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Coke County Livestock Show results announced

by Hal Spain

This year's edition of the Coke County Livestock Show will be remembered by the following three words - wet and cold. The good news is that most of those involved in the show didn't mind. The climate controlled environment of the Sterling Lindsey Memorial Exhibition building may have played a big part in that. Most of the old-timers involved in earlier shows tell stories that the rest of us can't remember when the show was held outside in the area of Ben Bessent Chevrolet's parking lot. That would not have been much fun this year, as temperatures dipped below the freezing point, and some type of moisture, whether it be snow, sleet, or rain was falling for the duration of the activities.

This year's participants were warm and dry inside the facility. Friday night's lamb and goat show were highlighted by Blake Millican exhibiting the Grand Champion Lamb, with Cody Denton taking the Reserve

Grand Champion title. Emilee Yanez showed the Grand Champion Meat Goat, with Brettne Reed earning Reserve Grand Champion honors.

Moriah Royall topped Saturday morning's swine show, with her Champion Hampshire pig being selected as Grand Champion, with Ashley Sawyer taking the Reserve Grand Champion title. Clay Antilley's steer was selected as this year's Grand Champion Steer, and Chelsea Cook's entry was named Reserve Grand Champion.

This year's show was dedicated to Wilbern Millican and Dale Wojtek. They were honored with plaques during a special ceremony just prior to this year's sale, for their tremendous dedication and support of Coke County youth for many years through their involvement in the premium sale.

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



Grand Champion Steer! The Grand Champion Steer at the 2007 Coke County Livestock Show was exhibited by Clay Antilley. Clay was also named the Frank Percifull Overall Showmanship winner at this year's show. Shown with Clay and his entry are premium sale buyers Ron and Cindy Brown, representing Cindy's Barbecue. Ron and Cindy have purchased the Grand Champion Steer for the past several years.

Coke County Relay for Life

One in three Americans will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime. Relay for Life represents the hope that those

whose lives have been lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one-day cancer will be eliminated.

For now the fight against cancer goes on. There is no one I know who can say they do not know anyone who has battled cancer. Relay for Life offers a way for everyone to fight the horrible disease called cancer.

On May 11, 2007, Coke County will become part of a very special tradition as we mark the third year of The American Cancer Society's Coke County Relay for Life at the Bronte ISD track.

We will join over 4000 relay communities nationwide and around the world in the fight against cancer as we honor and remember those whose lives have been touched by cancer.

Relay for Life is the American Cancer Society's nationwide signature event. This annual overnight event involves teams of 10-15 people who raise money in advance through donations and fundraising to support cancer research, education programs, patient services, and advocacy.

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Windbreak

Seedlings available

Seedlings for conservation windbreaks are available through the Coke County SWCD. Order your seedlings NOW through January 29. Delivery date is set for February 8.

For more information, contact the SWCD office at 325-453-2623 ext. 3 or order in person at 214 East 7th Street in Robert Lee.

RLBC to host Men's Breakfast

Men's Breakfast will be held at Robert Lee Baptist Church on Sunday, January 28, at 8 am at the Fellowship Hall, 22 W. 11th Street. Sunday School and Worship Services will follow.

Congressional Representative to be in town

On Monday, January 29, a member of Congressman Mike Conaway's staff will be in Robert Lee to visit personally with constituents. The representative will be at the Robert Lee Commissioners' Courtroom at the Coke County Courthouse from 9:30 am - 11:30 am. This will allow you to share concerns, request help on a federal issue or to ask any questions you may have.



Honored at Stock Show! Wilbern Millican (left) and Dale Wojtek were each presented a special plaque during a ceremony for their dedication and support of the Coke County Junior Livestock Show and Premium Sale.

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Obituaries

Cobb

Ila Jetone Ware Cobb, former Bronte resident, passed away Friday, January 19, 2007, at Mission Oaks Car Center in Sherman, Texas. Cremation arrangements for Ila Jetone Ware Cobb are under the direction of Waldo Funeral Home. Private family services will be held at a later date.

Jetone was born on November 15, 1939, in Brownwood, Texas, to the late Hal and Lorene (Henderson) Ware. She married Marvin Cobb on November 11, 1966, in San Angelo, Texas. Jetone attended Secretarial School in San Angelo and worked with her husband farming and delivering propane.

Mrs. Cobb is survived by her two daughters, Tonya Cobb of Irving, Texas and Linda Cobb of Phoenix, Arizona. For additional information regarding services, please contact Tonya Cobb at (214) 906-6653.

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Death Notices

Alvey

Melvin Quince Alvey, 89, of Robert Lee, died Monday January 22, 2007, in a Robert Lee care center. Graveside service was at 11 am, Wednesday, January 24, 2007, at Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens in San Angelo. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include his son, Nate Alvey of Robert Lee, and a granddaughter, Kendra Newland.

Angel Food Ministries

distribution day set for Jan. 27

The distribution date will be Saturday, January 27 at 3:00. For more information, contact Johnnie Andrewson 473-2124, Donna Keele 473-5341, or Joy Keele 473-6511.

They are still seeking volunteers for distribution days as well as donations to help offset operating costs.

...Relay for Life

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More than 90 cents of every dollar raised goes directly to The American Cancer Society. 60 percent of all funds stay in our community to support local programs for patients such as Road to Recovery, which offers free transportation to and from doctor's appointments.

The day of the Relay, teams campout and take turns walking or running around the track while they enjoy hours of fun, food, entertainment, and camaraderie in a huge celebration of life! Inspirational moments include the Survivor's Reception and Victory Lap and the beautiful Luminaries Ceremony where candles are lit in honor and in memory of those who have fought cancer.

Each year, we rely on the support of local businesses and individual volunteers to achieve our goals. Relay for Life is a special event that brings communities together. Please consider being an underwriting supporter of the Coke County Relay. I look forward to following up with your business. For more information, you can call me at (325) 473-7771. Together we can make a difference in the fight against cancer.

Sincerely,
Benny and Jackie Corley
Underwriting and Sponsorship
Coke County Relay for Life

Last Chance CEU Training Course

On Thursday, February 8, there will be 5 hours of Continuing Education Units (CEU's) for maintaining your pesticide license. The program will be held at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center located on North Hwy. 87 in San Angelo. The program will begin at 12:30 pm with registration. You must RSVP by Wednesday, February 7 by calling the Tom Green County Extension office at 659-6522.

CEU's given will include 1 hour Integrated Pest Management, 1 hour for Laws & Regulations, 1 hour for Drift Minimization and 2 hours General.

Agenda will start at 1 pm with Cory Pence, TDA, on Laws & Regulations, followed by Billy Kniffen, CEA-Menard County, discussing Watershed Management. Following the break, Tommy Antilley, CEA-Coke County, will give information on Brush Busters Brush Management and Jim Ainsley will discuss the recent work on harvesting mesquite for biomass. Billy Warrick, Extension Agronomist, will present Drift Minimization, followed by Chris Sansome, Extension Entomologist, discussing insects on rangeland.

Additional information can be obtained from Tommy Antilley, Coke County CEA at 453-2461.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in these meetings, are encouraged to contact the Coke County Extension office at the Coke County Courthouse in Robert Lee.

Public Education - contractor awareness program slated

The Pipeline Group's annual "Public Education - Contractor Awareness Program" will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 13, 2007, at the San Angelo Convention Center, 500 Rio Concho Drive, in San Angelo, Texas. The program will be sponsored by a group of companies with a common goal of preventing accidents and damages to underground pipelines and utilities. A free dinner will be catered by McGowen's Catering for all persons involved in excavation related activities in Coke, Concho, Crockett, Irion, Menard, Reagan, Runnels, Schleicher, Sutton, and Tom Green counties. Following the dinner, a brief safety program will be presented which stresses the importance of accident prevention by identifying pipeline and utility rights of way, use of one-call systems, and the importance of working with pipeline and utility companies to safely excavate in the vicinity of underground facilities. The Texas law requiring notification to a one-call system before excavating will be discussed. Sponsors will provide promotional materials; including notification information for their companies, safety

related brochures and other safety reminders.

Each year many lives are injured or lost, plus millions of dollars in repairs and lost products are incurred due to "third party" incidents - someone digging into a pipeline. Thousands of communications, some life threatening, may be disrupted when expensive fiber-optic cables are damaged or severed. These types of excavation can be financially devastating to the responsible party. This safety program is an attempt to help those who do excavation work to avoid such situations.

For more information call (800) 982-8752 or visit our web site at www.pipelinegroup.com.

RLBC to host 12 & under B'ball tourney

Robert Lee Baptist Church will be hosting a 12 & Under Basketball Tournament called the Jesus Hoopfest. It is a fundraiser to help students attend summer youth church camp. It will be held on Saturday, February 24, at the Robert Lee ISD gyms.

For more information and to register, please contact Paul Tanner, Youth Minister, Robert Lee Baptist Church, PO Box 493; 22 West 11th Street, Robert Lee, TX 76945, Office: 325-453-2724, Fax: 325-453-4650, www.robertlee.org, paultanner0506@wtxs.net, rlbaptist1904@wtxs.net.

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
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am & 6 pm Worship
Wed. 6 pm

Emmanuel Pentecostal
PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2360
Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

First Baptist Church
424 S. Washington • Bronte
(325) 473-2331
Bro. Morris Johnson, Pastor
Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,
10:55 am Worship,
6 pm Youth
and Worship
Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting

First United Methodist Church
Corner of Washington & Holmes
Bronte
(325) 473-3281
Rev. David Bailey, Pastor
Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
5:00 Youth

First United Methodist Church
PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2417
Rev. Steve Rowe, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am Worship
Wed. 7 pm Choir

Iglesia Bautista Bethel
101 Houston • Robert Lee
(325) 453-5003 • 453-2296
Pastor: Basilio Esquivel
Sun. 9:45, 11:00, & 11:30 am
& 6 pm, Wednesday 7 pm

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 388 • 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
PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of Robert Lee
on Sterling City Hwy • (325) 453-2004
Rev. Richard Easterling, Pastor
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Robert Lee Baptist Church
PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
(325) 453-2724
Jason Martin, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

Tennyson Baptist Church
Hwy 277 • Tennyson
Joe Hodges, Pastor
(325) 473-2040
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

Victory Assembly of God
PO Box 638 • 6th & Houston
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, Jr., Pastor
Sun. 5 pm

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Letters to the Editor

Icy roads

During the recent bad weather, it did not appear that bridges on Highway 277 between Bronte and San Angelo had been sanded. My friend tells me that is common now to use an "invisible" chemical to treat icy roadways rather than sand, salt, etc. I hope that is what was going on during our recent bad weather because the roadways were treacherous. As a commuter, I appreciate all the help I can get to stay on the road.

Leah Rosson

Winters Chamber Banquet scheduled

The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce proudly announces Bill Little as keynote speaker for the annual banquet Saturday, January 27. Little, a native of Winters, serves as Special Assistant to the Head Football Coach/Communications at the University of Texas, which won the National Football Championship in 2005. An award winning author, Mr. Little, along with Coach Mack Brown, wrote One Heartbeat as well as One Heartbeat II: The Road to the National Championship, described as a book "for the young and the old, the teacher and the high school coach, the mom and the dad, the players who've made it on the field and those who want to." Among his many honors, Mr. Little was inducted into the Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame in 2006.

The Winters Chamber extends a special opportunity to meet Mr. Little at a private reception and book signing from 5:15 pm until 6:15 pm at the Rock Hotel, in Winters, prior to the silent auction at 6:30 pm and banquet at 7 pm at the school cafeteria.

There are also sponsorship packages available. The Gold sponsor package includes 4 tickets to a private reception and book signing with Bill Little at the Rock Hotel, 4 tickets for reserved seating at the Chamber banquet, 2 autographed books, One Heartbeat II and publicity in local media, banquet program & signage. The Silver sponsor package includes 2 tickets to a private reception and book signing with Bill Little at the Rock Hotel, 2 tickets for reserved seating at the Chamber banquet, 1 autographed book, One Heartbeat II and publicity in local media, banquet program & signage.

Sponsorships are limited so please contact the Chamber at 325-754-5210 or

wacc@wtxs.net for package prices and to reserve your package. Payment should be sent to the Winters Chamber of Commerce, P. O. Box 662, Winters, Texas 79567.

Senior Day 2007 at the Capitol

Senior Day 2007 at the Capitol is set for Tuesday, February 13, 2007 at 10:30 am on the South Lawn of the State Capitol in Austin, Texas.

Senior Day 2007 at the Capitol theme is "Seniors: The Heart of Texas," which will focus on seniors past and present contributions to the state, as well as those yet to come.

There is a \$30.00 (non-refundable) charge for this trip, which includes a round trip ticket on chartered vans, continental breakfast, your lunch, a visit to the Bob Bullock Museum, and snacks.

For more information on Senior Day 2007 please contact Rosie Quintela or Dale Mertz with the Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley at 325-223-5704 or 1-877-944-9666 by February 2, 2007.

State-Fish Art Contest Calls for Entries

Texas students in grades 4 through 12 are invited to enter the ninth annual Wildlife Forever State-Fish Art Contest.

Contestants must create an illustration of an officially recognized state fish and write a one-page composition about its behavior, habitat and conservation. One Texas winner will be selected from each of three grade levels: 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12. Those winners will then compete at the national level for best of show and art

of conservation stamp honors. Deadline for entries is March 31, 2007.

Texas entries are judged at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center in Athens. For details on the contest and how to enter, go to <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fishart>.

"Wildlife Forever strongly believes conservation education will ultimately determine the future of our fish and wildlife heritage," said Wildlife Forever president and CEO Douglas H. Grann. "The State-Fish Art Contest is a fun and innovative way to introduce America's youth to the wonders of our natural world."

The Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center is a facility of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department that incorporates a visitor center, educational programming and a production fish hatchery. It is located 75 miles southeast of Dallas and is open Tuesday through Sunday. For more information call (903) 676-2277 or visit <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/tpwd>.

Editorial & Advertising Deadline is 2 pm on Tuesday preceding publication.



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City of Bronte 100th New Year Reception

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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Bronte High School Basketball Schedule

January 26	Water Valley	Here 5:00	JV & V Girls & Boys
January 30	Blackwell	There 4:00	JV & V Girls & Boys
February 2	Sterling City	Here 5:00	JV & V Girls & Boys
February 6	Robert Lee	There 4:00	JV & V Girls & Boys
February 9	Garden City	There 5:00	JV & V Boys

Boys Coach: Rocky Rawls • Girls Coach: Justin Esquell
 Superintendent: Alan Richey • Principal: Terry Marrs
 Athletic Director: Keith McCutchen

Bronte Honor Roll Third Six Weeks "A" Honor Roll

- 12th Grade**
Philip Rawlings, Juston Taylor
- 11th Grade**
Emily Austin, Holly Huskerson, Gus Saunders
- 10th Grade**
Jessi England, Ariel Coalson
- 9th Grade**
Bill Miller
- 8th Grade**
Chase Harris, Arlis McMullan, Kim Nixon, Heath Richey
- 7th Grade**
Shelby Amendt, Katie Austin, John Deller, Kassie

Fillman, Mackenzie Gibbs, Kimberly Lee, Jill Scott, Harley Wallace

"A-B" Honor Roll

- 12th Grade**
Jonathan Marrs, Heather Mitchel, Logan Rawls, Rick Wheless
- 11th Grade**
Blaze Coffey, Casey Harris, Kyler Lee, Savannah Martinez, Paul McConnell, Cody Wallace
- 10th Grade**
Sindy Barba, Shannon Deller, Ty Mackey, Sam Rawlings
- 9th Grade**
Case Braswell, Ricardo Casillas, Chelsea Cook, Crawford James, Matthew Halfacer, Louie Martinez, Kolten Pena, Rob Rosson, Jacob Scott, Shelbi Waller, Kim Womack
- 8th Grade**
Cheyenne Boyd, Terron Charles, Jacky Jowers, Kerwin Rawls, Kelsey Sedden
- 7th Grade**
Jordan Baumann, Austin Brackeen, Creed Coalson, Amy Godinez, Beau Grigg, Brianna Harper, Leah Jones, Austin Mertz, Kaitlin Moore, Kaleb Parks, Alexia Pena, Leticia Pena, Jordan Rowan

Bronte Shorthorn basketball results

by Coach Moore
 The Bronte Shorthorns "A" team defeated Sterling City by a score of 52-19. Scoring: Kerwin Rawls 7; Dakota Rawls 9; Chase Harris 2; Arlis McMullen 3; Creed Coalson 2; Terron Charles 10; Skyler Ellis-York 3; Heath Richey 13; and Jackie Jowers 2.
 The JH boys "A" team gained another victory against Sterling City on Monday night. After a slow 1st half, the guys came out during the 3rd quarter and outscored Sterling City 20

points to 0. They did an outstanding job pressing and causing turnovers. This is an exciting group of kids to watch play! Good job guys!

The Bronte Shorthorn "B" team was defeated in a close game with Water Valley by a score of 23-25. Scoring: Johnny Reyes 2; John Deller 4; Jordan Baumann 9; Conner Clark 4; and Beau Grigg 4.

The JH boys "B" team played a tough game against Water Valley on Monday night. The guys put up a great battle throughout the entire game and had the score tied 23-23 with only seconds remaining. The last shot of the game was taken by Water Valley to win by 2 points. This group continues to make improvements but has been at a disadvantage due to only being able to play in a handful of games. They did a good job last night and I'm very proud of them.

Lady Shorthorns basketball results

The Bronte Lady Shorthorns "A" basketball team finished the first half of the season in a pre-Christmas tournament in Christoval. A Second Place trophy was much deserved and well earned after beating Robert Lee, Water Valley, and then losing to a very seasoned Irion County team in the championship game.

The Christmas break then brought time to rest, nurse some nagging injuries, and regroup for round two. The first game back was in Garden City and the Lady Shorthorns left there with a disappointing loss. The final score was 32-29. Katie Austin contributed 10 points and Jill Scott added six. Five other team members scored but the Lady Kat outside shooters proved to be too

Bronte Junior High Basketball Schedule

January 18, 20	"A" Team Tourney	Irion County	A Boys
January 18, 20	"A" Team Tourney	Water Valley	A Girls
January 22	Sterling City	Here 5:00	A & B Boys & Girls
January 25, 27	"B" Team Tourney	San Angelo	B Girls
January 29	Robert Lee	There 5:00	A&B Girls & Boys
February 5	Veribest	Here 5:00	A&B Girls & Boys

Boys Coach: Brandon Moore • Girls Coach: Carol Moore

much.

The next game took place in Water Valley and again, the Lady Shorthorns walked away from the Wildcat gym scratching their heads. The final score was 17-15 in favor of the Lady Wildcats and was probably the most disappointing loss of the season since our defense was almost flawless but our shots just would not fall in. Jill Scott banked in six points and Harley Wallace added three of her own.

On Monday, January 22, the Lady Shorthorns were finally able to redeem themselves and prove that our workout efforts have not been in vain. After canceling and postponing games due to bad weather, the Lady Shorthorns were hungry for a game and a win and that translated to a decisive 27-9 victory over Sterling City. Cheyenne Boyd led the way with six points, Jill Scott added five, and every other team member also scored. Kim Lee and Harley Wallace were the defensive standouts on the night. The Lady Shorthorns will be back in action on Monday, January 29 in Robert Lee.

Team members for the Lady Shorthorns are Kim Lee, Jill Scott, Shandee Vaughn, Harley Wallace, Mackenzie Gibbs, Katie Austin, Kelsey Sedden, and Cheyenne Boyd.

The Bronte Lady Shorthorns "B" team has posted two wins since the Christmas break and is currently undefeated. In the first game back, the Lady Shorthorns defeated Garden City 12-6 after shaking off the holiday lag. Brenda Perez and Leticia Pena each had six points. The next game took place in Water Valley and it was obvious that we had our game legs back under us. The final in that game was 28-11. Again, Leticia Pena had 12 points while Leah Jones added six. Team members include Shelby Amendt, Stephanie Barba, Ginny Caston, Kaitlin Moore, Rani Parks, Brianna Harper, Brenda Perez, Leah

Jones, and Leticia Pena. The Lady Shorthorns record is currently a perfect 6-0.

Bronte Longhorn basketball results

The Bronte Longhorns were defeated by Sterling City by a score of 30-39. Stats: Logan Rawls 4 pts., 5 assists; Eric Hendrickson 7 pts., 11 rebounds; Albert Force 11 pts.; Philip Rawlings 3 pts.; and Brett Wills 5 pts.

The Bronte Longhorns defeated Robert Lee by a score of 41-15. Stats: Logan Rawls 17 pts., 5 rebounds; Eric Hendrickson 14 pts., 11 rebounds; Albert Force 6 pts.; Philip Rawlings 2 pts.; and Adam Halfacer 2 pts.

Texas "Teacher of the Year" award nominations open

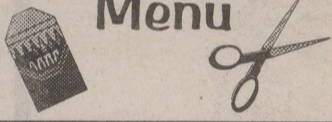
Nominations for the Texas 2006-2007 "Teacher of the Year" award are being accepted through March 1, 2007. The announcement came from the award sponsor, Teachers' Insurance Plan, a car insurance program exclusively for members of the educational community.

The award will include \$1,000 to the winning teacher and a \$500 grant to that teacher's school. The state winner will also be eligible for the National Award that includes a special recognition and a \$2,500 travel certificate.

Last year's state winner was Elizabeth Charbonnet, a 4th grade teacher at Lakeway Elementary School in Lakeway.

Teachers, students and parents can nominate any of the state's more than 315,000 accredited teachers. Nomination forms are available online at www.teachers.com/toty. To nominate an educator, or yourself, explain in 250 words or less why this teacher should be the Teacher of the Year. Nominees will be judged on their ability to motivate students, their special talents, and their contribution to their school, students or educational community. Winners will be announced at the start of the next school year. Teachers' Insurance Plan is underwritten by licensed members of the Response Insurance Group of Companies, as authorized by law.

School Menu



Breakfast

- Monday, January 29**
Cereal, applesauce, toast, jelly, milk
- Tuesday, January 30**
Pancake and sausage on a stick, assorted juice, syrup, milk
- Wednesday, January 31**
Sausage, assorted juice, biscuit, jelly, milk
- Thursday, February 1**
French toast sticks, assorted juice, syrup, milk
- Friday, February 2**
Pop tart, assorted juice, biscuit, jelly, milk

Lunch

- Monday, January 29**
Bar-B-Que on bun, pickle spears, corn on the cob, pineapple tidbits, bun, chips, milk
- Tuesday, January 30**
Chicken strips, gravy, creamed potatoes, sweet corn, fresh fruit, roll, milk
- Wednesday, January 31**
Soft Taco with cheese, lettuce & tomato, refried beans, Spanish rice, flour tortilla, pineapple orange salad, milk
- Thursday, February 1**
Chicken and noodles, green beans, mixed fruit, Texas toast, ice cream cup, milk
- Friday, February 2**
Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, French fries, baby carrots w/ranch, bun, banana pudding, milk

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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

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* February 6	Bronte	Here 5:00	JV & V Girls & Boys
* February 9	Water Valley	There 6:30**	JV & V Boys

* Denote District Games
 **Game times could change due to schools not fielding JV teams or only 2 games being played

RLISD board meets in regular session

A regular meeting by the trustees was held in the Robert Lee High School library on Tuesday, January 16, at 5:45. The meeting was called to order by President Roe.

Members present: K. Roe, W. Washam, J. Roberts, I. Torres, T. Sawyer, B. Duncan.

At 5:45 pm the meeting was called to order by President Roe, quorum of members present.

Invocation and pledge led by Tod Reed.

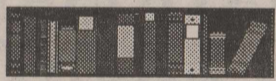
Tom Sawyer made a motion to approve the December 19, 2006, minutes as read seconded by Tod Reed. All for.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve the agenda seconded by Irma Torres. All for.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to award the proposal for the security system to San Angelo Security for \$28,744, seconded by Tod Reed. All for.

Tod Reed made a motion to approve Update 79, seconded by Wes Washam. All for.

School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, January 29

Juice, pigs in blanket, cereal, milk

Tuesday, January 30

Juice, biscuit & sausage, cereal, milk

Wednesday, January 31

Juice, donut, cereal, milk

Thursday, February 1

Juice, pop tart, cereal, milk

Friday, February 2

Juice, muffin, cereal, milk

Lunch

Monday, January 29

Burrito, salad, corn, applesauce, cookie, milk

Tuesday, January 30

Chicken spaghetti, carrots, roll, peanut butter, fruit cocktail, milk

Wednesday, January 31

Grilled cheese, soup, crackers, orange, pickles, milk

Thursday, February 1

Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes, green beans, sliced bread, pears, milk

Friday, February 2

BBQ on bun, pickles, ranch beans, tator tots, pineapple, milk

Buck Duncan made a motion to award bid to CDW-G for document camera and projectors for \$14,980.80, seconded by Tod Reed. All for.

Wes Washam made a motion to approve the Order of Election for Board of Trustees, May 12, 2007 election, seconded by Irma Torres. All for.

President Roe gave report on Board Members Continuing Education Hours.

Supt. Hood gave the superintendent's report.

The board adjourned into closed session at 7:13 pm and reconvened into open session at 9:17 pm.

Wes Washam made a motion to extend Superintendent's contract for five years with a 3% raise in compensation, seconded by Tod Reed. All for.

Next regular board meeting will be February 15, 2007, at 7 pm.

Robert Lee girls basketball results

On Jan. 16, the varsity team defeated Blackwell by a score of 62-24. Scoring: Jaden Alexander 2; Olga Perez 8, Kasie Skinner 10, Arrin Minjarez 10, Kelsy Duncan 8, Megan Percifull 2, Brettie Reed 8, and Becca Skinner 14.

On January 18, the varsity girls were defeated by Bronte in overtime by a score of 29-31. Scoring: Kasie Skinner 2, Arrin Minjarez 9, Kelsy Duncan 7, Megan Percifull 2, Brettie Reed 8, Sarah Philley 2; and Becca Skinner 5.

Also on Jan. 18, the JV girls lost a nail biter to Bronte by a score of 24-25. Scoring: Mollie Hinderliter 9, Briana Brisbin 4, Nancy Landeros 7, and Sara Jones 4.

On Jan. 22, the RLJH "B" team defeated Christoval "B" by a score of 28-17. Scoring: Diana Vera 5, Raquel Rojas 11, Luisa Carrerra 10, and Megan Ross 2.

The RLJH "A" team defeated Christoval "A" by a large margin of 37-6. Scoring: Kimberly Roach 6, Mandy Mendoza 7, Skyler Rainwater 11, Connie Saucedo 8, and Sarah Walker 6.

Applications sought for HEB Excellence in Education Awards

Attention teachers, principals, and school districts you

have until January 31 to submit an application to the 2007 HEB Excellence Awards and compete for more than \$500,000 cash and grants. The awards are the largest monetary recognition program for Texas educators. To pick up application, visit any HEB store or heb.com. Applications must be post-marked by January 31, 2007.

Award finalists will be invited to Austin in May for a celebratory luncheon that will feature keynote speech by Erin Gruwell, who is portrayed by actress Hillary Swank in the newly released major motion picture, Freedom Writers. Finalists will also receive a \$1,000 check and a \$1,000 grant for their schools. Principals on the finalist list will be presented with a \$1,000 check for themselves and a \$2,500 grant for their schools. A new awards category for 2007 has also been created to recognize outstanding small school districts (1A or 2A). As a small school district finalist, each will receive \$2,500. Award semifinalists will receive a certificate of recognition from HEB CEO Charles Butt and HEB gift cards.

"We are proud to recognize the outstanding efforts of Texas educators, who are building the future of Texas by educating our next generation of leaders," said Kate Rogers, Director of the HEB Excellence in Education Awards.

At the celebratory luncheon in Austin, 10 finalists, after participating in personal interviews before a panel of judges, will be announced as grand-prize winners. These winners will be comprised of two principals, six teachers and two school districts, one large and one small.

Each winning principal-one elementary school and one high school-will each receive \$10,000 in cash for themselves and a \$25,000 grant for their schools. The winning large school district will receive a \$100,000 cash prize and the winning small school district will receive \$50,000.

The six winning teachers will include one elementary and one secondary teacher in each of three categories:

*The Rising Star Award-honors exceptionally promising teachers with less than 10 years of experience. These winners will each receive a \$5,000 check for themselves and a \$5,000 grant for their schools.

*The Leadership Award-honors teachers with 10 to 20 years in the classroom. These winners will each receive a \$10,000 check for themselves and a \$10,000 grant for their schools.

*The Lifetime Achievement Award-salutes teachers with more than 20 years of experience. These teachers will each receive \$25,000 in cash for themselves and a \$25,000 grant for their schools.

Vera qualifies for Nat'l Honor Roll

Carolina Vera recently qualified for induction into the Spring 2006 National Honor Roll.

The National Honor Roll recognizes high-achieving high school and middle school students. "Young people such as our inductees, who work hard to attain academic success, deserve to be congratulated," says Lynn Romeo, Publisher of the National Honor Roll. "Honoring their achievements provides motivation and encourages them to continue striving toward their goals. We're proud to include them in the National Honor Roll."

The National Honor Roll offers several benefits, which can contribute to the success of its student members. For students in the 2005/2006 school year, National Honor Roll set aside \$25,000 to be shared among 25 of its qualifying inductees. All members were entitled to compete for these National Honor Roll Awards for Academic Achievement, which were awarded in December. National Honor Roll's College Admissions Notification Service notifies the admissions offices of as many schools as the inductees designate that they have been accepted into the National Honor Roll and that they are interested in obtaining information about those colleges. (A copy of the student's biography is sent to the colleges along with the notification.) Each United States senator and state governor receives a complimentary copy of the National Honor Roll Commemorative

Edition, along with a list of the students from their state who have been inducted into the National Honor Roll. Additional complimentary copies of the book are sent to select school libraries across the country.

