

He is survived by his long term partner, Troy Wimberley. He was an only child, but had many cousins. From his mother's side of the family, he leaves his cousin Max Brown and his family. Max was more like a brother than a cousin. On his father's side, he leaves two aunts, Dale Fields and Lara Fields. He also leaves cousins Albert Dale and James Fields, Bobbie Box, Lynn Davidson, Jamie Kay Jones, Freddy Fields, and Jerry Fields.

Arrangements were handled by Shaffer Funeral Home, Robert Lee. Visitation was Wednesday, October 12, 2011, at the funeral home with the family present from 6 pm to 7 pm. A graveside service and burial was held on Thursday, October 13, 2011, at 2 pm at Paint Creek Cemetery in Edith, Texas. Pallbearers were Donnie Devoll, Larry Martin, George Grim, John Stephens, Kenneth Lackey, Eph Cummins, and Daryl Copeland. Services were conducted by Mike Burson.

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**4-H Shooting Sports**

4-H Shooting Sports are ready to get started. There will be a meeting on Monday, October 17 at 6:30 pm in the Coke County Courthouse. The meeting is for anyone interested in shooting sports and there will also be a MANDATORY safety meeting on this date also. Practice times and dates will also be discussed and set to best accommodate all individuals wanting to compete. For more information contact the AgriLife Extension office at 453-2461.

**4-H Quality Counts Program**

4-H and FFA members wanting to show at major stock shows for the 2011-12

year, MUST complete the Quality Counts Program. Once the test is completed with a passing score, you will receive a certificate number. You MUST keep this number, because without it you CAN NOT be entered into the major stock shows. There is no charge for this program or the test. There will be a meeting at the Robert Lee High School computer lab at 7 pm on October 18, where computers will be available for you to test on. If you cannot attend this meeting the program can be taken on line at: qualitycounts.tamu.edu. Enter the Texas Trails program and take the test at the end where the option is to get certified. Click on option 4-H/FFA (both) icon and take the test. Any questions regarding this please call Jan Yanez at 453-2461 or Jeff Brisbin at 453-4556.

**4-H Fundraiser underway**

The Coke County 4-H clubs are participating in their annual fundraiser. 4-H members from Bronte and Robert Lee are now selling Radde Knives and Gifts. Anyone who would like to place an order should contact any 4-H member in Robert Lee or Bronte. Deadline for orders is Monday, November 21, which will ensure that orders will be delivered in time to use as Christmas gifts. So make sure and get those orders in.

If you need more information, please contact the AgriLife Extension office at 453-2461.

**Coke County Chronicle moves forward**

Plans for the Coke County Chronicle are going forward. The Paint Creek Group met on October 1 at Robert Lee City Hall to discuss pictures, history, and events that will repre-

sent that community. They have planned another meeting.

Communities of Coke County were unique and history filled. It is hoped that the Chronicle will reflect the attributes of the early settlers and include events, places, homes, schools, and activities from the early settlers through today. If each community can get together and talk about what would best represent their communities throughout the last 100 years and find pictures to represent the community, a Coke County Chronicle will emerge.

Kay Pitcock of the Paint Creek community has a group working to represent that part of the County.

Brenda Hines and Beth Prather will help any community get started with content. The book will cover all eras from the Indian populations to the cattle business to fencing wars, county seats, school districts, (there were some 30 districts in the County according to Fran Lomas' which can be found at files.usgarchives.net/tx/coke/history/county/cehist.)

Cotton, fencing, oil producing, and wind mills will be illustrated. Any pictures which depict clothing, farming, ranching, sheep and goat production, merchants, schools buildings, natural history sites and animals will help tell the story of Coke County.

Fran Lomas lists the following communities



**Structure Truck Training!** Bronte volunteer firefighters held a training session Monday evening, October 10. They understand the importance of being prepared to face whatever fires and emergencies come to our area.

in the county: Alpha, Blackwell, Bronte, Cedar Hill, Edith, Fort Chadbourne, Green Mountain, Hayrick, Juniper, Matalfos, Mulecreek, Nanhattie, Olga, Paint Creek, Pecan, Redro, Robert Lee, Sanco, Silver, Stokes, Tennyson, