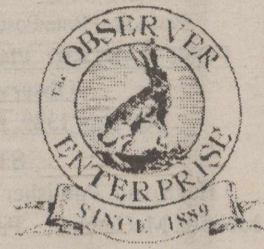


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69th annual county stock show dedicated to retired county agent Tommy Antilley

Some old habits die hard, as the saying goes, and the old saying seems to fit semi-retired county agent Tommy Antilley. After 26 years of working with the youth of Coke County, Antilley retired last spring. His replacement doesn't start work until February 1, 2009; so Tommy has been taking up the slack and working half-time for the county.

It was no surprise to anybody that Tommy and most of his family took part in this year's stock show. It was also no surprise that this year's stock show was dedicated to Tommy Antilley and his years of commitment to the youth of Coke County.

The action started Friday night, with a repeat of last year's results, as Blake Millican exhibited the Grand Champion Lamb, with Briana Brisbin showing the Reserve Grand Champion. The Meat Goat show followed, with Emilee Yanez exhibiting the Grand Champion and Blaine Yanez showing the Reserve Grand Champion.

On Saturday morning, Chloe Grigg started the day out right by exhibiting the Grand Champion Market

Hog, with Ashley Royall showing the Reserve Grand Champion. The Steer Show followed, with Carson Kelso exhibiting the Grand Champion and Shandee Vaughn showing the Reserve Grand Champion.

The barbecue lunch, as usual, was excellent, with a strong sale following that afternoon.

Complete results of this year's show are included in this issue of the Observer/Enterprise beginning on page 6.

RLCC Relay for Life team fundraiser set

The Coke County Relay for Life team "We Care" will be having a fundraiser by selling chances on a Super Bowl Basket. Chances will be sold by members of the team at the Robert Lee Care Center or around town. Drawing will be held on Friday, January 30, 2009, at 2 pm at the Robert Lee Care Center but you do not have to be present to win.

For more information on tickets call Mary Rodriguez or Martha Trejo at the RLCC 453-2511.



Showmanship! The 2009 Coke County Junior Livestock Show was held this past weekend and several Coke County youth were awarded showmanship honors. They include (back row, from left to right) Creed Coalson - Clay Antilley Steer Showmanship Award, Emilee Yanez - Frank Percifull Memorial Overall Showmanship Award and the Ralph Walker Top Hand Award, Zachary Sanchez - Goat Showmanship Award, Kacey Roberts - Lamb Showmanship, (front row) Blaine Yanez - Swine Showmanship Award.

Landscaping with Wildlife in Mind

The Big Country Master Naturalist Chapter, Texas Parks and Wildlife and the Texas AgriLife Extension Service will host a special seminar titled "Bring The Wildlife to You- Landscaping with Wildlife in Mind" on January 24 at the Taylor County Extension Office Conference Room located at the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene. Registration for the meeting starts at 8:30 am. The keynote speaker will be Mark Klym, coordinator of the Texas Wildscapes and Texas Hummingbird Roundup programs at the Texas Parks and Wildlife. Mark is author/co-author of "Hummingbirds of Texas", "Intro to Butterfly Watching", "Intro to Drangonfly and Damsefly Watching", "Intro to Texas Nongame Freshwater Fishes", "Intro to Texas Turtles" and "Backyard Birds in Texas".

Morning topics will be: "Gardening for Wildlife," "Hummingbird Habitats," and "Attracting Bluebirds." Following a provided lunch the afternoon topics will include: "Managing Nestboxes," "Backyard & Landowner Certification," "Wildlife Exemption Requirements," and "How to Build 1 or 100 Nestboxes".

At the conclusion of the day attendees will have the opportunity to assemble nestboxes and also have the chance to join the Texas Bluebird Society.

Pre-registration is \$15 per person until January 16; \$25 thereafter and at the door. Registration includes lunch, refreshments and handout materials.

For more information or registration forms contact the Taylor County Extension office at 325-672-6048 or go online and visit the Big Country Master Naturalist website at www.bigcountrymasternaturalist.org.

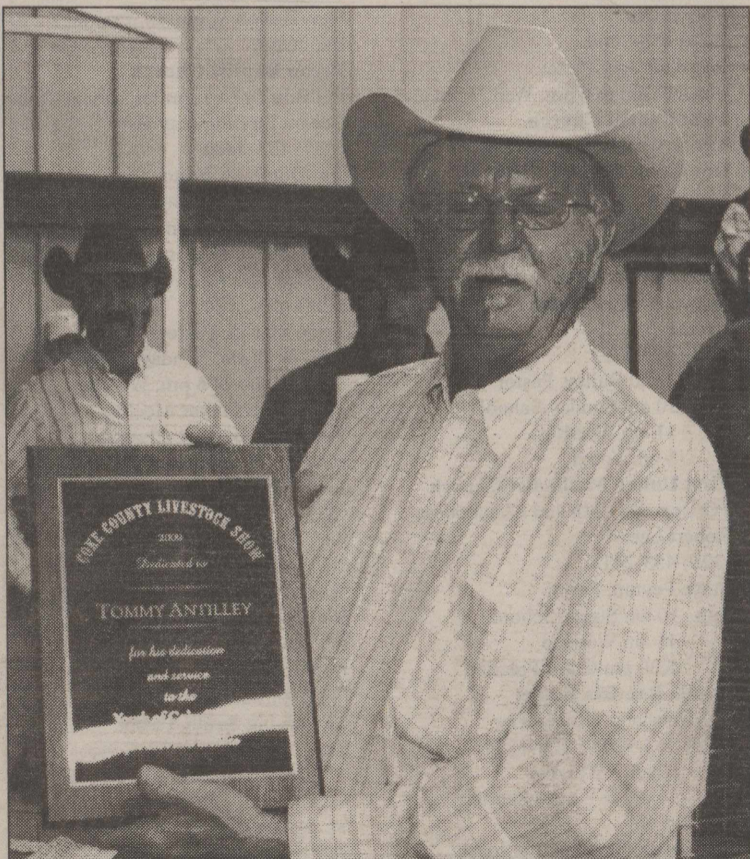
Windbreak tree seedlings order deadline

Deadline for ordering windbreak tree seedlings is fast approaching. Availability is limited. Hardwoods are sold out, but there are still some evergreens to choose from. Please call 325-453-2623 ext. 3 or come by 214 E. 7th Street in Robert Lee to place your order. Delivery date is

February 5.

Relay for Life Valentine's Getaway

The Coke County Relay for Life Orange Crush Team is selling chances for a Valentine's Getaway package. It includes all of the following: one night for two at Holiday Inn Express in San Angelo; \$25 Gift card at Olive Garden; Dinner for two at Henry's Diner in San Angelo; Two movie passes at Tinseltown in San Angelo; Free makeover and gift from D.J.'s Merle Norman in Robert Lee; \$20 Flower arrangement from Blossoms & Bloom in Robert Lee; Two one-hour massages- from A Little Touch of Heaven in Robert Lee and a Valentine Gift Basket. Chances are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Drawing will be held on Friday, February 6, 2009, at the Robert Lee High School basketball game but you do not have to be present to win. For more information, contact Valerie Howard.



Dedication! The 2009 Coke County Junior Livestock Show was dedicated to retired Coke County Extension Agent, Tommy Antilley, for his dedication to Coke County for over 26 years.

We are proud of all the participants and winners of the 2009 Coke County Junior Livestock Show!

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Obituaries



Conger

Edith Walker Conger, age 85 of Zephyr, Texas, passed away Thursday, January 15, 2009, in Early.

Funeral services were held Sunday January 18, 2009, at 2:30 pm at the Heartland Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Steve Baker officiating. Burial followed at the Zephyr Cemetery. Family visitation was held Saturday from 6 pm to 7 pm at the funeral home. Heartland Funeral Home in Early was in charge of arrangements.

Edith was born in Silver, Texas, on July 26, 1923, the daughter of the late Dee J. Walker and Ada Loretta Millican Walker.

After graduating from high school in Silver, Texas, Edith Attended Draughn's Business College in Abilene and worked as a secretary in the cotton/grain business in Abilene and then Lubbock. On May 5, 1950, she married Frank Conger in San Angelo. After moving to Zephyr in 1967, she worked beside her husband in the turkey business for 32 years. She was devoted to her family and Lord, faithfully serving as a Sunday school teacher for the youth and later her ladies Sunday school class. She was a talented seamstress and homemaker. She enjoyed reading and nature, especially red birds. Edith was a master of old funny sayings. Though she will be missed by all who knew her, we are confident of her now residing with her Lord in heaven.

Edith was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Agnes Hardin and Edna Russell and one brother, Ralph Walker.

Survivors include her husband Frank Conger of Zephyr; daughter Debbie

Riley and husband Pat of Zephyr; brother D.J. Walker of Robert Lee; 3 grandchildren, Amanda Richards and husband Chris of Brownfield, Kyle Riley of Lubbock, Deidre Hood and husband Reed of Lubbock; 4 great-grandchildren, Bailey, Taylor, Izzie, Katie and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family request that memorials be made to the Alzheimer's Association or the church of your choice.

Family and friends are invited to sign the on line guest book at www.heartlandfuneralhome.net.

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Reid

Zoeline Reid, died peacefully January 15, 2009, at a San Angelo nursing home surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on September 18, 1917, to Ellis and Urden Morgan Arbuckle in Comanche County, Texas. Memorial services were conducted January 17, 2009, at Baptist Memorial Chapel and graveside services were held January 18, 2009, at the Sanco Cemetery, with Rev. Jason Martin and Rev. Allan Cartrite officiating under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Zoeline was married June 5, 1933, to Harvey L. Reid and was a housewife nurturing her family all of her life. She was a member of the Robert Lee Baptist Church. Her husband preceded her in death on November 29, 1990. Also preceding her in death was son, Leon, and brother, Truett Arbuckle.

Survivors are her daughters, Lvon Reid of San Angelo and Marilyn Sword and husband, Harold of Rusk, Texas, and sons, Ronnie Reid and James Reid both of San Angelo. Also surviving are granddaughters Ruthann Ford and husband, Joel of Rusk, Texas, and Tammy Smith of San Angelo. Great-granddaughters are Morgan and Lanie Ford of Rusk, Texas. Great-grandsons are Dustin, Devin, and Darin Smith of San Angelo. Others include sister-in-law Lurena Frizzell of Sweetwater and several nieces and nephews.

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Seed exchange

By Peggy Coppedge

Do you have potatoes sprouting in your kitchen bin? Do you have garlic which has sprouted? Did you save the seeds from that beautiful bell pepper or from that unusual squash? Well do you know what you are going to do with them? Are you interested in having seeds of other vegetables you would like to grow this gardening season? Do you have excessive amounts of seeds you have saved and would like to share them? Do you have growing tips to share? Well please come to the First Annual Seed Exchange.

The Exchange will take place Saturday, February 14, 8 am to 12 noon at the home of Peggy and Jimmy Coppedge in Cedar Cove. Please bring labeling items (a pen and labels) and small containers or envelopes to put your seeds into. Please bring any seed catalogs you would like to share.

Please call 325-453-4637 for information. Our address is 116 Lake Shore Circle, for those of you with Garmin.

Signup for 2009 DCP Farm Program underway

Signup for the 2009 Direct and Counter Cyclical Payment (DCP) Farm Program is underway in Coke and Sterling Counties. Producers are encouraged to contact the FSA office in Robert Lee to schedule an



Bobcat! Beau Grigg, a student at Bronte High School, killed this bobcat on January 4, while hunting on his grandparents (Jerry and Pam Parker) place, 3 miles north of Bronte.

appointment to enroll in the program. With the passage of the new farm bill, all new eligibility forms will have to be completed for producers who are enrolling in the program.

The 2009 Farm Program permits producers with base acreage on a farm to enroll in the program and receive direct program payments in return for participation. Producers can request a direct payment of 22% of the total at signup. The deadline to enroll in the program is June 1, 2009 with no late file period.

Details of the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Program have not been announced. Producers may first enroll in the DCP Program, elect to receive advance direct payments and then later modify their enrollment to include the ACRE

program or they may wait and elect to enroll in DCP and ACRE at the same time in the spring. The phone number for the FSA Office for Coke and Sterling Counties is 453-2751.

Coke County generosity

By way of generosity of local residents, 25 tons of donated goods were collected from the Medina Children's Home boxes during 2008. These are the collection boxes located across the street from the Robert Lee Post Office.

This collection site remains one of the major contribution points for Medina Home in Texas.

Another point of interest is that the new CEO for Medina Home is Kevin McDonald, grandson of the late Chelsey and Cecile McDonald of Sterling City.

Area Churches invite you to worship

Bronte Church of Christ
 PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson • Bronte
 (325) 473-3291

Preacher John V. Driggers
 Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

Central Baptist Church
 324 S. Franklin • Bronte
 (325) 473-4811

Dale Patterson, 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

Ray Aldridge, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

First Baptist Church
 424 S. Washington • Bronte
 Bro. Corey Cornutt, 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. David Bailey, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School
 11 am Worship
 5 pm Youth

First United Methodist Church
 PO Box 144 • 9th and Chadbourne
 Robert Lee
 (325) 453-2417

Steve Peyton, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunay School
 11 am Worship
 5:30 pm Choir Practice

Iglesia Bautista Bethel
 101 Houston • Robert Lee
 (325) 763-9208 • 320-1354
 Sun. 10 am • Worship
 11 am & 6 pm • Service

Wed. 7 pm

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

Northside Church of Christ
 PO Box 508 • 9th & Chadbourne
 Robert Lee

(325) 655-9784 or 453-2685
 Portis Ribble, Minister
 Services: Sun. 10 am & 1:30 pm
 Wed. 6 pm

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church

601 W. 10th • Robert Lee
 (325) 365-2687
 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
 Sat. 6 pm

Pecan Baptist Church

PO Box 542 • 12 miles west of Rob
 Lee on Sterling City Hwy
 (325) 453-2482

Jim Dominey, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Robert Lee Baptist Church
 PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
 (325) 453-2724

Jason Martin, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 6 pm, Worship
 6 pm Prayer Meeting

Tennyson Baptist Church

Hwy 277 • Tennyson
 Joe Hodges, Pastor
 (325) 473-2040
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 6 pm Prayer Meeting
Victory Assembly of God
 PO Box 638 • 6th & Houston
 Robert Lee

(325) 453-2208
 Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting
St. James Catholic Church
 215 N. Washington, Bronte
 (325) 365-2687

Rev. Hubert Wade, Pastor
 Sun. 5 pm



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CCRTA luncheon meeting held

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association met Monday, January 19, 2009. The noon luncheon meeting was held at the First Baptist Church in Bronte.

President Bill Hood presided at the meeting. He and Paul Gothard, legislative chairman, gave legislative updates to unit members. They reminded and urged members to contact representatives by mail, telephone, or e-mail.

Beth Prather, Nina Brewer, and Jamie Boren reported on the book project. Thirty books were presented to the Bronte Elementary Library and the Robert Lee Elementary Library.

Janet Wommack, health care chairman, collected forms on the number of steps taken by each member in 2008.

Nina Brewer, community service chairman, collected total number of volunteer hours for 2008 from the unit members.

The next CCRTA meeting will be Monday, February 16, 2009.

Members attended were: C.B. Barbee, Wanda Barbee, Gayle Bolding, Jamie Boren, Nina Brewer, Judy Gibbs, Kay Gothard, Paul Gothard, Ann Hamilton, Bill Hood, Rhonda Hood, Mimzi Horn, Jerry Horn, Mary Lawhon, Bette McCutchen, Jerry McCutchen, Beth Prather, Gerald Sandusky, Janet Wommack, Lee Wommack. Visitors attending: Michael Bohensky, Corey Cornutt, and Alan Richey.

Sorosis Study Club holds meeting

The Sorosis Study Club of Bronte met for a regular meeting at the home of Kay Styles on January 15, 2009. President Lanette Fletcher opened the meeting and pledges were said to the United States and Texas flags and the Club Collect was read. A note was read thanking members for their help with the Bronte Elementary Book Fair in December.

The club will help with a monthly birthday party at Bronte Health and Rehab Center at 3 p.m. on March 27, 2009. The club will purchase a cake for the party and provide entertainment. A garage sale will be held the first Saturday in May. Coke County Relay for Life is April 3-4 in Robert Lee. The Sorosis Club will participate by having a team.

Martha Ratliff and Jennifer Stango were accepted as new members of the Sorosis Club.

Terry Marrs presented a program on origami. Origami is the traditional Japanese art or technique of folding paper into a variety of decorative or representational forms, as of animals or flowers. He distributed directions and demonstrated

making a box. Each member received 8 sheets of origami paper and with much laughing and confusion, most members completed a box.

Delicious refreshments were served by hostess Kay Styles and co-hostess Marti Aguirri. Pat Lee won the Chinese auction.

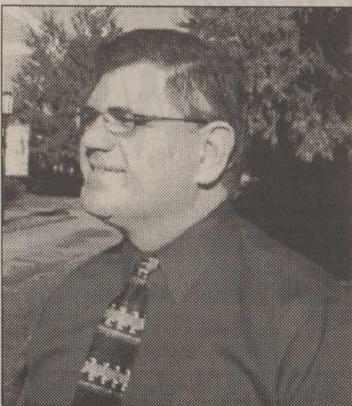
Members present were: Marti Aguirri, Marilyn Bivins, Celia Bowden, Jane Cumbie, Jean Fancher, Lanette Fletcher, Mary Glenn, Marian Gohman, Pat Lee, Fredna Moore, Kay Styles, and Janet Wommack and new members Martha Ratliff and Jennifer Stango and guests Stephanie Gohman and Terry and Sherri Marrs.

New pastor at FUMC-RL

Steven D. Peyton, is the newly appointed Pastor for Robert Lee First United Methodist Church, starting January 1, 2009. Steve was born and raised in Houston, Texas. He moved to East Texas to attend college and left college early to start a career in Law Enforcement that lasted 17 years. He policed in Rusk, Longview, and San Marcos, Texas. In 1999, a change of career sent him to New Braunfels to enter into full time ministry as a Youth Pastor. During this time of ministry it became clear that his "calling" from God was to be a United Methodist Pastor.

In one year, Steve completed his college degree, and began packing, along with his wife Sherry and their son Samuel, to move to Seminary. Steve spent the last three and a half years at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky. He earned, and was presented with, a Master of Divinity degree on December 2, 2008. Bishop Jim Dorff of the Southwest Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church appointed Steve Peyton as the Pastor for Robert Lee First United Methodist Church.

Sherry is a West Texas native, having been born in Brownfield and raised in Lubbock, Texas. Sam is 16 years old and was born in San



Steve Peyton

Marcos, Texas, and is a sophomore at Robert Lee High School. Their daughter, Suzi Wiley is 21 and lives in New Braunfels with her husband T.J. and their dog, Sterling.

The Peytons look forward to a small town environment that has provided a big Texas welcome and they are thrilled to be back in Texas.

Check Out Coke County Library

If it is not too early to think about Spring Cleaning, please look under the bed, behind the chair, in the back seat of the car, for any over-due library books. There will be no fines charged for books returned between now and Valentine's Day.