The National Honor Roll contact potentially qualifying students after reviewing information about their academic performance. Each student is asked to submit information about his/her GPA, interests, activities, and future goals. Only students with a B or better average are eligible to be listed in National Honor Roll.

For more information, visit www.nationalhonorroll.org.

Get Your Family Interested in Arts

Getting more art in your family's life can broaden your horizons while bringing everyone closer together.

"A very good way to get children interested in the arts, be it dance, music, theater or visual arts, is by exposure," says Ploi Pagdalian, Senior Director of Programs & Early Childhood for Young Audiences of Indiana, a provider of professional arts education programs.

Attend community events, experience a performance, or view an art exhibit. Afterwards, follow-up with a casual discussion using open-ended questions to invite critical thinking, suggests Pagdalian.

Make the experience personal for your child by asking "What was your favorite part of the whole performance?" and "Why do you like/dislike that part of the performance?"

Follow-up activities at home can reinforce the experience and encourage interest. Play music that is similar to that heard at the performance; view videos of dance and theatrical presentations; and provide children easy access to a variety of visual arts experiences through books and materials.

The library or local bookstores have plenty of resources one can take home and leave on the coffee table for casual perusal, says Pagdalian.

Provide art materials such as colored and plain paper, markers, watercolor and watercolor paper, and various drawing tools like pens, pencils, markers, chalk and pastels.


Discussions surrounding these experiences help children stay interested and repeated exposure reinforces the learning experience.

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2007 Coke County Stock Show results

Market Lambs

Finewool

1. Briana Brisbin; 2. Blake Millican; 3. Kacee Roberts; 4. James Roberts

Finewool Cross

1. Blake Millican; 2. Blake Millican; 3. Briana Brisbin; 4. Kacee Roberts; 5. Dawson Brisbin; 6. James Roberts; 7. Dawson Brisbin; 8. Jayton Torres

Medium Wool

1. Blake Millican; 2. Cody Denton; 3. Cody Denton; 4. Cody Denton; 5. Brettnie Reed; 6. Blake Millican; 7. Jayton Torres

Grand Champion - Blake Millican

Reserve Champion - Cody Denton

Market Goats

Class 1

1. Cody Denton; 2. Kyle Kelton; 3. Jayton Torres; 4. Zachary Sanchez; 5. Alexis Mendoza; 6. Nancy Landeros; 7. Richard Wheless; 8. Mason Jackson; 9. Amanda Mendoza; 10. Nancy Landeros; 11. Alexis Mendoza; 12. Nancy Landeros; 13. Richard Wheless; 14. Jodi Sheldon

Class 2

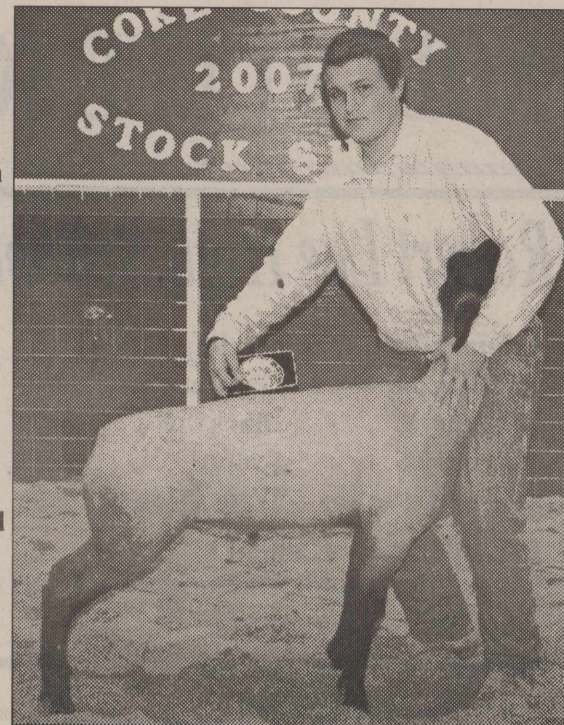
1. Kourtney Kelton; 2. Cody Denton; 3. Johnathan Pagan; 4. Kourtney Kelton; 5. Philip Rawlings; 6. Kelli Thorn; 7. Zachary Sanchez; 8. Ginny Caston; 9. Sergio Rocha; 10. Philip Rawlings; 11. Amanda Mendoza; 12. Mason Jackson; 13. Taylor Foster; 14. Sergio Rocha; 15. Alexis Mendoza

Class 3

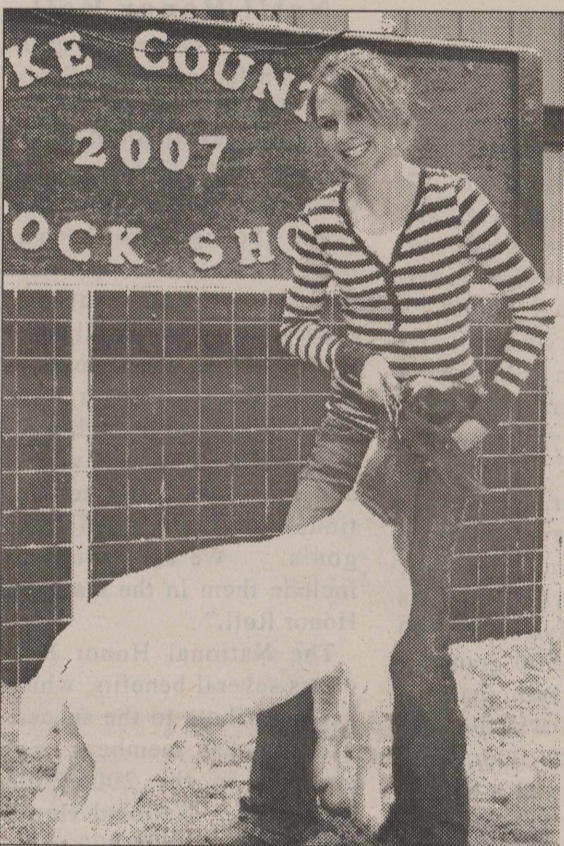
1. Emilee Yanez; 2. Emilee Yanez; 3. Cody Denton; 4. Bailey Hooten; 5. Brettnie Reed; 6. Bailey Hooten;



Blake Millican (left) exhibited the Champion Finewool Cross, the Champion Mediumwool, and the Grand Champion Lamb at this year's county livestock show.

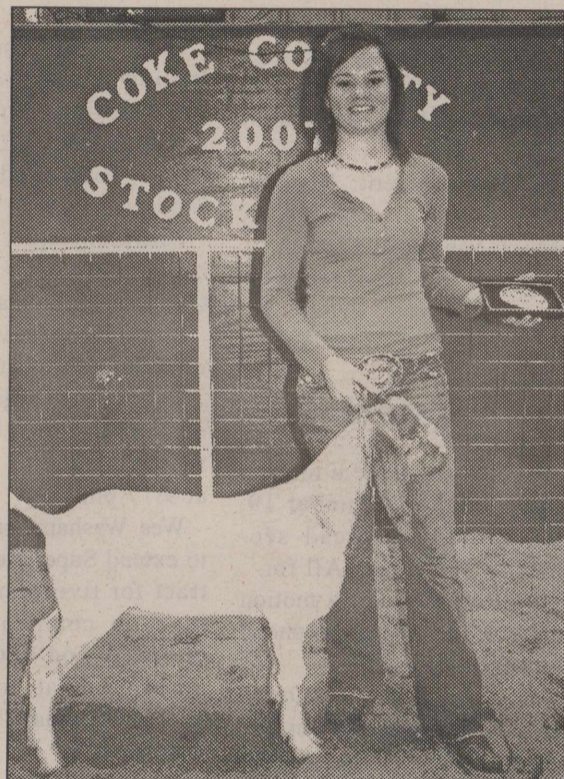


The Reserve Grand Champion Lamb was shown by Cody Denton (right). Cody also earned the Goat Showmanship award, along with being named the Ralph Walker Top Hand at this year's county show.



The Grand Champion Meat Goat was fed and exhibited by Emilee Yanez. Emilee also exhibited the Champion Black OPB Pig.

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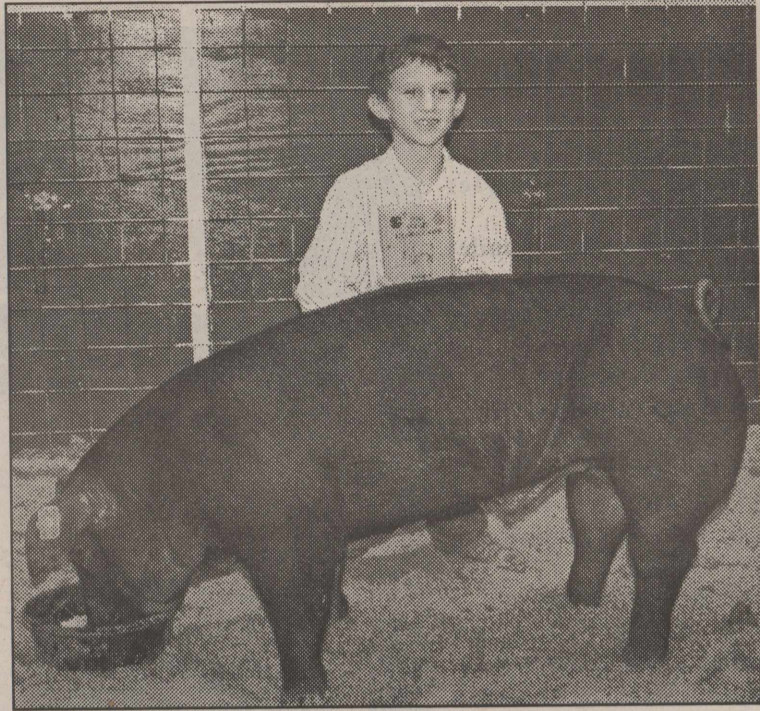
Brettnie Reed's entry was named the Reserve Grand Champion Meat Goat at this year's county stock show.

