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## Livestock Show and Fair set for this weekend

The 77th edition of the Coke County Junior Livestock Show will be held Friday and Saturday, January 15 and 16, 2016, at the Sterling Lindsey Memorial Exhibition Building in Robert Lee.

This year's show will feature animals in the Market Lamb, Market Goat, Market Swine, Market Steer shows and new this year Market Meat Pen Rabbits, but more importantly, many young exhibitors from around the county.

The Pee-wee show will be held again this year immediately following the Sheep and Goat Shows on Friday evening, January 15 and is open to all children 8 and under who are not 4-H members. Clover bud members are eligible to participate. Participants will need to find a lamb or goat to borrow for the show and sign up at the concession stand during the Sheep and Goat Shows. There will also be a showmanship following the pig show. So if you have a little one interested in showing please come sign up at the concession stand.

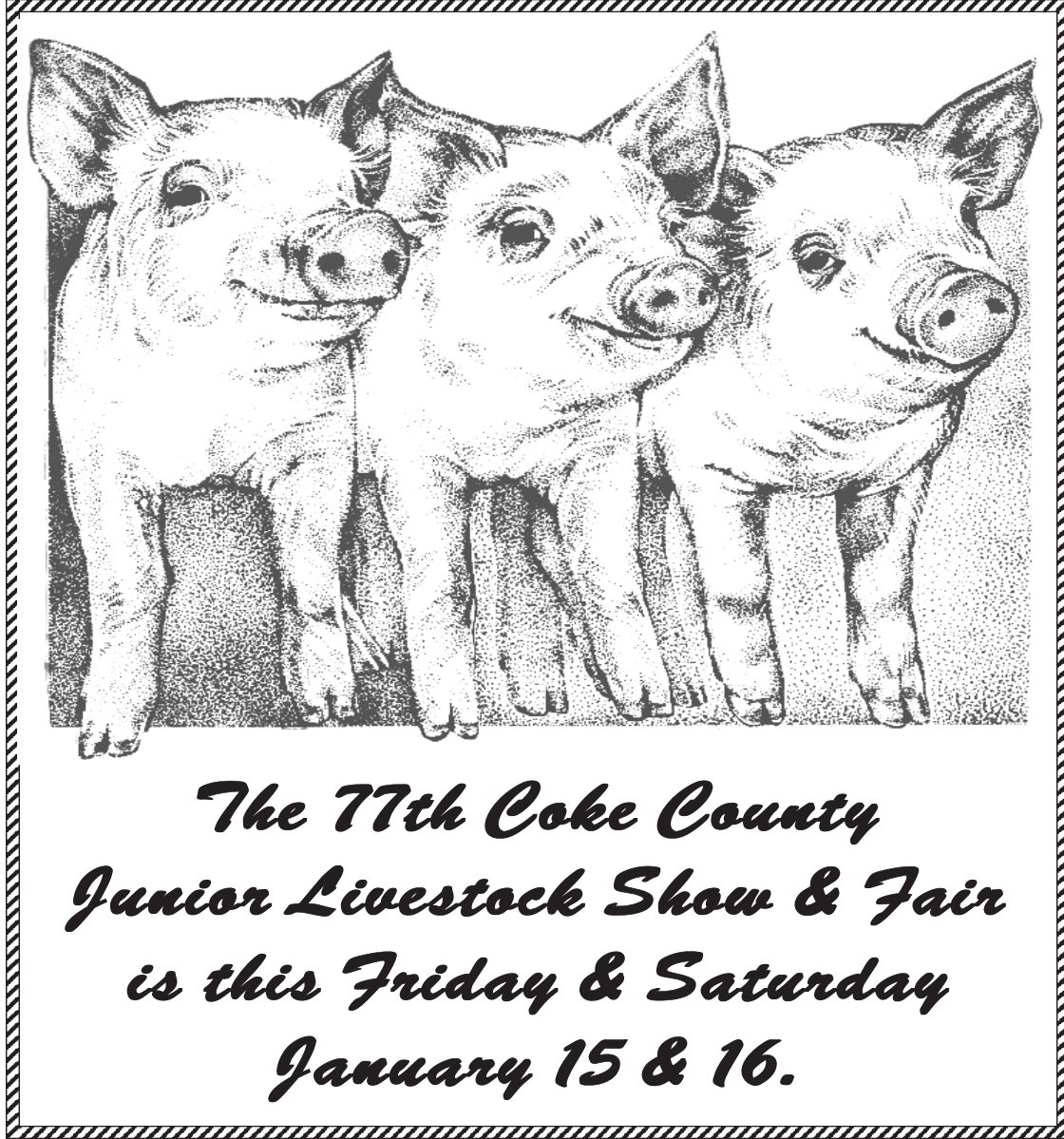
In addition to the Junior Livestock Show, classes of competition are open to Coke county residents of any age in the following categories: Art; Photography; AG Mechanics -