Books may be returned in Bronte to the Main Street Market, and they may also be returned to the 24/7 book drop on the porch of the Library.

January is National Thank You Week. Thanks to all the Coke County Library patrons who support and promote and practice reading.

The library has a supply of the most recent fiction and non-fiction books out including Paul Deen and J. A. Jance.

Retired school personnel walk for better health

The members of the Coke County unit of Texas Retired Teachers walked 80,302,360 steps; the equivalent of 40,151 miles in 2008 as they participated in the Texas Retired Teachers



First Buck! Michael James, 5, took this 8 point buck back in December with help from Bobby Joe Longoria. The buck was killed on the Longoria Ranch, north of Robert Lee.

Association's (TRTA) Walks-A-Million Program. The purpose of the TRTA Walks-A-Million Program is to encourage the organization's 64,000 members in the 257 Local Units throughout Texas to walk on a daily basis in order to maintain good health and at the same time keep health insurance costs down.

The Coke County unit is proud to announce that

Mimzi Horn walked the most steps in 2008 - 3,650,000 steps. She will receive a certificate of recognition from the TRTA.

Janet Wommack, Health Care Committee Chairman, coordinates the Walks-A-Million Program at the Coke County unit. William Hood President of the Coke County unit congratulates those who participated in the Walks-A-Million Program.

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WHERE:

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WHY:

To grow our faith. To make us and others better disciples. To gain a deeper and better understanding who Jesus is and His plan and love for us and others.

Fellowship while meal is prepared (provided by FUMC). Meal at 5:45 pm, followed by praise, worship and music. Video at 6:30 pm, with discussion and sharing to follow.

For more information, contact David Bailey at 325/473-3281.

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2009 Open House

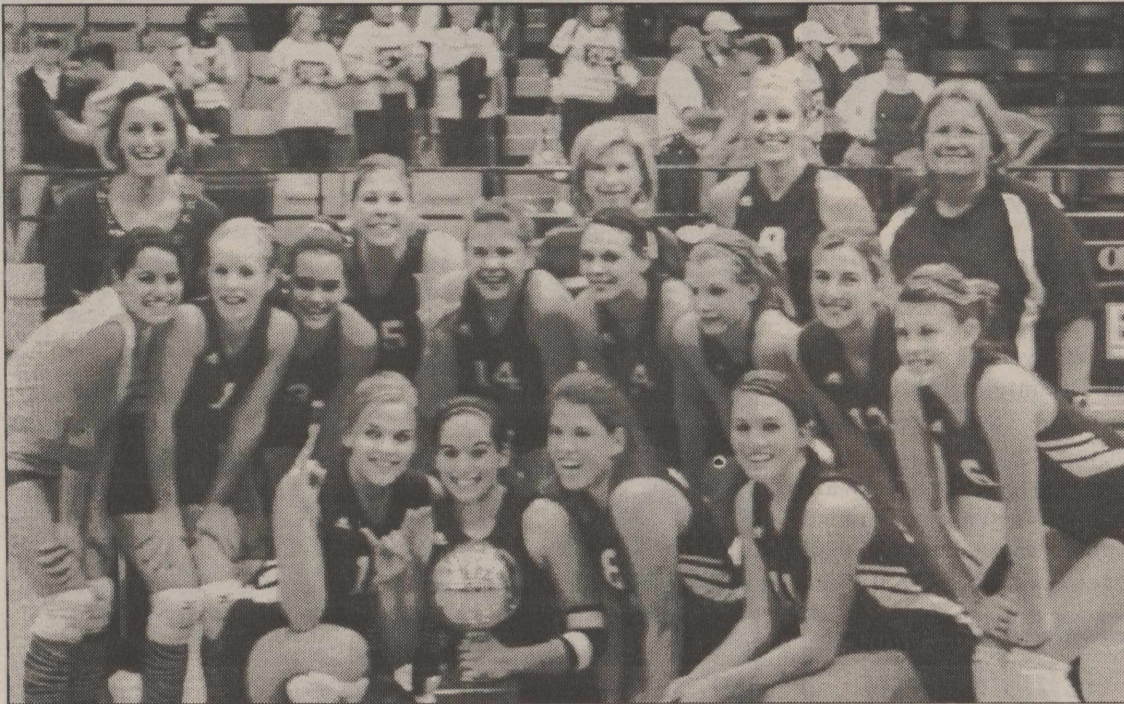
Wednesday, January 28

3:30 to 5:30

City Hall

Everyone is invited!

BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



Lady Longhorns! The Bronte Lady Longhorns volleyball team were the regional quarterfinal champions this season, winning that finals game over state-ranked Wink. The Lady Longhorns advanced to the regional semifinals in Lubbock and their season ended against the eventual state champion, Windthorst. Earning All-District honors were Chelsea Meek - Outstanding Setter, Chelsea Cook - Outstanding Hitter, Ariel Coalson - First Team, Shannon Deller - First Team and Kaycee Baker - 2nd Team. Receiving spots on the All-West Texas Team were Chelsea Cook - 1st Team and Chelsea Meek - Setter of the Year.

College financial aid night planned

Bronte ISD will host a free college financial aid orientation on Tuesday, January 27 at 6 pm in the school library. The program, presented by a representative from the Panhandle-Plains Student

Loan Center and Angelo State University will last about an hour and will cover the steps in completing the general application form (FAFSA), stress the importance of grants and scholarships, and explain the nature of student and parent loans. Pizza and drinks will be served.

Although the presentation will focus on seniors, all students and parents are welcome and would benefit from the session. A drawing will be held for a \$200 scholarship for attending seniors or those represented by a parent.

For more information, please call Mrs. Timmerman, Bronte ISD counselor, at (325) 473-2521.

BISD Board of Trustees meeting held

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a regular meeting, January 19, 2009, at 7:16 pm in the Board Room. Those in attendance were Quinda Feil-Duncan, President, Wayne Coalson, Jeff Schoenfield, Bob Frazee, Paul Williams, Shane Kelton and Alan Richey, Superintendent. Also present were David Bedford, Michael Bohensky, Donna Poehls and Kyle James. David McWright was absent.

The meeting was opened with prayer by David Bedford.

Kyle James addressed the board.

Principals' reports were given by Donna Poehls, Michael Bohensky and David Bedford. Mrs. Taylor and Heath Richey gave an update and demonstration on robotics.

Third grade made place mats for the board members and Mr. Richey handed out certificates for dedicated

leadership and continuing service to the children of Bronte ISD.

The board rejected all proposals on SUV's and four-door sedans and discussed school investments.

Alan Richey, Superintendent, gave a financial update and discussion was held on the old Ag building.

The board completed and approved the Superintendent's evaluation and approved three administrator positions for the 2009-2010 school year.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 pm.

JV Horns win one, lose one

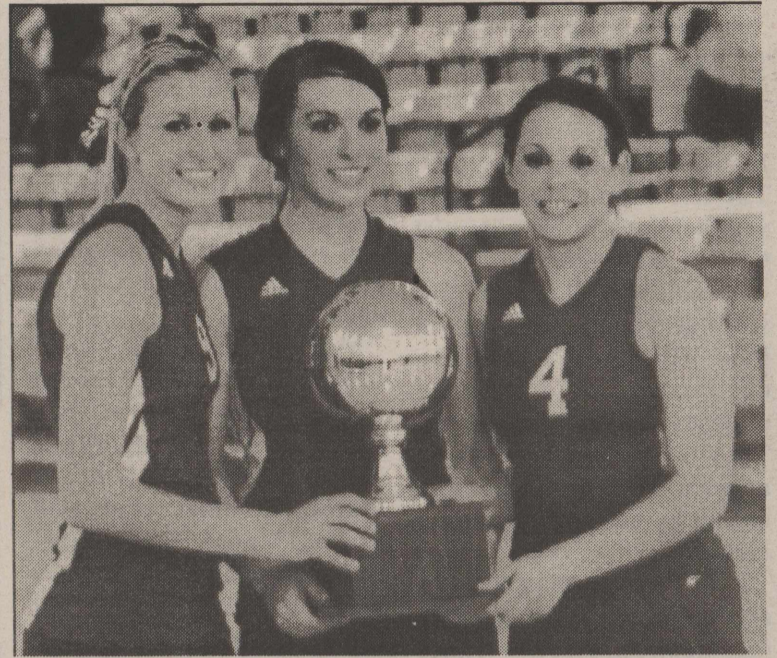
The Bronte JV Longhorns continued district play last week. The young Horns dominated against the Cross Plains Buffaloes, defeating them 44-14. Scoring for Bronte were Scott 12, Barber 8, Perez 8, Baumann 4, Deller 4, Coalson 4 and Everheart 4.

The JV Horns then took on Eula this past Friday and were defeated 26-37. Scoring for the Horns were Barber 10, Scott 7, Coalson 4, Perez 3 and Baumann 2.

Longhorns defeat Cross Plains

The Bronte Longhorns ran over Cross Plains by a score of 70-18. Stats: Sam Rawlings 5 pts., Lahne Burns 9 pts., Ty Mackey 2 pts., Reece Springer 3 pts., Rob Rosson 8 pts., 10 rebounds, Ernesto Casillas 6 pts., Dakota Rawls 23 pts., 5 rebounds, 4 assists, Heath Richey 6 pts., 3 steals, Kerwin Rawls 8 pts., 5 assists, 3 steals.

The Bronte Longhorns were defeated by Eula by a score of 54-36. Stats: Sam



All-State! The Bronte Lady Longhorns had three volleyball team members earn All-State honors. They include (from left to right) Chelsea Cook, Chelsea Meek and Ashley Royall.

Rawlings 3 pts., Lahne Burns 4 steals, Rob Rosson 2 pts., Dakota Rawls 21 pts., 8 rebounds, Heath Richey 5 pts., 5 rebounds, Kerwin Rawls 5 pts., 4 assists.

Scholarship Opportunities

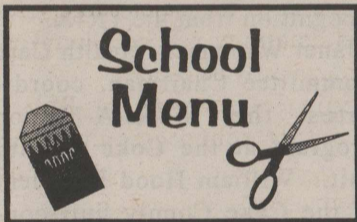
The Monsanto Company is offering 100 scholarships of \$1,500.00 to graduating seniors planning on pursuing careers in agriculture. For more information and the application, please visit www.monsanto.com. The deadline to apply is February 17, 2009.

The Working Ranch Cowboy Foundation Scholarship Fund is offering financial assistance to working ranch cowboys and their family members showing interest and promise in continuing their education in a collegiate, trade, or vocational program. High school seniors and students currently enrolled in college are eligible to apply. Applications are available in the counselor's office at Bronte High School and must be postmarked by March 1, 2009.

The West Texas Fair and Rodeo will grant a scholarship to a graduating senior in the Big Country who has participated in activities or contests in the Livestock Department and to an individual who has participated in the Modern Living Mall Youth Department. Applications are available on the bulletin board at Bronte High School and must be submitted by March 1, 2008.

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The C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship and the Bronte Community Scholarship are now available to graduating seniors at Bronte High School. Applications are available online at www.bronteisd.net on the Counselor's Corner page under scholarships or may be picked up in the counselor's office. The deadline to apply for both scholarships is April 14, 2009. The C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship is also open to past BHS graduates. Please turn in applications to Mrs. Timmerman, counselor. For more information, please call the counselor's office at 473-2521.



School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, January 26

Cereal, apple sauce, toast, jelly, milk

Tuesday, January 27

Sausage, assorted juice, biscuit, jelly, milk

Wednesday, January 28

Breakfast pizza, assorted juice, milk

Thursday, January 29

Sausage roll, assorted juice, milk

Friday, January 30

Pancake and sausage on a stick, assorted juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, January 26

Chicken nuggets, gravy, cream potatoes, green beans, roll, fruit, milk

Tuesday, January 27

Frito pie, chili and cheese, tossed salad, ranch style beans, sliced peaches, corn chips, milk

Wednesday, January 28

Chicken and noodles, corn on the cob, tossed salad, roll, apple crisp, milk

Thursday, January 29

Chicken fajitas, refried beans, lettuce and tomato, mixed fruit, flour tortillas, milk

Friday, January 30

Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, french fries, assorted fruit, bun, rice krispie treat, milk

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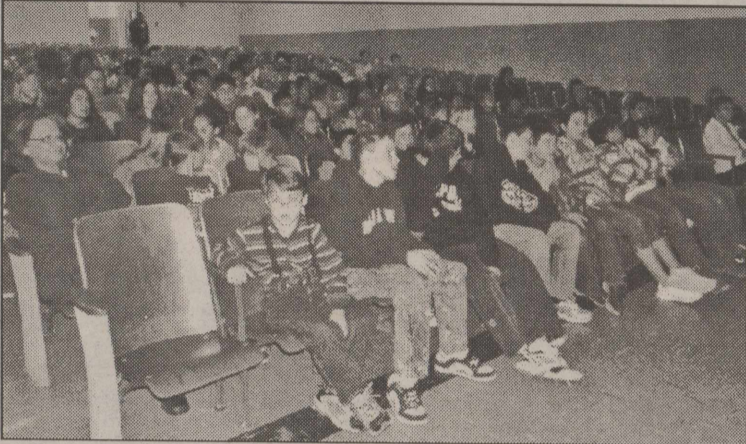
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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



Inauguration Day! The students and faculty of Robert Lee ISD gathered in the high school library, elementary computer lab, and school auditorium to watch the inauguration of Barack Obama, the 44th President of the United States, on Tuesday, January 20.



School Board Appreciation! The Robert Lee ISD School Board was recognized at their regular monthly meeting Monday, January 19, 2009, for School Board Appreciation month. Superintendent Aaron Hood presented certificates of appreciation. Students from elementary, junior high and high school presented them with letters, cards and posters expressing their gratitude as well. Board members include Kevin Roe, Wes Washam, Jeffie Roberts, Brandi Brosh, Irma Torres, Tod Reed, and Tom Sawyer, Jr.

RLISD Board meeting held

On Monday, January 19, 2009, a regular meeting was held in the Robert Lee High School Library of the public school building at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Roe.

Members Present: K. Roe, J. Roberts, T. Reed, T. Sawyer, W. Washam, B. Brosh, I. Torres

At 6 pm the meeting called to order by President Roe, quorum of members present. Invocation and pledge led by Irma Torres.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion

to approve the minutes of December 15, 2008 seconded by Brandi Brosh. All for.

Wes Washam made a motion to accept the financial report and to pay the bills seconded by Tod Reed. All for.

Aaron Hood recognized the RLISD Board Members for Board Appreciation Week and presented certificates.

Presentation and discussion of preliminary plans and elevations for 2008 construction project from Cadco Architects-Engineers and W.B. Kibler Construction.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to file a Certificate of Formation for Robert Lee Education Foundation, Inc. Motion seconded by Irma Torres. All for.

Tod Reed made a motion to adopt Bylaws of Robert Lee Educations Foundation, Inc. Motion seconded by Wes Washam. All for.

Tod Reed made a motion to adopt the Conflict of Interest Policy seconded by Tom Sawyer. All for.

Procedures and guidelines for the foundation will be discussed at a later date.

Roger Henderson gave the elementary and high school principal's report. 118 enrolled in elementary; 96% ADA for December. 108 enrolled on the secondary campus; 98% ADA for December.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve the Order of Election for Board of Trustees, May 9, 2008. Motion seconded by Irma Torres. All for.

Aaron Hood gave his superintendent's report on enrollment numbers, wind project update, TEA reversing adjustments for overpayments, Texas Permanent School Fund and Level II School Board Training.

The Board took a break at 8:51 pm before entering into closed session at 8:54 pm and reconvened into open session at 10:12 pm.

Wes Washam made a motion seconded by Tod Reed to extend Supt. Aaron Hood's contract one

year to a five year contract with 5.673% pay increase with current benefits. All for.

The next regular board meeting will be held at 6 pm on February 16, 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 10:22 pm.

ENMU-Roswell announces Fall 2008 Dean's List

Ashley Sawyer was named to the Dean's List at Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell, for the fall 2008 semester. To be named to the Dean's List, students must earn a 3.25 or higher grade point average while carrying at least 12 semester hours. Ashley is in the Special Services - Occupational Training Program studying Food Services and carrying 18 semester hours with a 3.88 GPA.

McCabe named to Dean's Honor List

The College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources for Texas Tech University presented a certificate to Jacob McCabe for scholastic achievement qualifying for the Dean's Honor List for the 2008 fall semester.

This recognition is accorded to those students who have attained a grade point average of 3.5 or better during the indicated semester.

RLJH basketball teams victorious

On January 19, the Robert Lee Junior High Dogies defeated Blackwell by a score of 31-20. Scoring: Justin Gartman 8, Zach Skinner 7, Zachary Sanchez 10, and Cooper Hinderliter 6.

The Lady Dogies defeated Blackwell by a score of 43-15. Scoring: Jordan Gartman 17, Bianca Huapilla 12, Alexis Mendoza 4, Ashlie

Wheat 4, Jesse Sheets 2, Sara Lara 2 and Dusty Howard 2.

Steers win one, lose one

On January 13, the Robert Lee Steers were defeated by Sterling City by a score of 38-28. Scoring: Gallegos 2, Nesbit 5, Dillard 4, Philley 9, and Brosh 8.

On January 15, the Steers defeated Blackwell by a score of 58-24. Scoring: Gallegos 13, Nesbit 9, Dillard 12, Philley 9, Ross 4, Brosh 10 and Blair 1.

RLJV boys top Sterling City

The Robert Lee JV Steers defeated Sterling City by a score of 33-13. Scoring: Roe 14, Henderson 8, Hewitt 2, and Esterada 8.

Statewide screening program offered

The Texas State Legislature passed a law in 1985 that requires all sixth and ninth grade students to be screened for spinal deformities. Early detection of abnormal spinal curvature can prevent serious health problems. This is a problem that may begin during the early adolescent years (from 10 -14 years of age), with an estimated 1 in 10 adolescents

having some degree of abnormal curvature. Curves that are detected early may only require periodic observation by a specialist. Moderate curves may require the wearing of a brace, which is usually supervised by an orthopedic specialist. In most cases, need for major surgery for this deformity can be eliminated through early detection.

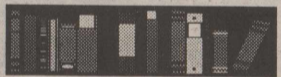
Spinal screening for Robert Lee ISD school children has been scheduled to begin on Wednesday, January 28.

Children will be screened for two types of spinal deformities: scoliosis and kyphosis. Scoliosis is a condition in which the spine is twisted, causing misalignment of the upper body or lower back. This condition can worsen and lead to much pain, as well as complications of the heart and lungs. Kyphosis is an exaggerated rounding of the spine. Progression of these two conditions can often be arrested if detected early.

For more information regarding the school spinal screening, contact Coach Amber Reed at 453-4556.

For more information regarding the state-mandated spinal screening in Texas schools, contact the Texas Department of State Health Services at 1-800-252-8023.

School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, January 26

Juice, pigs in blanket, cereal, milk

Tuesday, January 27

Juice, cinnamon roll, cereal, milk

Wednesday, January 28

Juice, pancake & sausage on stick, cereal, milk

Thursday, January 29

Juice, muffin, cereal, milk

Friday, January 30

Juice, French toast, sausage, cereal, milk

Lunch

Monday, January 26

Bean chalupas, salad, tamale, Spanish rice, pineapple, milk

Tuesday, January 27

Chicken A La King, rice, egg roll, applesauce, teddy grahams, milk

Wednesday, January 28

Frito pie, cheese, salad, crackers, banana pudding

Thursday, January 29

Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes, green peas, roll, apricots, milk

Friday, January 30

Hamburger, salad, pickles, baked chips, apple, peanut butter, milk

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2009 Coke County Show Show Results

Market Lambs

Finewool

1. Blake Millican; 2. Briana Brisbin

Finewool Crosses

1. Briana Brisbin; 2. Dawson Brisbin; 3. Blake Millican; 4. Kacee Roberts; 5. James Roberts; 6. Kacee Roberts; 7. Emilee Yanez; 8. Jodi Sheldon

Champion Finewool Cross-Briana Brisbin

Reserve Champ FW Cross-Dawson Brisbin

Southdown

1. Dawson Brisbin; 2. Dawson Brisbin

Medium Wool

1. Blake Millican; 2. Jacob Torres; 3. Jayton Torres; 4. Jacob Torres; 5. Jayton Torres

Champion Medium Wool - Blake Millican

Reserve Champ Medium Wool - Jacob Torres

Grand Champion Lamb - Blake Millican

Reserve Grand Champion Lamb - Briana Brisbin

Market Goats

Class 1

1. Zachary Sanchez; 2. Jesse Sheets; 3. Dalton Ogle; 4. Jesse Sheets; 5. Dalton Ogle; 6. Kandance Skipworth; 7. Zachary Sanchez; 8. Zachary Sanchez; 9. Sydney Sheldon; 10. Kaleb Torres

Class 2

1. Emilee Yanez; 2. Blaine Yanez; 3. Jesse Sheets; 4. Jodi Sheldon; 5. Rachel Everheart; 6. Kiara Burns; 7. Sam Rawlings; 8. Kaleb Torres; 9. Jorge Mendoza; 10. Sam Rawlings

Class 3

1. Rachel Everheart; 2. Rachel Everheart; 3. Ryan Everheart; 4. Ryan Everheart;



The Grand Champion Lamb at the 2009 stock show was shown by Blake Millican, who also exhibited the Champion Medium Wool Lamb and Champion Finewool Lamb. Pictured with Blake is Stephen Myers, representing Robert Lee State Bank as the buyer in the premium auction.



Briana Brisbin exhibited the Champion Finewool Cross Lamb and Reserve Champion Finewool Lamb which was later named the Reserve Grand Champion in the Market Lamb Division.

Emilee Yanez (right photo, second from left) exhibited the first place Class 2 Meat Goat, which went on to win the title of Grand Champion Meat Goat. Her brother, Blaine, captured the title of Reserve Grand Champion Meat Goat. Pictured with Emilee and Blaine is the Antilley family.

5. Ryan Everheart; 6. Ryan Everheart; 7. Rachel Everheart; 8. Kiara Burns; 9. Amanda Mendoza; 10. Alexis Mendoza; 11. Amanda Mendoza

Grand Champion Market Goat - Emilee Yanez
Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat - Blaine Yanez



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GENE MONTGOMERY Coke County Commissioner, Pct. 1	MAIN STREET MARKET	RANGEL'S RESTAURANT

Market Swine

Duroc

Light weight

1. Chelsea Cook; 2. James Roberts; 3. Jael Williams; 4. Briana Brisbin; 5. Cambri Kelso; 6. Jael Williams; 7. Cody Brosh; 8. Madison Wright; 9. Blake Millican

Heavy Weight

1. Meagan Ross; 2. Chloe Grigg; 3. Blaine Yanez; 4. Dawson Brisbin; 5. Mason Ross; 6. Zach Skinner; 7. Madison Wright; 8. Carson Kelso

Champion Duroc - Meagan Ross

Reserve Champion Duroc - Chloe Grigg

Hampshire Light Weight

1. Chloe Grigg; 2. Mason Hoyt; 3. Cody Brosh; 4. Chelsea Cook; 5. Carson Kelso; 6. Kelby Clawson

Middle Weight

1. Chelsea Cook; 2. Blake Millican; 3. Sam Rawlings; 4. Chelsea Cook; 5. Blake Millican; 6. Cody Brosh

Heavy Weight

1. Chloe Grigg; 2. Paige Royall; 3. Emmery McCullough; 4. Mason Ross; 5. Meagan Ross; 6. Briana Brisbin; 7. James Roberts

Champion Hampshire - Chloe Grigg

Reserve Champion Hampshire - Chloe Grigg

White OPB

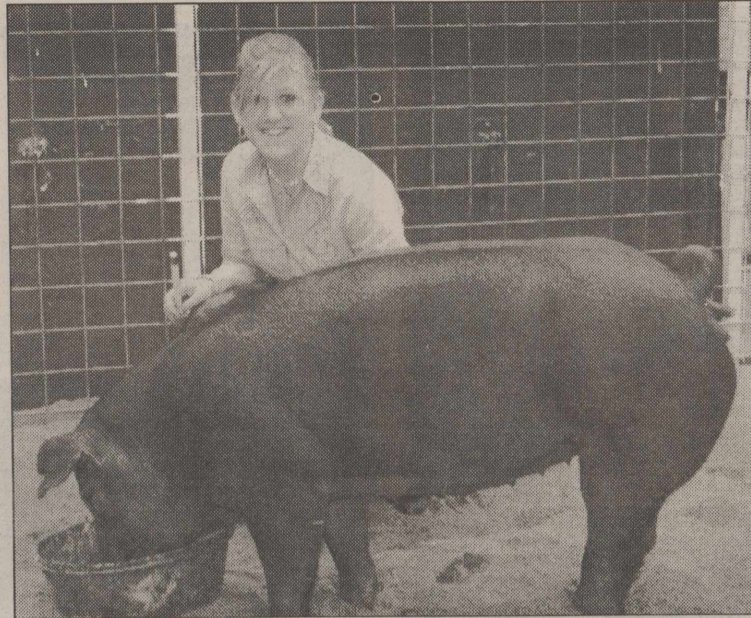
1. Ashley Royall; 2. Chloe Grigg; 3. Paige Royall; 4. Chelsea Cook; 5. Emmery McCullough; 6. Cambri Kelso

Champion White OPB - Ashley Royall

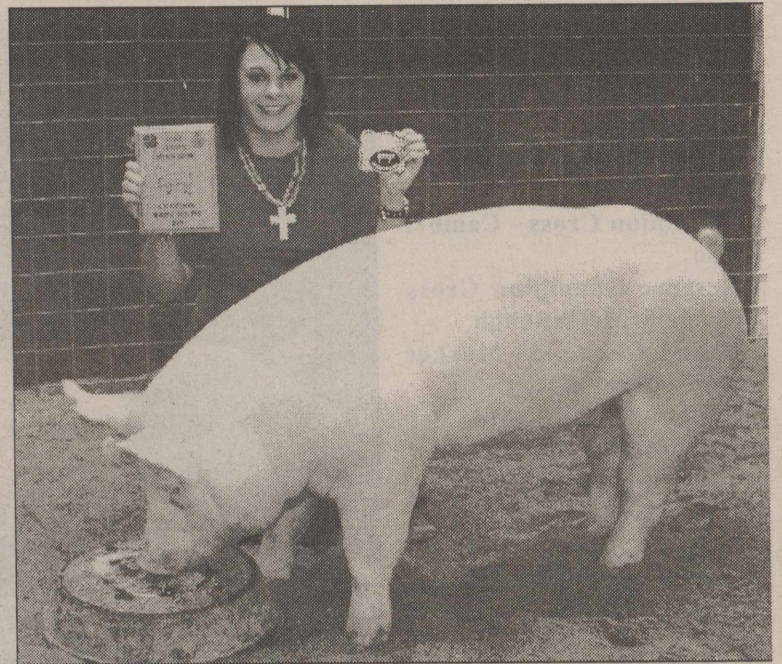
Reserve Champion White OPB - Chloe Grigg

Black OPB

1. Mason Ross; 2. Zach Skinner; 3. Emilee Yanez; 4. Blaine Yanez; 5. Meagan Ross; 6. Kacee Roberts; 7. Chelsea Cook



Meagan Ross exhibited the Champion Duroc pig at this year's county stock show.



The 2009 Champion White OPB pig was exhibited by Ashley Royall. She also exhibited the Reserve Grand Champion Market Swine.



The 2009 Champion Black OPB pig was exhibited by Mason Ross.



Chloe Grigg was a multiple winner at this year's county stock show. She exhibited the Reserve Champion Duroc, Champion Hampshire, Reserve Champion Hampshire, Reserve Champion White OPB and the Grand Champion Market Swine.

Champion Black OPB - Mason Ross

Reserve Champion Black OPB - Zach Skinner

Crosses

Light Weight

1. Emmery McCullough; 2. Chelsea Cook; 3. Chloe Grigg; 4. Chloe Grigg; 5. Carson Kelso; 6. Moriah Royall; 7. Emmery McCullough; 8. Dawson Brisbin

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Heavy Weight

1. Cambri Kelso; 2. Chloe Grigg; 3. Emilee Yanez; 4. Ashley Royall; 5. Blake Millican; 6. Zach Skinner; 7. Blaine Yanez

Champion Cross - Cambri Kelso

Reserve Champion Cross - Emmerly McCullough

Grand Champion Market Swine - Chloe Grigg

Reserve GC Market Swine - Ashley Royall

Market Steers

English Breeds

1. Ariel Coalson

American Breeds & Crosses

1. Dalton Ogle; 2. Carson Kelso

European Crosses

Light Weight

1. Shandee Vaughn; 2. Creed Coalson; 3. Kacee Roberts

Heavy Weight

1. Carson Kelso; 2. Cambri Kelso; 3. Kacee Roberts; 4. Shandee Vaughn

Champion European Steer - Carson Kelso

Reserve Champion European Steer - Shandee Vaughn

Grand Champion Market Steer - Carson Kelso

Reserve Champion Market Steer - Shandee Vaughn

CEM-Infected stallion confirmed in Texas

in Texas

The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) reports that laboratory tests have confirmed that a stallion in Texas is infected with contagious equine metritis (CEM), a highly contagious venereal disease of horses.

