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Livestock Show and Fair set for next 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.

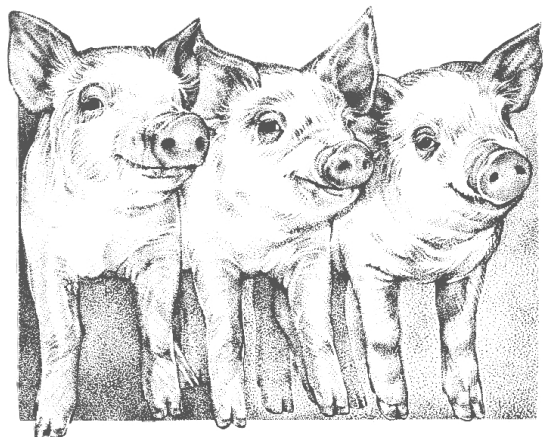
Besides being a worthwhile educational activity for our youth in teaching them responsibility, working with others and numerous life skills, it is an important economic endeavor when you consider the animals purchased from county producers, feed purchased locally and the premium sale monies that come 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 Buyer's appreciation
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Recovered Property! Two golf carts, a utility vehicle and assorted golf clubs stolen during the holidays were recovered last week in Runnels County by Coke County Sheriff's Deputies. They were assisted by members of the Runnels County Sheriff's Office. Coke County Deputy Anthony Lopez noticed the clubs while answering an unrelated call. Upon investigation by Sheriff Wayne McCutchen and Deputies Lopez and Terry Crenshaw, the location of the stolen property was revealed. No other information is available at this time as this is still an open investigation.



**77th Coke County
Junior Livestock
Show & Fair
Friday & Saturday
January 15 & 16**

**Regular Meeting of the
Commissioners Court
9 am Tuesday
January 12, 2016
Commissioners Courtroom
Coke County Courthouse**