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Winners named for Junior Livestock Show

The 73rd 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 47 youth exhibitors from around the county.

The action began Friday with Rachel Everheart garnering both the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Lamb titles. This was followed by Rachel winning both the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Goat titles.

On Saturday morning, Zach Skinner won the top spot in the Swine Show with his entry being named Grand Champion Hog. Reserve Grand Champion Hog was exhibited by Trace Oleksiuk.

The Steer Show followed with another win for Rachel Everheart as she showed her European Cross steer to Grand Champion Steer. James Roberts took home the Reserve Grand Champion Steer title with his entry.

A delicious barbecue lunch

was held at 12 noon, followed by the awards presentation and the Premium Sale.

This year's show was dedicated to the Wilburn Millican family.

Winning the Lamb Showmanship award was Brady Clawson. Hanna Weatherby took home the Goat Showmanship award, with Katie Austin earning the Swine Showmanship Award.

Jael Williams was honored with the Clay Antilley Memorial Steer Showmanship award.

Rachel Everheart completed her weekend with the Ralph Walker Memorial Top Hand Award. She also was awarded the Frank Percifull Overall Showmanship Award.

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

Farm Service Agency hours to change

Due to the retirement of longtime employee, Melinda Sasser, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) Office in Robert Lee will no longer have a full time employee in the office effective January 30, 2012. The only day that



Pipeline Groundbreaking! Robert Lee Mayor John Jacobs was joined by City and County officials, State Representative Drew Darby, USDA representatives, Vermeer representatives, engineers for the project, and many others at the long awaited groundbreaking ceremony for the water pipeline from Robert Lee to Bronte. The ceremony was held Friday, January 20, 2012, at 1:30 pm near the beginning of the west end of the pipeline. Volunteers are installing approximately five miles of the water transmission line along Highway 158. If you would like to volunteer to help lay the pipe, cover the pipe, provide food and drinks, etc. please contact Robert Lee City Hall at 325-453-2831.

an employee will be present will be Tuesdays when the CED, Michael Sturm, from Tom Green County will open the office to conduct business. Business can also be conducted through the Tom Green County FAS Office at 3514 Devonian in San

Angelo.

FSA apologizes for any inconvenience and would encourage producers with questions to contact the Tom Green County Farm Service Agency at 325-653-1246 in San Angelo.

County receives rainfall

County Commissioners reinstated the county wide burn ban on Monday, but Judge Blair rescinded the ban due to Tuesday night's moisture.

Conaway to hold town halls tomorrow

Congressman Mike Conaway will be in Coke County Saturday, January 28. He will hold a town hall meeting at the Coke County Courthouse in Robert Lee from 1:30 to 2:30 pm and another in Bronte at Bronte City Hall from 2:45 to 3:45.

Bronte Chamber to begin annual drive for new directors

The Bronte Chamber of Commerce is beginning its annual drive for new Chamber Directors.

What does the Chamber do? The Chamber supports local businesses, and holds events

to help bring tourism and activities to Bronte. In 2011, the Bronte Chamber hosted the Annual Chamber Banquet; Butterfield Trail Days & Cook-Off; Oldies but Goodies Car Show; Motorcycle Poker Run; Christmas in Ole Bronte; and published a Business Directory.

The Chamber needs your help to keep these annual events going and to plan new events. If you would like to help, please attend the meeting February 6, at 6:30 pm at the Bronte Housing Authority Room on N.E. Railroad (behind the Texas Theater). Just a few hours of your time could make a big difference to the community!

Republican Primary Ballot Propositions announced

Submitted by David Kitten, Coke County Republican

Chair

Coke County residents who vote in the 2012 Republican Party Primary Election, currently scheduled for Tuesday, April 3, will have the opportunity to vote "yes" or "no" on several non-binding propositions. These propositions will appear only on
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Millican Family Recognized! The 2012 Coke County Junior Livestock Show was dedicated to the Wilburn Millican family. Before Mr. Millican's passing, he was an ardent supporter of the show and the youth involved. His family continues the tradition. Shown are Wilburn and Charlotte Millican with their five sons, (from left) Wibby, Teddy, Terry, Waldon, and Pammy.