The Texas-born quarter horse had spent the 2008 breeding season in Kentucky, where CEM was detected in a stallion during routine testing in mid-December. As of January 15, a total of nine infected stallions have been detected: four in Kentucky, three in Indiana, and one each in Wisconsin and Texas. All of the infected stallions have epidemiological links to one or more CEM-infected equine during the 2007 or 2008 breeding season. State and federal authorities are



The 2009 Reserve Champion Crossbred pig was exhibited by Emmerly McCullough.



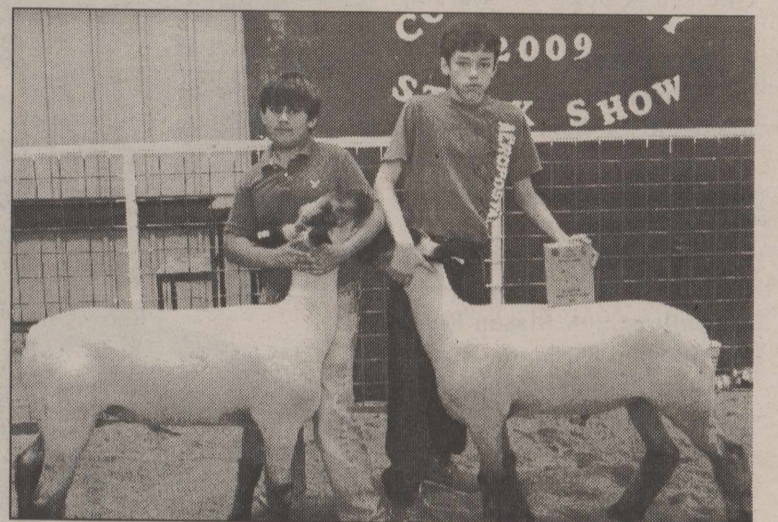
Zach Skinner exhibited the Reserve Champion Black OPB pig at this year's county stock show.



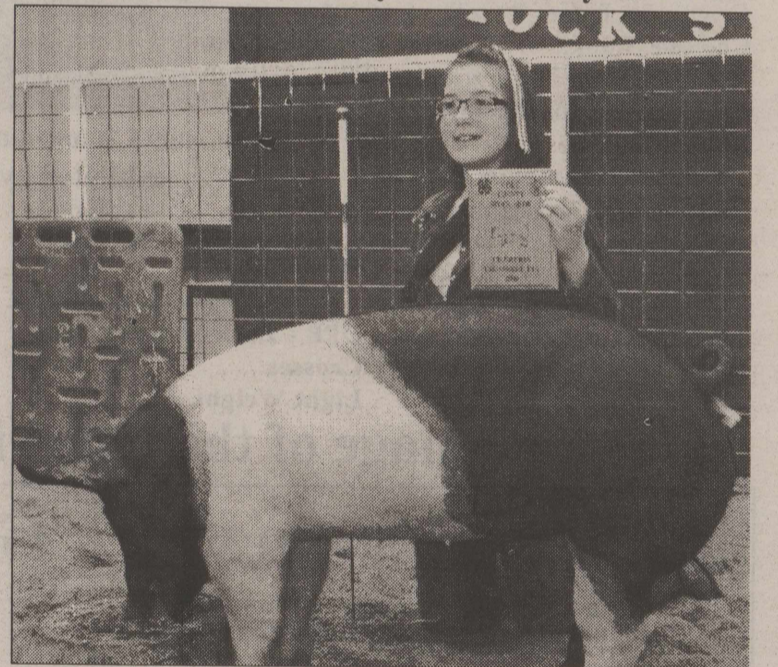
The Champion and Reserve Champion Southdown Lambs were exhibited by Dawson Brisbin at the 2009 county stock show. Also shown is Douglas Roberts, representing Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau as the buyer.

continuing to seek the source and testing of about 275 horses that may have been exposed to CEM through natural breeding or artificial insemination.

At least 38 states are involved in a nationwide epidemiological investigation



Rogers General Construction was the buyer for these two lambs, shown by Jacob and Jayton Torres.



The Champion Crossbred pig at this year's county stock show was exhibited by Cambri Kelso.

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The disease can be spread among stallions, if strict biosecurity measures are not maintained during the collection of semen.

CEM is not routinely spread through casual contact or shared boarding facilities, and horses can be treated with disinfectants and antibiotics to wipe out the infection. Potentially exposed and infected equine animals are being held under movement restrictions by state animal health authorities, until they test negative for the disease or they complete veterinary treatment and are certified as CEM-negative.

Currently, the TAHC is working with accredited private veterinary practitioners to test another stallion and 21 mares with potential exposure to CEM. In some cases, CEM may cause infected mares to abort.

CEM is not known to affect humans. The equine disease was first detected in the U.S. in 1978, then again in 1979. In both instances, the limited outbreaks were eradicated.

Additional national CEM information may be found on the USDA's web site at: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/newsroom/hot_issues/cem/index.shtml.

H-E-B issues recalls

H-E-B is issuing a precautionary recall for Luvs Candy Text Messages hard candy sold in all its stores. The fruit-flavored candy, manufactured by ZED Candy may contain foreign material. There have been no reports of illnesses or injuries; however, H-E-B is taking all necessary precautions.

"We are committed to absolute and complete food safety," said Winell Herron, H-E-B Group Vice President of Public Affairs and Diversity. "The product was removed from all our stores shelves early this afternoon and has been disposed of safely."

In stores, signage has been

posted notifying customers of the precautionary recall. Additionally, the product has been blocked in H-E-B's computer system to ensure none is sold at the register. H-E-B is also working closely with the product's manufacturer to resolve this issue. H-E-B is encouraging anyone who purchased the product to return it to their nearest H-E-B store for a full refund. Customers with any questions or concerns can contact H-E-B Customer Service at 1-800-432-3113.

H-E-B has also issued a state-wide voluntary recall for H-E-Buddy snack packs that are packaged with a peanut butter dip. The recall is only a precaution. The product contains peanut butter supplied by Peanut Corp. of America, which is being linked to a national outbreak of salmonella. No H-E-B customers have reported any illnesses. However,

H-E-B is taking all the necessary precautions.

The affected products are:

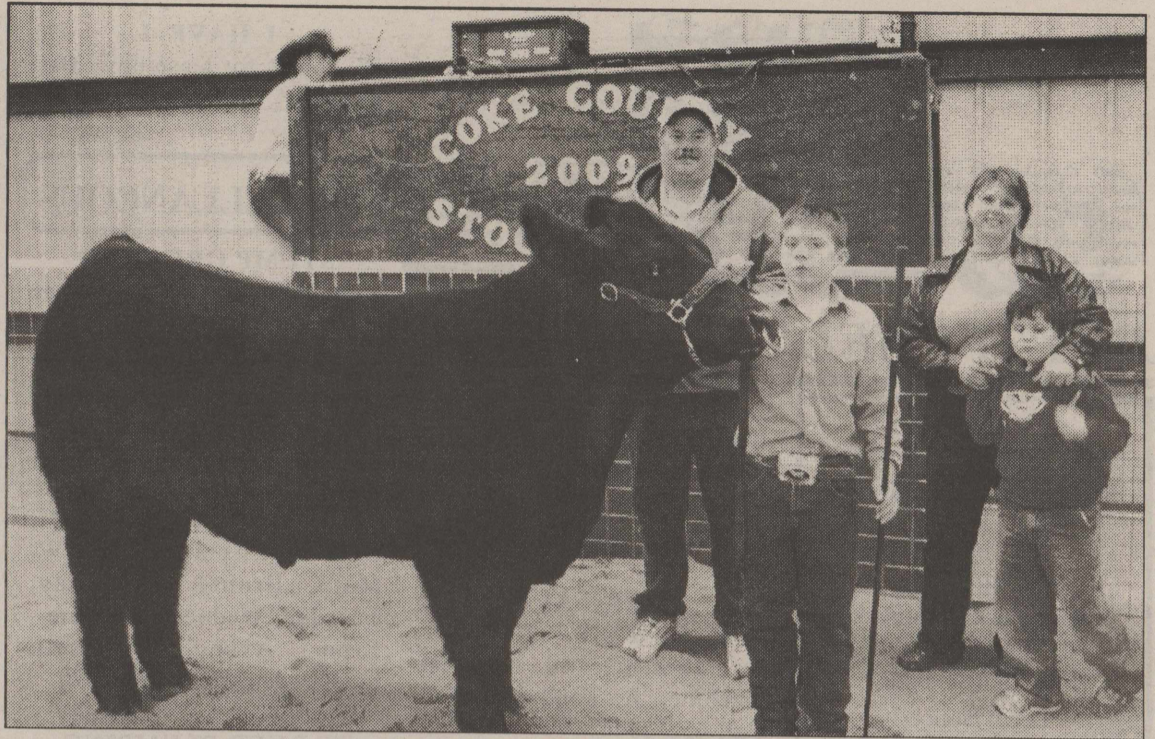
- H-E-Buddy Celery w/Peanut Butter - UPC 41220-29701; Expiration Dates - 01/16, 01/17, 01/18, 01/20, 01/21 and 1/22

