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THE RLVFD would like to thank the community for their wonderful support at the bake sale. We appreciate your encouragement and help.

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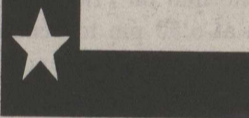
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BID NOTICE
The City of Bronte will receive sealed bids for a Fire Department Pumper. Bid specifications are available at the City Hall located at 114 South Washington, Bronte, Texas. Bids should be delivered to the City Hall or mailed to "City of Bronte, Box 370, Bronte, Texas 76933". Bids will be received until 5:00 pm on February 9, 2006. The City of Bronte reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding.

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EAST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT AND BRONTE NURSING HOME OPEN ADMISSION POLICY

It is the policy of the East Coke County Hospital District and Bronte Health & Rehab Center to admit and to treat all patients without regard to race, color, or national origin. The same requirements for all admissions are applied to all, and patients are assigned within the Bronte Health & Rehab Center without regard to race, color, or national origin. There is no distinction in eligibility for, or in this manner of providing patient services provided by or through the Bronte Health & Rehab Center. All the facilities of the Bronte Health & Rehab Center are available without distinction to all patients and visitors regardless of race, color, or national origin. All persons and organizations that have either occasion to refer patients for admission or recommend the East Coke County Hospital and Bronte Health & Rehab Center are advised to do so without regard to the patient's race, color, or national origin.

East Coke County Hospital District, dba Bronte Health & Rehab Center observes Title VI of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

No person shall, on the grounds of race, color, creed, sex, age, national origin, or handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefit of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program, activity or employment.

This policy applies to all resident/recipients, personnel, or any other individual having contracts or doing business with the facilities of East Coke County Hospital District.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read. CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: San Angelo
Contract 6139-70-001 for METAL BEAM GUARDFENCE REPAIRS & UPGRADES in COKE County will be received on February 28, 2006 until 1:00 pm and opened on February 28, 2006 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$98,498.23.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 19080

State Office

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Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540
Dist/Div Office(s)
San Angelo District
District Engineer
4502 Knickerbocker Rd.
San Angelo, Texas 76904
Phone: 325-944-1501

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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Court issues executive order concerning burning

During a Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Coke County, Texas, there came for consideration the January 3, 2006 Declaration of Disaster for Coke County and associated Executive Order issued by the Coke County Judge;

Pursuant to 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, the Coke County Commissioners' Court hereby ratifies and extends the Declaration of Disaster due to drought conditions until the conclusion of the first commissioners court meeting in February 2006, at which time the situation will be re-evaluated;

Further, the court hereby amends the prohibitions and restrictions imposed under the January 3, 2006

Executive Order to provide as follows:

1. The use of combustible materials in an outdoor environment by any person is prohibited. Combustible materials include, but are not limited to the use of all fire-works, open fire outdoor cooking and materials used outdoors in activities such as welding and any other activity that could result in a fire.

2. Notwithstanding No. 1 above, outdoor welding shall be allowed under the following circumstances:

A. Welding and cutting and grinding associated with welding activities shall not take place when the wind is over 15 miles per hour;

B. The welder must notify the Coke County Sheriff's Department before any welding, cutting or grinding begins;

C. All grass, leaves, brush and other easily combustible materials must be cleared within a fifty (50) foot radius surrounding the area where the activity is to take place before any welding, cutting or grinding begins; and,

D. A spotter with water and a ready pressurized delivery system must be on hand before any welding, cutting or grinding begins and remain on hand until the activity is completed.

In accordance with the Local Government Code, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order commits a Class C Misdemeanor, punishable by a fine up to \$500.00.

The purpose of this order is the

mitigation of the public safety hazard posed by wildfires during the current drought and severe weather conditions by restricting use of combustible materials.

County warns against illegal dumping

Recently there has been a problem in Coke County with illegal dumping on county roads. Section 365.012 of the Health and Safety Code states that it is a violation of the law to dump any tires, appliances, furniture, etc. on County roads. Penalties can range from a fine to possible jail time.

In Robert Lee, you may put appliances and furniture by your trash can for Trash-a-way to pick-up. But please call City Hall and let them know what needs to be picked up. The Robert Lee City Dump accepts only wood materials and composition shingles.

In Bronte, you may put appliances without the compressors and furniture by your trash can to be picked up by Allied Waste out of Abilene.

2006 EQIP Program signup begins

EQIP is a voluntary, cost-share program for installation of conservation practices. The application window for the 2006 EQIP year is now open. This window will close on Feb. 17, 2006.

EQIP funds are split into two categories. These are County Based Funds and Statewide Resource Concerns.

The high priority item under the 2006 EQIP program for Coke County is Brush Management with emphasis on controlling prickly pear. Facilitative practices such as fencing, range planting, grazing land mechanical treatment, and water development are medium priority items, but may be included on a brush management application. Statewide Resource Concerns are North Concho Watershed-Brush Control for Water Quantity, Invasive Species-Salt Cedar, and AFO/CAFO-Beef-Air Quality Emphasis. An existing EQIP contract should not deter a landowner from making a new application for different practices. Current EQIP rules allow multiple EQIP contracts and/or applications can occur on the same farm.

