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Winners named for County Junior Livestock Show

The 75th edition of the Coke County Junior Livestock Show was held this past weekend at the Sterling Lindsey Memorial Exhibition Building in Robert Lee. This year's show featured animals in the Market Lamb, Market Goat, Market Swine and Market Steer shows, but more importantly, many young exhibitors from around the county.

The show began Friday with the Market Lamb Show. Rachel Everheart showed lambs to both Grand Champion Lamb and Reserve Grand Champion Lamb honors.

In Friday evening's Market Goat Show, Rachel Everheart also swept both titles taking Grand Champion Goat and Reserve Champion Goat.

On Saturday morning, Kaci Queen exhibited the Grand Champion Hog in this year's Market Swine Show. The Reserve Grand Champion Hog was shown by Moriah Royall.

In the final division of competition, the Market Steer Show, James Roberts exhibited the Grand Champion Steer. The Reserve Grand Champion Steer was exhibited by Carson Kelso.

A delicious barbecue lunch was held at 12 noon, followed by the awards presentation and the Premium Sale.

Winning the Lamb Showmanship award was Carson Kelso. Katlyn Reeves took home the Goat Showmanship award, with Kassie O'Dell earning the Swine Showmanship award.

Rachel Everheart earned the Ralph Walker Memorial Top Hand Award and the Frank Percifull Overall Showmanship award.

James Roberts was honored with the Clay Antilley Memorial Steer Showmanship award. He also was named McCutchen Ranch Top Hand. This award (formerly the Alderman-Cave Top Hand) is presented to a Junior or Senior exhibitor, alternating between Bronte and Robert Lee students, who have assisted with the show and exhibited an exceptional work ethic. The winner is chosen this year by the two ag teachers.

Complete results and pictures of the winners of this year's show begin on page 6 of this issue of the *Observer/Enterprise*.

Move to make liquor sales legal begins in Bronte

Jennifer Addona has begun the legal process to allow Bronte voters to cast ballots for or against liquor sales within the city limits of Bronte. Many will



Ribbon Cutting! Members of Robert Lee's Vision with a Purpose were on hand Wednesday, January 15, for a ribbon cutting ceremony at Robert Lee Care Center in honor of their newly renovated wing.

know Jennifer from her management of Bronte Hometown Hardware.

The process begins with delivering copies of the public notice posted on page 7 of last week's *Observer/Enterprise* to Bronte City Hall, along with a petition containing signatures in support by 10 registered voters who reside within the Bronte city limits. Addona completed this

part of the process earlier this week. According to Bronte's City Secretary Pat Martindale, the signatures should be verified and the petition issued today. The petition is for voters to sign in favor of placing this initiative on the May 10, 2014, local election ballot. The number of signatures required for placement on the ballot can be determined by voter turnout in the most recent gubernatorial election in 2010. The number of signatures must be equal to or greater than 35% of the turnout of those living within the city limits who cast votes for any candidate for governor in that election. After the petition is issued, it must be returned for verification within sixty days.

Bronte has allowed beer and wine sales for off premises consumption for several years. At the time that option was in question, many had predicted dire consequences if it passed. These consequences included a measurable increase in minor alcohol possession and consumption citations, driving while intoxicated citations and public intoxication citations and arrests. According to law enforcement since that election and passage, there has not been an increase in citations or arrests in any of these areas.

The passage of the beer and wine sales option has helped the City of Bronte's bottom line, increasing the amount of the

sales tax revenue the City receives.

If this proposal reaches the ballot and is passed, Addona plans to open a liquor store on US Highway 277. Addona included her plans and arguments for this passage in an advertisement in last week's issue of *The Observer/Enterprise*. These paragraphs are included on page 3.

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Annual FUMC Super Bowl Sub Sandwich Sale slated

The Bronte First United Methodist Church will be hosting their annual Sub Sandwich Sale on Super Bowl Sunday, February 2, 2014. This year, the proceeds will go toward helping offset cost for youth to attend the Mid-Winter Camp.

You can call in orders to FUMC at 473-3281 the morning of Sunday, February 2, or orders may be turned into Pat Martindale at Bronte City Hall.

For more information, contact Melissa Boyd at 234-1824.

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Showmanship Winners! Earning Showmanship awards at this year's Stock Show were (from left) James Roberts, Clay Antilley Memorial Steer Showmanship Award; Kassie O'Dell, Swine Showmanship Award; Carson Kelso, Lamb Showmanship Award; Katlyn Reeves, Goat Showmanship Award; and Rachel Everheart, Frank Percifull Memorial Overall Showmanship Award.