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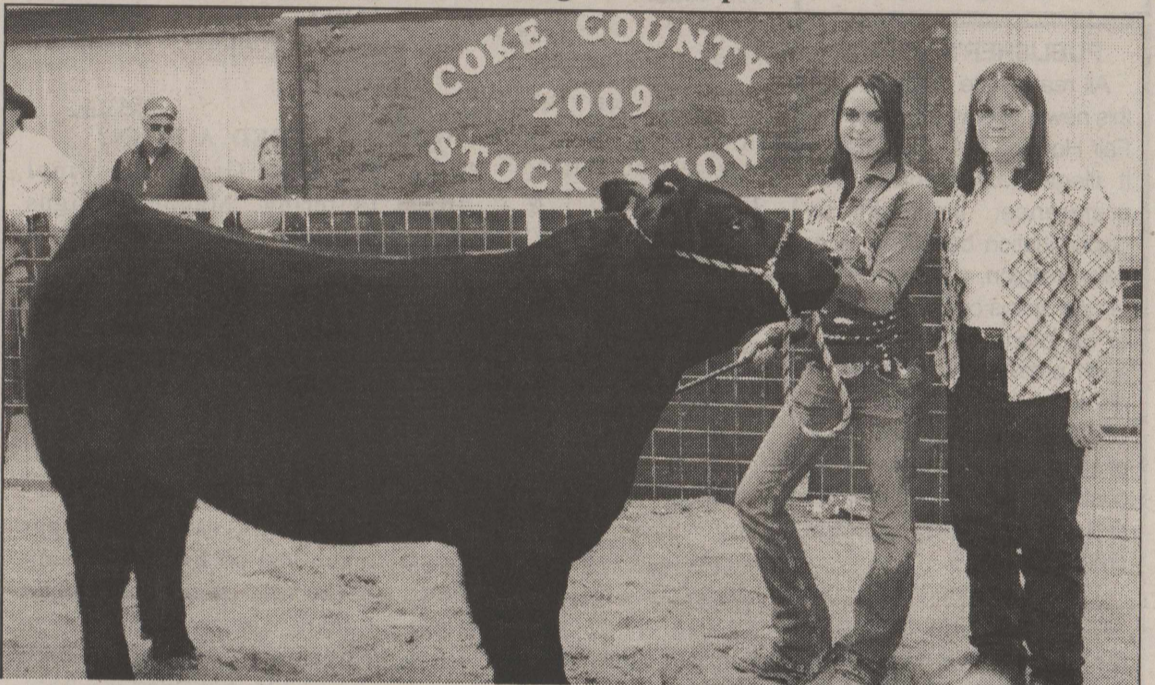
- H-E-Buddy Snack Tray w/two Dips - UPC 41220-54449; Expiration Dates - 01/16, 01/17, 01/19, 01/21 and 01/22

"We are strongly committed to ensuring the safety of our customers and of the products sold in our stores," said Winell Herron, H-E-B Group Vice President of Public Affairs and Diversity. "The product has been removed from all our stores and will be returned only once it is completely safe."

To notify customers of the voluntarily recall, H-E-B has posted signage in its store and has locked the product's code in its computer system to ensure none of the affected products are sold at the register. The affected product has been removed completely from stores



Carson Kelso exhibited the 2009 Champion European Steer, which went on to win Grand Champion Market Steer. Also shown are Ron and Cindy Brown, who teamed with Mike Percifull of Renegade Well Service and Frances Percifull to purchase the grand champion.



The 2009 Reserve Champion European steer, exhibited by Shandee Vaughn, also was named Reserve Grand Champion Market Steer. Also shown is Stacy Kelton, representing First National Bank in Bronte as the premium sale buyer.

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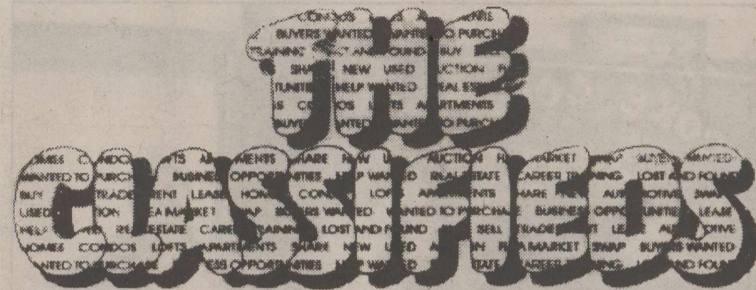
Applications for the 2009 camp season are now available online at texasbrigades.org.

The Texas Brigades' mission is to empower high school youth with the necessary skills and knowledge in wildlife and fisheries, habitat conservation, land and water stewardship, team-building, communication, and leadership to become ambassadors for conservation in order to ensure a sustained wildlife and fisheries legacy for future generations.

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...Wildlife Camp
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Six camps take place this year at locations across Texas.

- South Texas Buckskin Brigade, Carrizo Springs, June 14-18.
- Rolling Plains Bobwhite Brigade, Coleman, June 20-24.
- South Texas Bobwhite Brigade, Pleasanton, June 28-July 2.
- Bass Brigade, Mexia, July 13-17.
- North Texas Buckskin Brigade, Albany, July 19-23.
- East Texas Feathered Forces, Nacogdoches, July 26-30.

Each camp consists of intense, interactive, and hands-on learning from some of the top wildlife and natural resource professionals in Texas. Subjects covered include everything from biology, habitat management, watersheds, population dynamics, ecology, and botany, to photography, journalism, firearm safety, fishing, communication, critical-thinking, team building, and leadership.

Each camp needs adult volunteers to serve as Leaders every summer. No experience is necessary, just a desire to learn and mentor youth. You will have the opportunity to aid a younger generations' consciousness of their responsibility to and understanding of their natural world. Not only are you enriching the lives of the participants, but you too will benefit from the experience.

An understanding of the importance of this program is represented by its cooperating partners, including Texas AgriLife Extension, Texas Wildlife Association, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, Texas Chapters of Quail Unlimited, and the National Wild Turkey Federation.

Cancer and Your Pets: What Pet Owners Need to Know

Almost everyone has known a friend or loved one who has been affected by cancer. While cancer in humans is definitely prevalent, out pets are also afflicted with this disease.

According to Dr. Heather Wilson, assistant professor of oncology at the Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, 50 percent of all dogs and 30 percent of all cats over the age of 10 will be diagnosed with some form of cancer.

Types of cancers most common in dogs include: lymphoma (tumor of the lymph nodes), mast cell tumors (skin tumors), and osteosarcoma (tumor of the bones). Some common types

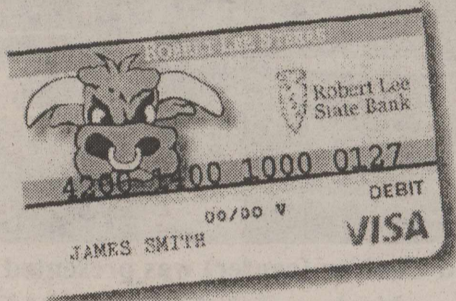
of cancer in cats are: lymphoma, squamous cell carcinoma (which affects the head, neck and mouth), and vaccine associated sarcomas.

"Cats are not nearly as prone to cancer as dogs, but one of the most common cancers in cats comes from vaccine injection sites," notes Wilson. "While you can pick and choose some vaccinations, rabies vaccinations are required by law. However, there is a non-adjuvanted rabies vaccine for cats that is less irritating,

thus less likely to cause cancer and is available at most veterinary clinics."

The type of cancer your pet has can also be closely associated with its breed. In dogs, lymphoma is most common in Golden Retrievers, Boxers, and Labs. Mast cell tumors are common in dogs with short noses such as boxers, pugs, and bulldogs. Large breed dogs such as Rottweilers and Great Danes are more prone to osteosarcoma.

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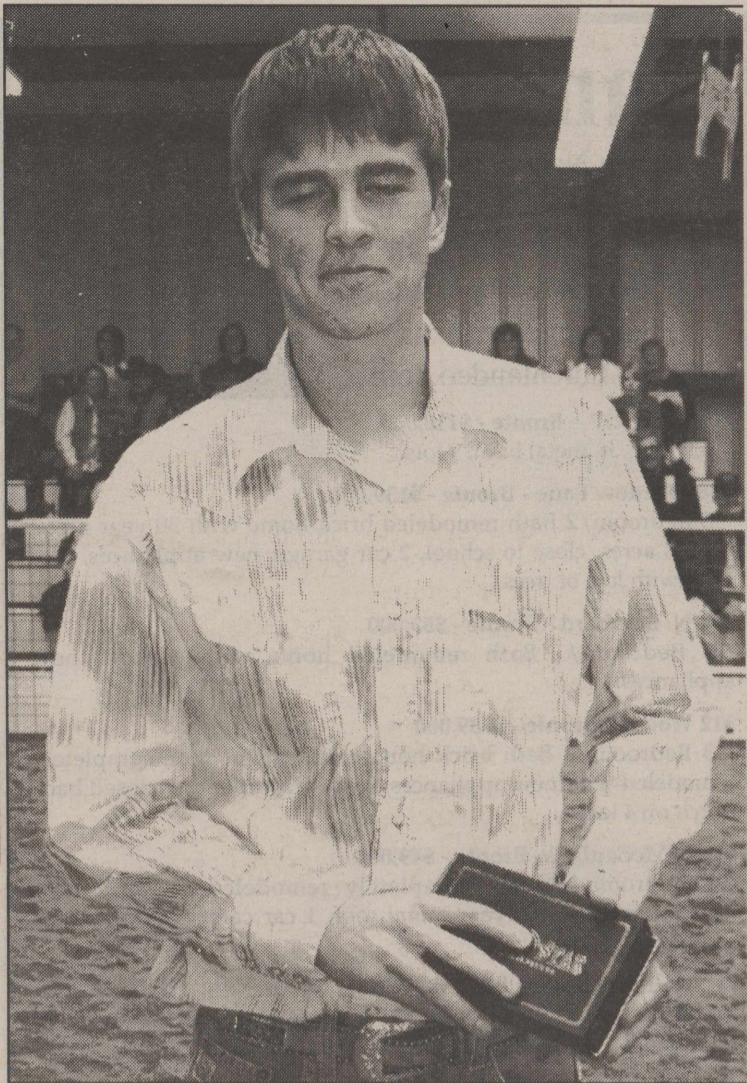
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Cody Brosh was the recipient of the Alderman Cave Top Hand Award at this year's county livestock show.