Prior to making an EQIP application, you must contact the FSA office to ensure your program eligibility. The phone number for the Coke County FSA Office is 325-453-2751. Due to current staffing conditions, an appointment is necessary.

If there are any questions, please contact the Coke County SWCD office or the NRCS at 325-453-2623, extension 3.

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**Thank you,
Joan Davis**

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Joan Davis, PO Box 396, Robert Lee, TX 76945.

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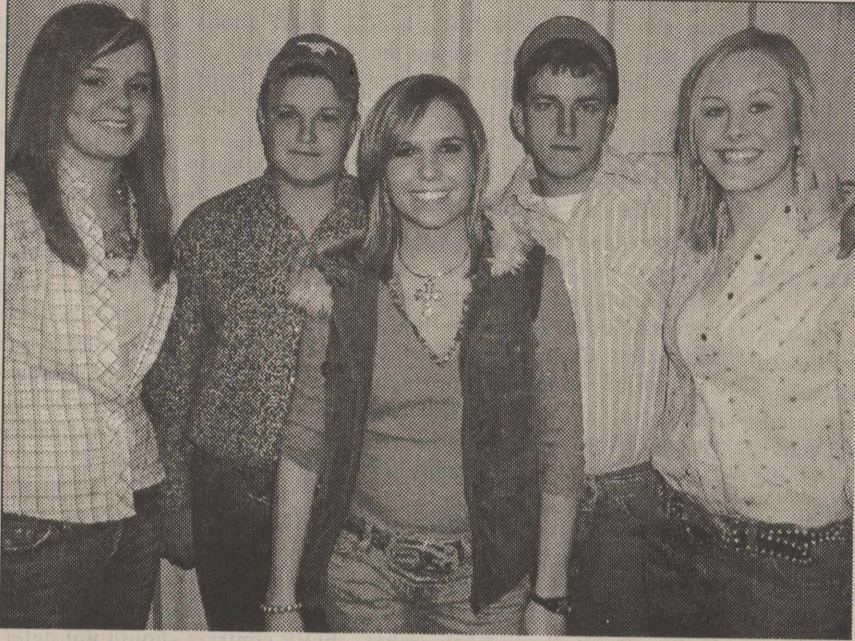
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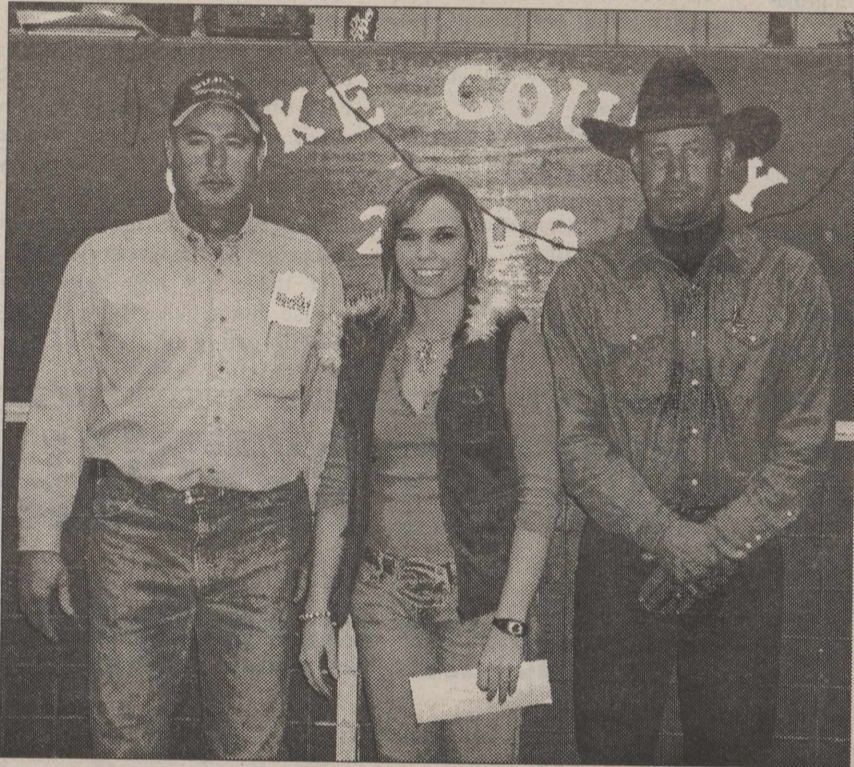
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Showmanship winners at last weekend's county livestock show included (from left): Brettne Reed - Meat Goat, Cody Denton - Market Lamb, Kyla Millican - Frank Percifull Overall Showmanship Award and Ralph Walker Top Hand Award, Clay Antilley- Steers, and Cara Eaton - Market Swine division.



Wendell Lee (l) represented Alderman-Cave Feeds, headquartered at Winters, in presenting their Top Hand Award buckle to Reese Braswell.



Pat (l) and Joel Percifull (r), representing the Percifull family, presented the Frank Percifull Overall Showmanship award to Kyla Millican.



Blake Pitcock, owner of Rocker HP Bucking Bulls, presented some special awards to Grand Champion Steer exhibitor Clay Antilley.



2005 Ralph Walker Top Hand award winner Cody Bridges presents Kyla Millican with this year's 2006 award.

We are proud of all the participants and winners of the 2006 Coke County Junior Livestock Show!

Congratulations!

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