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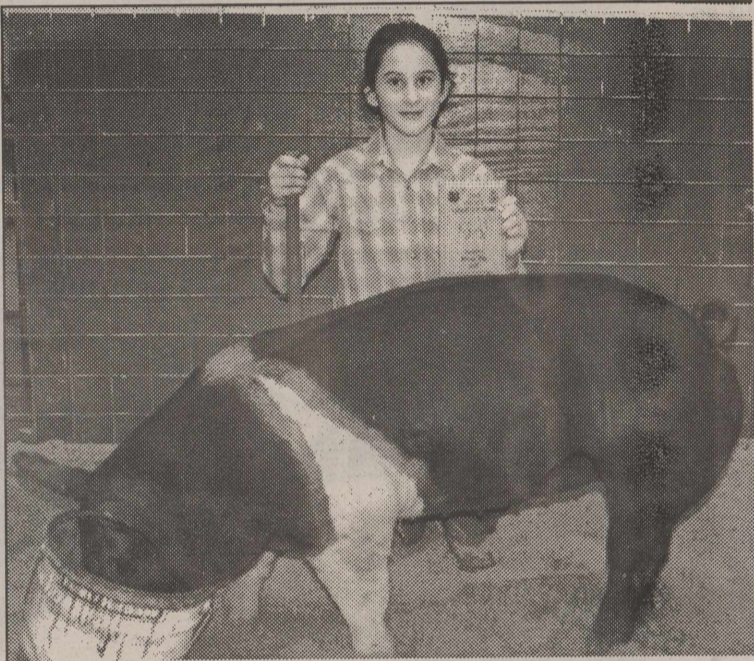
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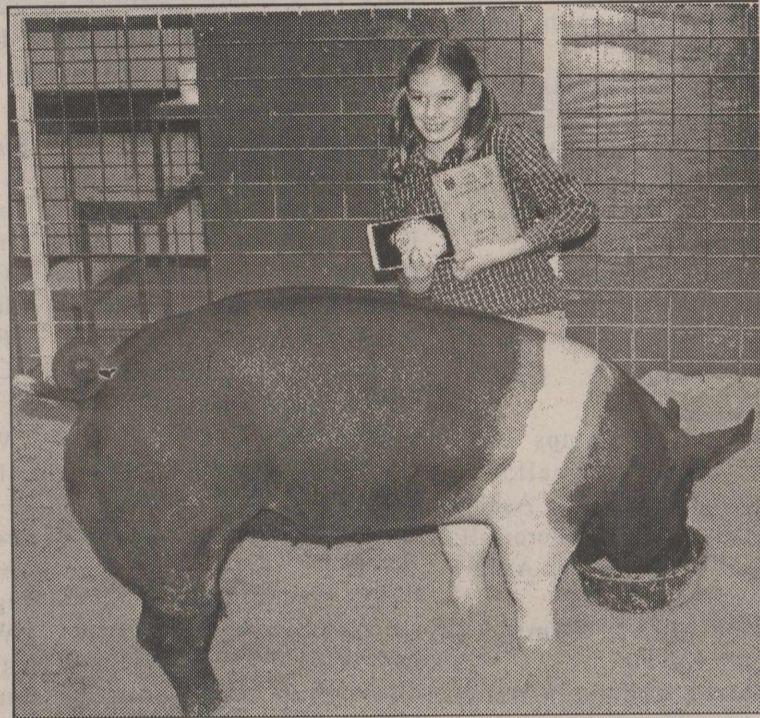
Champion Duroc Pig at the 2007 Coke County Livestock Show was exhibited by Marley Braswell.



Blaine Yanez showed this Duroc Pig to Reserve Champion honors.



Reserve Champion Hampshire Pig was fed and shown by Kaitlyn Braswell.



Moriah Royall exhibited her Champion Hampshire Pig to Grand Champion honors at this year's show.

7. Brettne Reed; 8. Kyle Class 4

Kelton; 9. Blaine Yanez; 10. 1. Brettne Reed; 2. Dalton Zachary Sanchez; 11. Sam Ogle; 3. Dawson Brisbin; 4. Rawlings; 12. Amanda Brettne Reed; 5. Jayton Mendoza; 13. Sergio Rocha Torres; 6. Zachary Sanchez;

7. Anthony McConnell; 8.

Logan McGlothlin; 9. Jayton Torres; 10. Shandee Vaughn; 11. Johnathan Pagan; 12. Charissa Caston; 13. Josh

Gallegos; 14. Michael Denton; 3. Dalton Ogle; 4. Cody Denton; 5. Shandee Vaughn; 6. Anthony

Class 5 1. Briana Brisbin; 2. Cody McConnell; 7. Kaleb Torres

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8. Bailey McGlothlin; 9. Kelli Thorn; 10. Ginny Caston; 11. Charissa Caston; 12. Ginny Caston; 13. Skyler Rainwater; 14. Skyler Rainwater

Grand Champion - Emilee Yanez

Reserve Champion - Brettnie Reed

Market Swine

Light Weight Durocs

1. Marley Braswell; 2. Emmery McCullough; 3. Stacia Emfinger; 4. Cami White; 5. Joshua Tennison; 6. Blake Millican

Heavy Weight Durocs

1. Blaine Yanez; 2. James Roberts; 3. Sam Rawlings; 4. Meagan Ross; 5. Jonathan Marrs; 6. Jael Williams

Champion Duroc - Marley Braswell

Reserve Champion Duroc - Blaine Yanez

Light Weight Hamps

1. Ashley Sawyer; 2. Kacee Roberts; 3. Cody Brosh; 4. Mason Ross; 5. Blake Millican; 6. Marley Braswell

Medium Weight Hamps

1. Ashley Royall; 2. Briana Brisbin; 3. Jonathan Marrs; 4. Kasie Skinner; 5. Emmery McCullough; 6. Cambri Kelso

Heavy Weight Hamps

1. Moriah Royall; 2. Kaitlyn Braswell; 3. Ashley Sawyer; 4. Taylor Percifull; 5. Jael Williams; 6. Ashley Sawyer

Champion Hamp - Moriah Royall

Reserve Champion Hamp - Kaitlyn Braswell

Black OPB

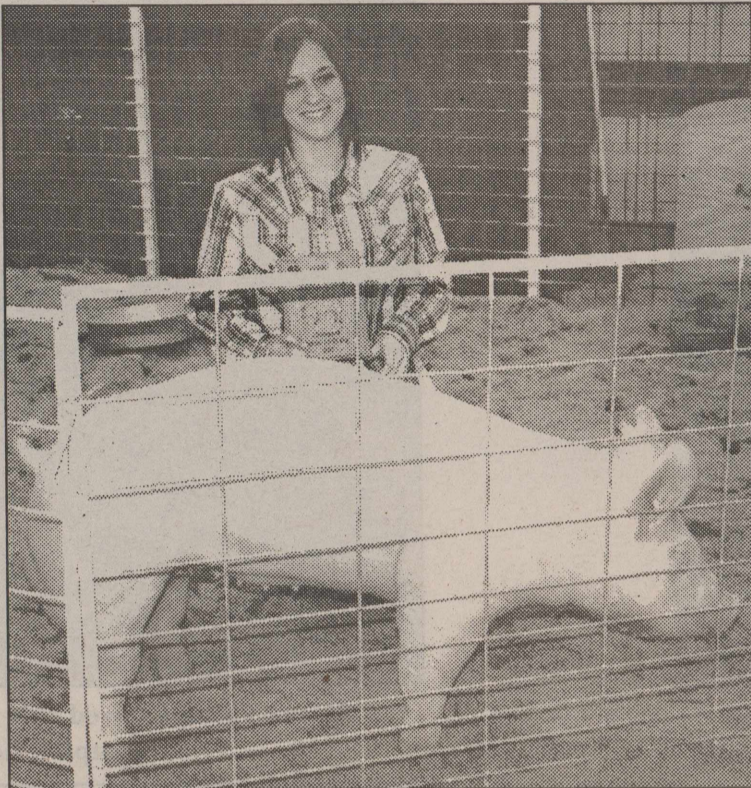
1. Emilee Yanez; 2. Briana Brisbin; 3. JP Conner; 4. Ashley Sawyer; 5. Blake Millican; 6. Taylor Percifull; 7. Kacee Roberts; 8. Madison Wright

Champion Black OPB - Emilee Yanez

Reserve Champion Black OPB - Briana Brisbin

Light Weight White OPB

1. Kasie Skinner; 2. Cambri Kelso; 3. Zach Skinner; 4. Becca Skinner; 5. Kasie Skinner; 6. Cody Brosh; 7. JP Conner



This entry, shown by Kasie Skinner, was selected as the Champion White OPB Pig.

Heavy Weight White OPB

1. Ashley Royall; 2. Cody Brosh; 3. Jonathan Marrs; 4. Dawson Brisbin; 5. Briana Brisbin

Champion White OPB - Kasie Skinner

Reserve Champion White OPB - Cambri Kelso

Light Weight Cross

1. Zach Skinner; 2. Becca Skinner; 3. Taylor Percifull; 4. Dawson Brisbin; 5. Joshua Tennison

Heavy Weight Cross

1. Ashley Sawyer; 2. Taylor Percifull; 3. Kaitlyn Braswell; 4. Mason Ross; 5. James Roberts; 6. Paige Royall

Champion Cross - Ashley Sawyer

Reserve Champion Cross - Zach Skinner

Grand Champion Swine - Moriah Royall

Reserve Grand Champion - Ashley Sawyer

Market Steers

English Breeds

1. Stetson Emfinger

ABC

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

European Cross

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

Grand Champion Steer - Clay Antilley

Reserve Grand Champion - Chelsea Cook

Pet Talk

With icy temperatures and cold weather here, you may be wondering if Old Paint needs any special cold weather provisions. He just might.