...Pet Cancer

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"There is very little distinction across breeds when it comes to cancer in cats," states Wilson. "However, cancer most commonly affects the Siamese breed of cats."

Once your veterinarian has diagnosed your pet with cancer you will then want to find a veterinary oncologist in your area that specializes in your pet's specific cancer.

"There are veterinary oncologists that specialize in medical oncology and radiation oncology. There are also surgeons that specialize in surgical oncology," explains Wilson. "The best way to find a medical oncologist in your area is to go to the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM) website at www.acvim.org." Treatment options range from chemotherapy, surgery, radiation therapy, and immunotherapy and are administered depending on the type and severity of the cancer.

"Chemotherapy is the number one treatment option for animals with lymphoma," says Wilson. "While cure rates in dogs vary greatly with the type of cancer, overall response rates for dogs with lymphoma treated with the CHOP chemotherapy protocol (a multidrug protocol given weekly over 19 weeks) is greater than 80 percent." Response rates for dogs with mast cell tumors varies depending on the grade, but with complete surgical excision plus radiation for low grade tumors the control rates is often greater than 80

percent at three years. "Unfortunately, the majority of dogs with osteosarcoma and metastatic disease do not achieve a cure," states Wilson. "Also, most cancers in cats are also very hard to cure. When we do achieve remission in cats with vaccine associated sarcomas, they often live 18-24 months before they have a recurrence."

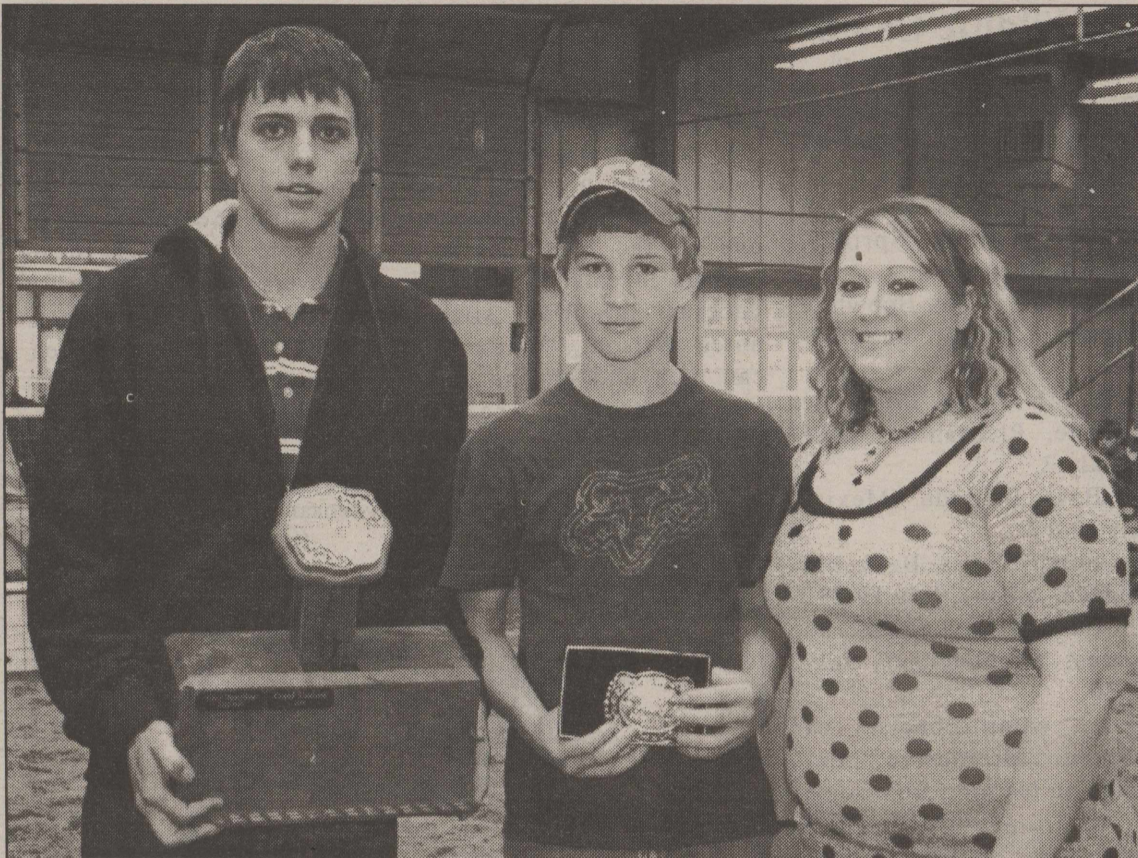
Cost is another important thing to consider when deciding on the treatment of an animal for cancer. While costs range widely, the average cost for a surgery is \$2,000-\$3000; Chemotherapy regimen is \$1,200-\$3,000, and radiation averages \$3,000.

"As cost is prohibitive to some families, a good option may be to enter your pet into a clinical trial if possible," notes Wilson. "Many of these trials have a financial incentive such as a free treatment regimen, and they also help with future research for both veterinary and human oncology."

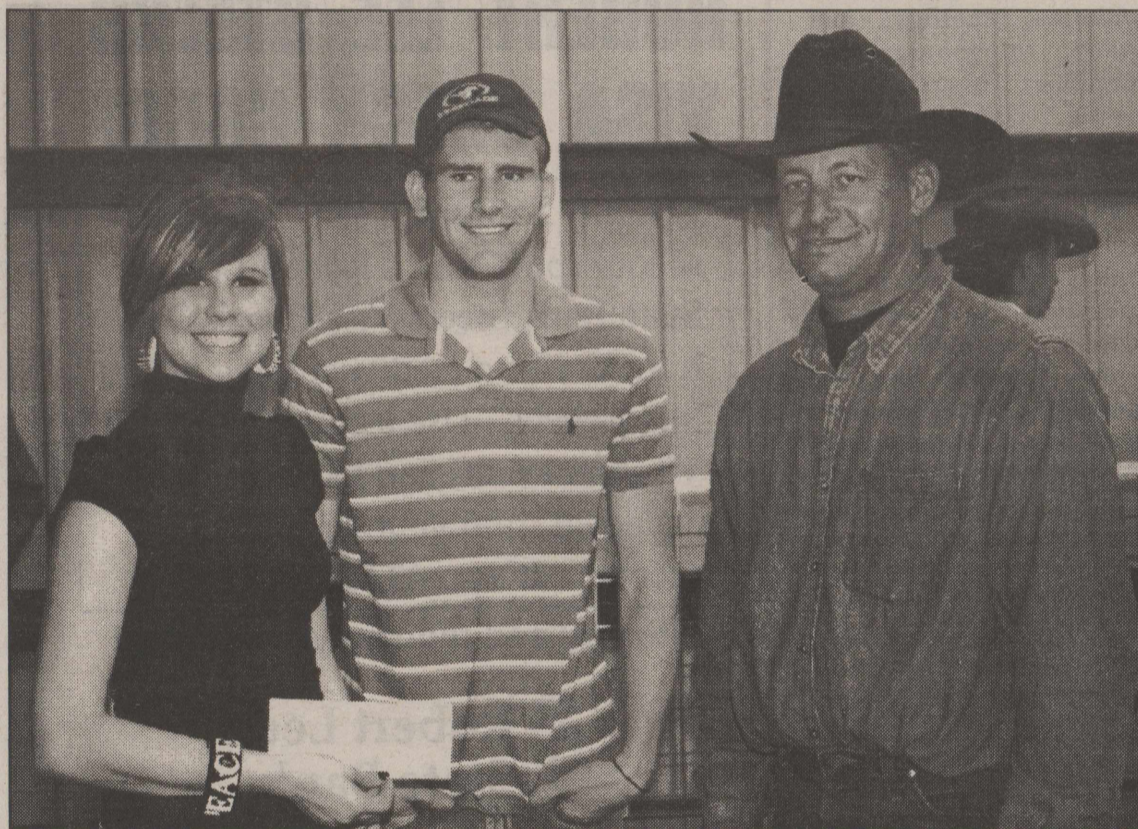
For more information on clinical trials at Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine, go to <http://www.cvm.tamu.edu/Clinicaltrials/index.shtml>.

While cancer in pets can be extremely stressful for owners, the good news is that with the amount of resources and specialists that are now available to treat cancer in pets, owners now have the power to make informed and responsible decisions to get their beloved pets through this illness.

Congratulations Stock Show Participants!



Creed Coalson (center) was presented with the Clay Antilley Steer Showmanship Award at the 2009 Coke County Junior Livestock Show. Presenting the award was Jonathan Pagan and Becca Skinner, representing the Robert Lee High School Class of 2007.



Emilee Yanez was awarded the Frank Percifull Overall Showmanship Award (middle photo) at this year's county livestock show. Presenting Emilee with her award were Taylor Percifull and Joel Percifull. Emilee also was presented with the Ralph Walker Top Hand Award (bottom photo). She is pictured with Blake Millican.

