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County Stock Show set for next weekend

The 76th edition of the Coke County Junior Livestock Show will be held Friday and Saturday, January 16 and 17, 2015, 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 and Market Steer shows, but more importantly, many young exhibitors from around the county.

New this year is the Pee-Wee Show. It will be held immediately following the Sheep and Goat Shows on Friday evening, January 16 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.

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 16, at 6:30 pm with the Market Lamb show, followed by the Market Goat show. These will be judged by Bronc Fleming, livestock producer of San Angelo. Saturday, January 17, the Market Swine show gets underway at 8:30 am, followed by the Market Steer show at 11 am, judged by Duffy Galloway, Loraine ISD agriculture teacher. 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.

Persons wishing to donate to the Coke County Livestock Show can contact either the



Frozen! On Tuesday, December 30, 2014, temperatures dropped below freezing and stayed there until late the second day of 2015. By Wednesday morning, vegetation was blanketed in ice (top right photo) and Mays Road in central Coke County was covered in ice on Friday as well.

The first call the Coke County Sheriff's Office received to work an accident during this period was during the noon hour on Tuesday. The accident occurred south of Bronte on US Highway 277 when a car (photo at right) in the northbound lane traveled across the center stripe and struck a trailer being pulled by a pickup in the southbound lane. The driver of the car was transported to the hospital.

Over the next few days, members of the Coke County Sheriff's Office, other law enforcement agencies, local EMS, local volunteer fire departments and Best Connection (Waylon and Rick Drennan) were kept busy going from one car in the ditch or roll over to another as drivers attempted to travel during this time.

County Extension office in the courthouse or one of the Livestock Association directors which include Shane Kelton, Douglas Roberts, Tom Sawyer, Terry Austin, Michael Cervenka, Riley Coalson, Corby Kelso, Curtis Knight, Steve Oleksiuk III, Terry Queen, T. J.



McCullough, Ricky Ross, Ricky Royall, Bill Torres, Bob Sheets, Noel Tinkler, Mark Wright, Emmitt Crisp, Jack Yanez and Orlando DeLaGarza.

The directors of the Coke County Junior Livestock Show would like to invite everyone to come and participate in this year's County Livestock Show and support the youth of our county for their hard work and dedication.

RLHS 1978 State

Champion reunion slated
The Robert Lee 1978 Girls State Basketball Champions are having a reunion weekend on

January 30-31, 2015. The team will be introduced during the current RLHS Lady Steers game the 30th of January.

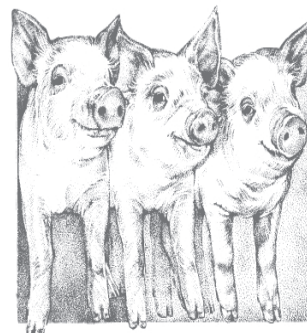
On the following Saturday, they will be having a reunion/get together at the high school cafeteria from 3-7 pm.

Saturday events will consist of visiting, reminiscing, looking at old pictures and watching the state basketball games. Coach Ronnie Ruff will be speaking to the team members, family, friends and anyone who would like to come up and visit on Saturday.

Any ladies who were a member of the 1978 team or played under Coach Ruff during the years he coached and taught at Robert Lee are encouraged to attend both Friday and Saturday events. Please bring old/new pictures, films or memorabilia Saturday to share. Assistant Coach Clyde Dukes will also be present at the reunion.

Refreshments will be provided on Saturday. Anyone wanting to attend or help with the reunion, needs to contact Carla Wojtek Kristinek at www.whitharralisd.org for more information.

**Regular Meeting of the
Commissioners Court
9 am Tuesday
January 13, 2015
Commissioners Courtroom
Coke County Courthouse**



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