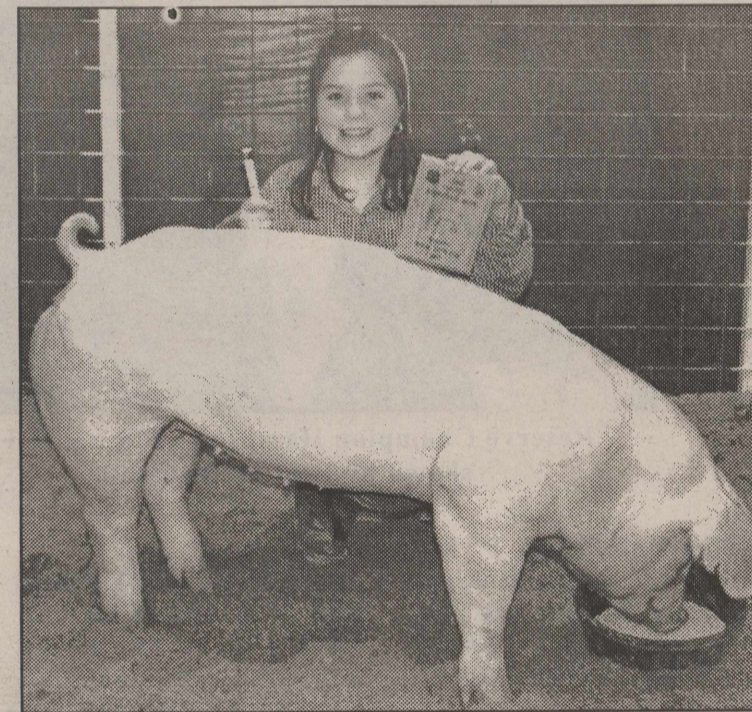
While horses are better suited to winter than most humans, there are a few things you can do to make sure your horse gallops through the chilly season both happy and healthy.

In general, a horse's metabolic needs will go up as temperatures go down. "For all horses, the ideal diet will closely mimic a horse's natural diet in the wild," said Dr. Peggy Marsh, a veterinarian at the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences at Texas A&M University.

"This means that no matter what the temperature, a horse's diet should be primarily



The Reserve Champion Black OPB Pig at this year's show was exhibited by Briana Brisbin. Shown with Briana are buyers Pete and Deone Roe (right), and her grandad Bob Ragsdale (left).



Reserve Champion White OPB Pig was exhibited by Cambri Kelso.

made up of forage - This is important if the horse is being exercised when it is cold outside. A supplement can supply vitamins and micronutrients that may be missing from the ration.

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For many horses, colder temperatures can mean less exercise simply because owners are less inclined to be outside themselves. However, every horse in good health should be given ample opportunity to keep moving, Marsh believes.

"Just like cats and dogs, horses can become frisky in wintertime and will run and play on their own when given the freedom to do so," said Marsh. As with diet, a horse should be allowed to follow its natural behavior tendencies.

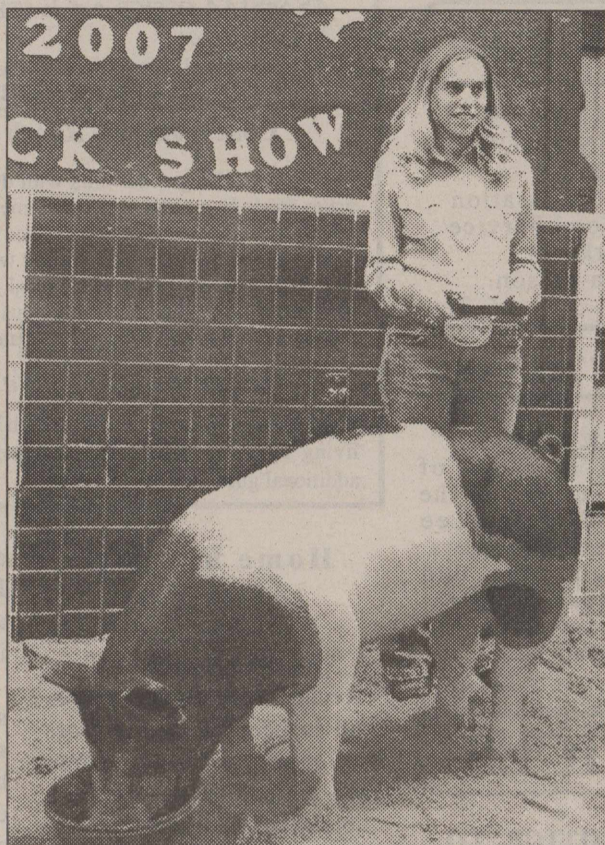
Changes in housing are not usually necessary, Marsh says. "Horses can withstand cold temperatures more easily than when they are combined with windy and wet conditions. When winter brings strong, icy winds or wet ground, it is a good idea to provide some kind of structure the horse can be inside of or next to in order to block itself from the wind," Marsh confirms.

"Also, be sure to give your horse plenty of dry ground to prevent the hooves from developing thrush (a bacterial infection caused by moisture)."

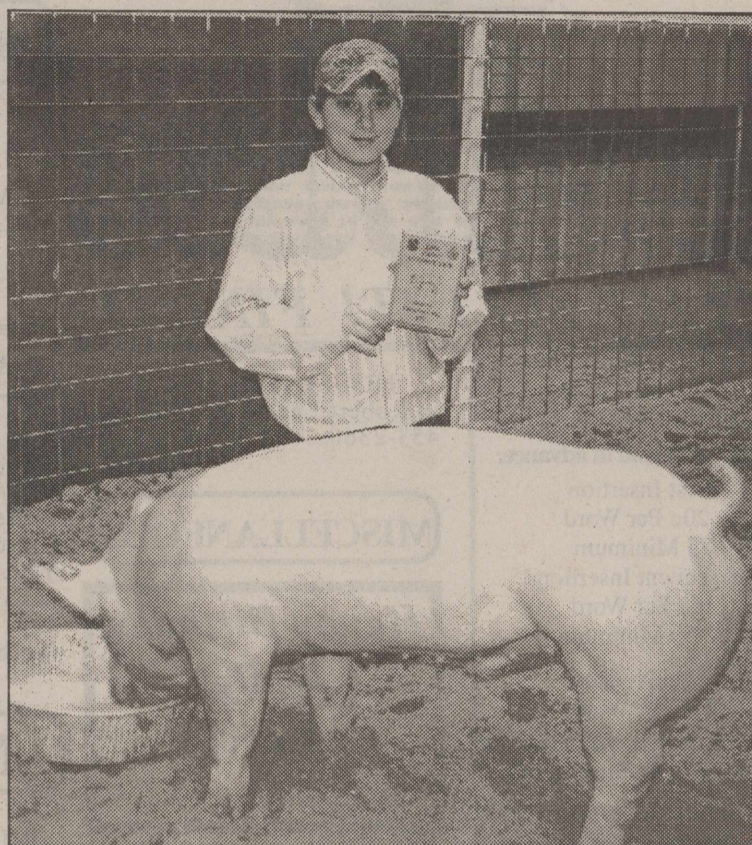
Contrary to popular opinion, it is usually not necessary to blanket your horse in the winter. Marsh says a horse's coat will adapt to the colder temperatures, even standing on end to insulate the horse with a layer of warm air.

Marsh does recommend, however, that a horse be blanketed if its coat is clipped during the winter or as a grooming aid to keep the coat flat and smooth.

"Most changes in diet, exercise and housing will depend on the horse's normal activities," said Marsh. "For instance, working horses will have different requirements than those used only occasionally for recreation. Also, with winter's first frost, it may be useful to consider deworming against bots, a fly larvae



Ashley Sawyer's Champion Crossbred Pig was selected as the Reserve Grand Champion Pig at this year's show.



Reserve Champion Crossbred Pig was fed and shown by Zach Skinner.

parasite."

"As with humans, winter conditions can be more harmful to very old or very young horses," Marsh adds. "You should consult your veterinarian for guidance on how to provide the proper diet, exercise and protection for your particular horse, no matter what the age or weather."

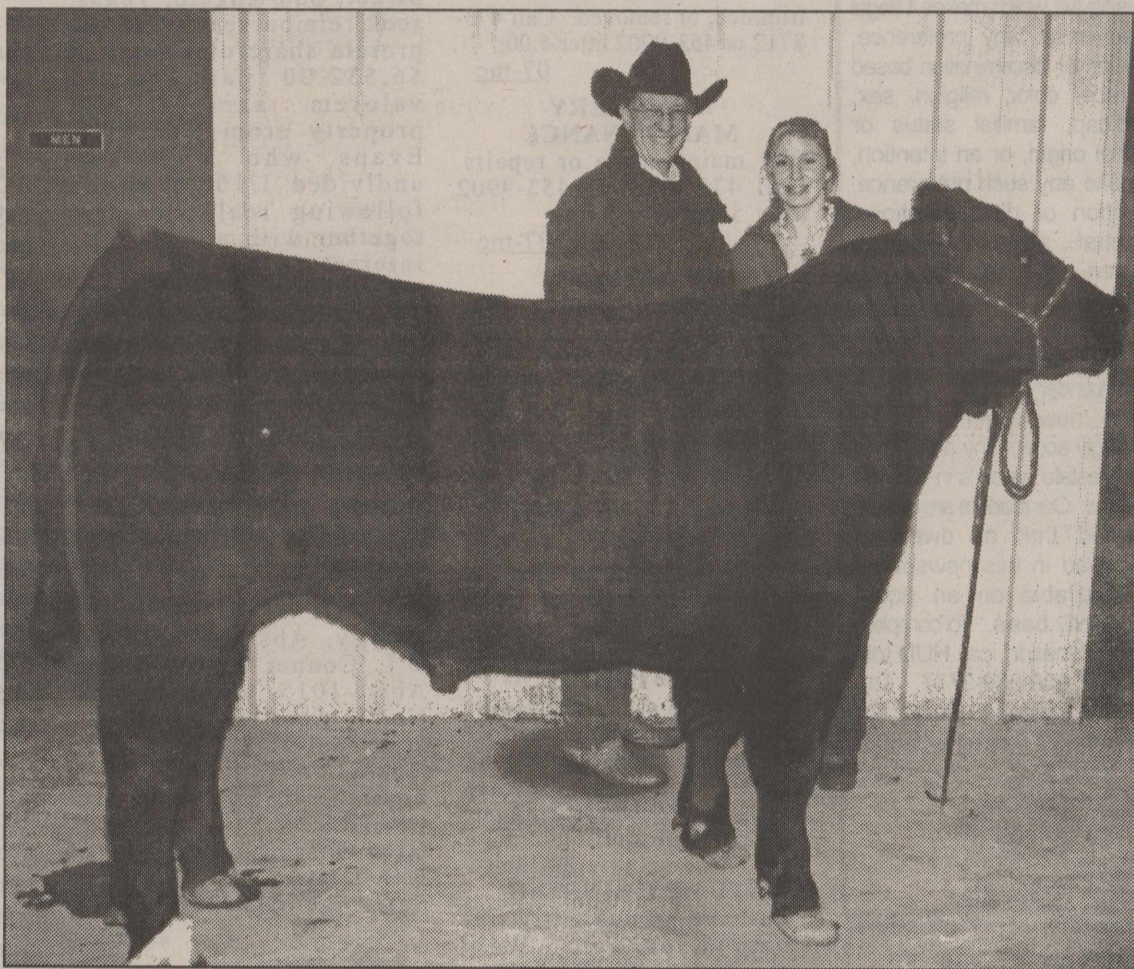
Don't believe college financial aid myths