Metal Works; and Repurpose Project (trash to treasure).

The county stock show offers the youth of Coke County an opportunity to exhibit their livestock projects which they have worked with for more than 11 months, in many cases.

Besides being a worthwhile educational activity for our youth in teaching them responsibility, working with others and numerous life skills, it is an important economic endeavor when you consider the animals purchased from county producers, feed purchased locally and the premium sale monies that come in from county and other areas. The total amounts of monies generated by these exhibitors amounts to over \$150,000 per year that is circulated in the county.

The show will begin Friday, January 15, at 5:30 pm with the Market Rabbit Meat pen show following will be the Lamb show starting at 6:30, and followed by the Market Goat show. The rabbits will be judged by Hunter Brietzke and sheep and goats by Reggie Halfmann, a livestock producer of Garden City. Saturday, January 17, the Market Swine show gets underway at 8:30 am, followed by the Market Steer show at 11 am, judged by Joe Behrens, retired agent from McCulloch county.



*The 77th Coke County Junior Livestock Show & Fair is this Friday & Saturday January 15 & 16.*

The Buyer's appreciation barbecue will be served at 12 noon.

Following the barbecue, the

premium sale will be held at 2 pm to honor the prize winning animals and exhibitors.

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### Local government entity filing period opens

The filing period for the May 7, 2016, local government entity elections begins Wednesday, January 20, 2016, and will continue through 5 pm Friday, February 19, 2016.

The City of Robert Lee will hold an election for the position of mayor and for two council members. These are two years terms. The offices are currently held by Mayor Leroy Casey and council members Sid Burns and Richard Johnson. Applications may be picked up at the City Secretary office at the Robert Lee City Hall beginning January 20.

The City of Bronte will hold an election for mayor and three council positions. These are two year terms. The offices are currently held by Mayor Gerald Sandusky and council members Wade Stautzenberger, Paul Gohman, and Jodie Arrott. Applications can be picked up at City Hall.

To be eligible for a seat on a city councils, a person must be a

registered voter and must reside within that city on the date of the election.

Bronte ISD will hold an election for two members of the Board of Trustees. These are three year terms currently held by Shane Kelton and Kay Styles. Applications may be picked up at the Bronte ISD Administration Office beginning Wednesday, January 20, 2016, during the hours of 8 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday.

Robert Lee ISD will hold an election to elect two members of the Board of Trustees. These are three year terms currently held by Erin Oleksiuk and Beverly Sinclair. Applications for candidates to apply for a position on the Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees may be picked up at the Robert Lee ISD Administration Office beginning Wednesday, January 20, 2016, between 8 am and 3:30 pm Monday through Friday.

Requirements for filing for school board are that you must have lived in the state for one year and six months in the school district prior to filing, be at least 18 years of age, and be a registered voter at the time of election.



**Ribbon Cutting!** Members of Robert Lee's Vision with a Purpose recently assisted with a Ribbon Cutting celebration at Rangel's Restaurant in Robert Lee. Photo Courtesy of Leta Caston.