College application season is in full swing. As students live in fear of a rejection letter, parents worry more about how they'll afford the tuition when their child is accepted.

College is expensive, but tuition fears shouldn't overshadow an otherwise exciting time in a teen's life. The key is to not believe the financial myths surrounding the price of a higher education.

Myth #1: You can't afford college.

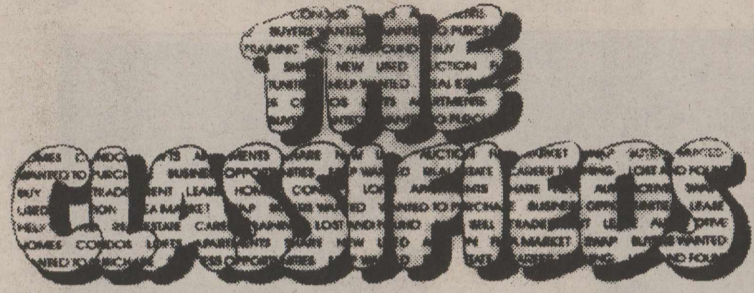
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Wrapping up the Reserve Grand Champion Steer title, as well as the Steer Showmanship award at this year's show was Chelsea Cook. Shown with Chelsea is Premium Sale buyer Steve Salmon.

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Home heating safety tips
by Mark Sides, RLVFD Assistant Chief

Recent cold temperatures tend to keep people indoors for longer periods of time, and home heating working overtime. According to a newly released study, home heating is second only to cooking when it comes to causes of home fires.

We want you to take a few minutes to reduce the risks associated with home heating.

- *Read and heed the manufacturers operating instructions and warnings.
- *Maintain at least 3 feet between things that can burn and heating equipment.
- *When purchasing a new space heater, make sure it carries the mark of an independent testing laboratory and is legal for use in your community.
- *Install your stationary (fixed) space heater according to manufacturer's instructions or applicable codes or better yet, have it installed by a professional.
- *Plug your electric-powered space heater into an outlet with sufficient capacity, and never use an extension cord.
- *Make sure to use the proper grade and type of fuel for your liquid-fueled, space heater. Never use gasoline in a heater

approved for gasoline use. Refuel only in a well-ventilated area and only when the heater is cool.

- *In your fireplace or wood stove, use only dry, well-seasoned wood to avoid the buildup of creosote. Fires caused by creosote buildup account for most chimney fires, and a large share of home heating fires.
- *Use only paper or kindling wood, not flammable liquid, to start the fire. Do not use artificial logs in wood stoves.
- *Make sure your fireplace has a sturdy screen to prevent sparks from flying into the room. Use a metal container to dispose of ashes. Keep this container a safe distance from your home to reduce the risk of fires associated with hot coals buried in the ashes.
- *Turn off space heaters in unoccupied rooms or when the instructions say they should be turned off. Portable space heaters are so easy to knock over in the dark that they should be turned off when you go to bed, but make sure your primary heating equipment for bedrooms is sufficient to avoid risks to residents from severe cold.
- *Do not use your oven to heat your home.
- *Make sure fuel-burning equipment is vented to the outside, that the venting is kept clear and unobstructed, and that the exit point is properly sealed around the vent, all of which is to make sure deadly carbon monoxide does not build up in the home.
- *Inspect all heating equipment annually, and clean as necessary.
- *Install a carbon monoxide alarm in a central location outside each sleeping area. Test all carbon monoxide and smoke alarms monthly.

By paying attention to these items, you should have a safe and warm winter. The department doesn't want to knock on your door unless you're inviting us in for coffee, and above all we don't want you to become a statistic.

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Many parents and students see the tuition price, cost of living in the forms and the textbook fees, and say there is no way they can afford college. The truth is most college students require some form of financial aid. In fact, nearly 75 percent of 2006 high school graduates who took the ACT reported that they need help to pay for college. Don't ignore college because of its "sticker price." Students can receive a combination of grants, loans, scholarships or Work-Study jobs to help reduce the cost.

Myth #2: You have to be very poor, very smart or very talented to qualify for financial aid.

Financial aid comes in many forms—grants and scholarships that you don't have to repay, and loans, which you do have to repay. There is need-based aid for students of lower income families, and merit-based aid for students who excel in athletics, music, community service and many other areas. Financial aid sources are as varied, too—the federal government, the college or university itself, a parent's employer, and others. When students take the time to explore all the possibilities, they will be surprised at what offers they may receive.

Myth #3: You can get more scholarships by paying someone to search for you.

Scholarship scams are everywhere. Beware of any group or individual that guarantees a scholarship if you pay a fee. There are many good and FREE scholarship sources on the Internet. Check out www.fastweb.com or www.finaid.org for more information.

Myth #4: My child will pay for college, so my salary doesn't matter.

Most need-based financial aid is based on parents' income and assets. Most schools require students to fill out the FAFSA, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, in order to qualify for need-based aid. The form, available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov, asks for information similar to what you need for your income taxes. After submitting the FAFSA, students receive a report that shows how much the government expects you to pay for toward your child's education. If you aren't ready to file yet, visit www.act.org/fane/ to get an estimate of your expected family contribution.

Myth #5: You can wait until you get accepted to a college before worrying about financial aid.

Most financial aid is doled out on a first-come, first-served basis. No one should wait to get started. Looking for financial aid probably isn't a teen's idea of a good time, but it is better than graduation from college in debt.

When to rotate and replace your tires

Your tires are literally where the rubber meets the road - and taking good care of them means they will take good care of you.

"Take the time to walk around your car regularly to look for visible wear and damage," says Kristin Backstrom, President and Executive Director of Safe Smart Women, a non-profit organization devoted to educating young women about car safety.

"Bubbles in the rubber, air leaks that cause flats or low tire pressure, or absence of tread are serious indicators that you're putting yourself at risk," she says. "Replace any tire immediately that is irregular in shape or shows sidewall imperfections."

Keeping your tires properly inflated extends their life. According to Backstrom, you should check air pressure while tires are cold, at least weekly.

You can also do the "penny test," where you insert a penny into your tire tread with Abraham Lincoln's head facing you, upside down. If you can see the top of Mr. Lincoln's head, your tire tread is too low for safety.

Your daily driving habits will determine how often you need to replace your vehicle's tires. Rotating tires, meanwhile, will improve their life by distributing wear more evenly. You should plan to do this every 6,000 to 8,000 miles, or more often for a four-wheel drive vehicle.

"But, always check your manufacturer's recommendations," advises Backstrom.

For more car safety information, visit www.s2w.org.

'Clothing' in on the promotion

Climbing the career ladder requires the appropriate gear, say executives surveyed recently. Ninety-three percent of managers polled said a person's style of dress at work influences his or her chances of earning a promotion; one-third said on-the-job attire "significantly" affects an employee's advancement prospects.

The survey was developed by OfficeTeam, a leading staffing service specializing in the placement of highly skilled administrative professionals. It was conducted by an independent research firm and includes responses from 150 senior executives at the nation's 1,000 largest companies.

Executives were asked, "To what extent does someone's style of dress at work influence his or her chances of being promoted?" Their responses: Significantly 33%; Somewhat 60%; not at all 7%.

"The old adage about dressing for the position to which you aspire still holds true," said Diane Domeyer, executive director of OfficeTeam. "A polished appearance lends credibility and may help employers envision the staff member in a role with a greater responsibility."

"Attire is not the only thing workers are judged on, but it is part of the equation," added Domeyer. "While a proper wardrobe alone won't earn you a promotion, dressing inappropriately could cost you one."

OfficeTeam advises professionals seeking advancement to ask themselves the following questions when selecting work attire:

*Would managers at my company wear this? If the answer is "no", it's probably not a wise choice for you, either.

*Is it a distraction? Unless you're in the fashion, entertainment or other creative industry, flamboyant or overly trendy attire can detract from your credibility.

*Does it give me confidence? When you're dressed sharply, you'll be more self-assured. Look for attire that is flattering and make you feel good about yourself.

*Is it clean and in good condition? Even in casual work environments, avoid clothes that are torn, wrinkled or messy. Sloppy attire may prompt your manager to question your attention to detail.

*Is it comfortable? Clothing that fits well and allows you to

move freely is especially important when you're interviewing for a job. Avoid wearing a new suit when meeting with potential employers. You want to look good, but you don't want to be distracted by clothes you're not used to.

OfficeTeam has more than 300 locations worldwide and offers online job search services at www.officeteam.com.

New Law Will Help Families Buy Safer Cars

Finding a vehicle that's safe for your family is about to get a lot easier thanks to a new federal regulation requiring safety ratings on the window stickers for all new cars, mini-vans and sport-utility vehicles.

The new rule will go into effect in 2007 and will require that rating information from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) be displayed on part of the window sticker on new cars beginning with the 2008 model year.

Dubbed the "Stars on Cars Rule," the requirement will help consumers measure a vehicle's safety information by the number of safety stars on the sticker.

The new vehicle price stickers will contain NHTSA safety ratings in three areas - front and side crash and non-destructive rollover tests. All three tests use the five-star

rating, with five stars being the safest.

"By making safety a selling point, it is my hope that this rule will encourage the faster development of these kinds of technologies," Nicole Nason, National Highway Traffic Safety Administrator.

While this safety information is already accessible on the Internet at www.safercar.gov, the new rule will make it a lot easier for car buyers - as all they will have to do is go from car to car and compare the numbers of safety stars on the window.

"This measure just makes sense. By placing safety ratings directly on new car window stickers, consumers will have the ability to make more informed decisions right there on the car sales lot," said Ohio Senator Mike DeWine, who sponsored the legislation creating the "Stars on Cars" program.

The new star ratings will join other information on car pricing stickers already required by law -- such as cost, fuel economy, and vehicle features.

If you want to review a car's safety ratings before the new rule goes into effect, visit www.safercar.gov, a government Web site that offers detailed safety information on all sorts of car makes and models dating back to 1990. This information can be useful when evaluating the purchase of a new or used car.

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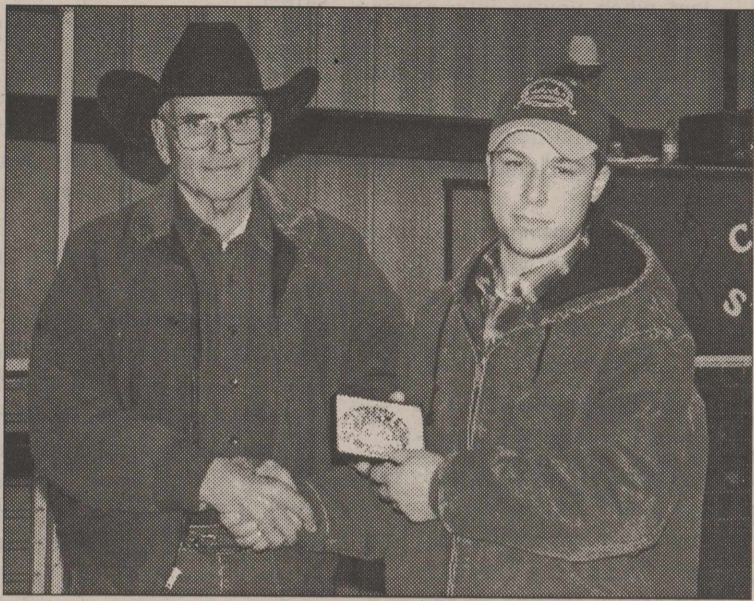
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DPS Marks Amber Alert Awareness Day

Recently January 13 was National Amber Alert Awareness Day. The day, named by the U.S. Department of Justice, is meant to remind Americans that Amber Alerts are an important tool in recovering children who have been abducted.

The Amber Alert system was used successfully for several years in the Dallas/Fort Worth area before a state plan went into effect in August 2002. The state plan is meant to complement, not replace, local and regional plans.

Activation of the Texas Amber Alert Network is a massive cooperative effort involving:

- * Texas Department of Public Safety;
- * Office of the Governor;
- * National Weather Service;
- * Texas Department of Transportation;
- * State and local law enforcement;
- * Media;
- * Texas Association of Broadcasters;
- * Independent Bankers Association of Texas;
- * Texas Lottery Commission;
- * U.S. Customs and Border Protection;
- * U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement;
- * U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation; and
- * BeyondMissing.com.

* The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) was added as a state partner in 2005, providing notification to the public through wireless carriers, content providers and major retailers.

Members of the general public can sign up to receive Amber Alerts via text messages on their wireless telephones by visiting www.wirelessamberalerts.org. The wireless industry has partnered with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (www.missingkids.com) to provide this service.

Since the Texas Amber Alert Network's creation in 2002, DPS has issued 26 state-involved Amber Alerts, and 30 children who were

featured in Amber Alerts have been safely recovered. The vast majority of requests made by local police agencies for state-involved Amber Alerts are declined because they do not meet the state criteria.

The criteria to issue an alert involving State of Texas assets:

* The abducted child must be 17 years of age or younger.

* The local law enforcement agency must believe that the child has been abducted, that is, unwillingly taken from their environment without permission from the child's parent or legal guardian or by the child's parent or legal guardian who commits an act of murder or attempted murder during the time of the abduction.

* The local law enforcement agency confirms that an investigation has taken place that verifies the abduction of the child and has eliminated alternative explanations for the missing child.

* The child is believed to be in danger of serious bodily harm or death.

* There is sufficient information available to give to the public about the child, the abductor or the suspect's vehicle.

If your child is missing:

* Immediately call your local law enforcement agency to file a missing persons report.

* Be prepared to provide law enforcement with the most recent photo of the child, a detailed description of what the child was wearing and any other information that could help identify the child or the abductor, such as vehicle and license plate information.

Federal public service announcements regarding the Amber Alert program can be found on the U.S. Department of Justice website at <http://www.amberalert.gov/>

Savvy Consumers Avoid Banking Fees

One sure-fire way to help your bank accounts grow is by not giving any of your hard-earned cash to your bank itself.

Fifty-seven percent of con-

sumers spend \$3 or less in monthly fees for banking services, according to a recent survey by the American Bankers Association (ABA). Within that group, almost half (43 percent) said they pay no monthly fees at all.

However, many of us are spending more than \$10 a month and even higher for banking services, with some fees virtually hidden until they show up on your monthly statement.

So, what can consumers do to ensure they are saving as much as possible on their banking fees? The ABA is offering the following advice:

* ATM Machines -- Avoid foreign banking fees by using your own bank's ATM.

* Electronic Accounts -- Many banks offer free accounts if you do everything electronically.

* Minimum Balance -- Keep at least the minimum balance in your account.

* Don't Overdraw -- Keep track of account balances to avoid bounced check fees.

* Direct Deposit -- Some checking accounts are free when your paycheck is automatically deposited each month.

Consumers are also advised to consider their banking habits and to shop around for the right kind of account. As such, when searching for the right bank and account type, the ABA offers these helpful tips:

* Check Writing -- Determine how many checks you must write each month.

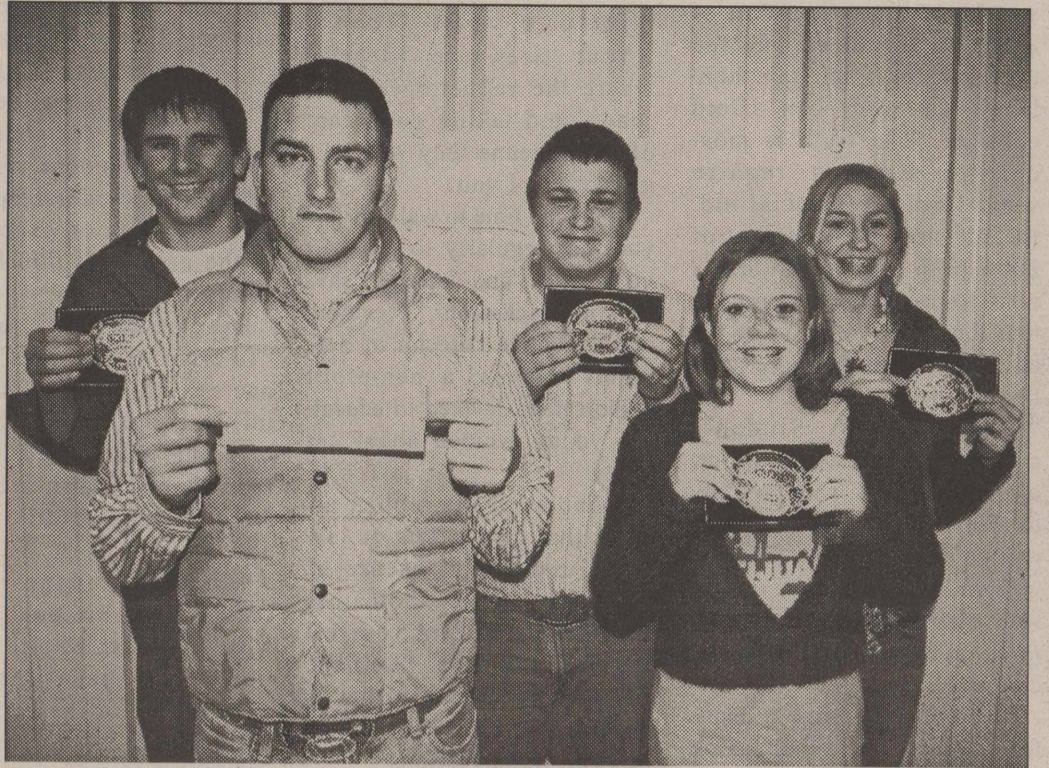
* Banking Preference -- Think about how you prefer to bank -- by visiting branches, using ATMs or over the phone.

* Compare Banks-Shop for low fees and/or service charges and high interest rates on deposit accounts.

* Best Fit -- Ask a bank representative to design a banking relationship that works best for you.

* Location -- Look for convenient branch and ATM locations near your work, home or school.

For more information and advice on banking, visit www.aba.com.



Showmanship winners at the 67th annual Coke County Stock Show were (l to r): Taylor Percifull - Swine; Clay Antilley - Frank Percifull Overall Showmanship winner; Cody Denton - Goats; Kacee Roberts - Sheep; and Chelsea Cook - Steers.

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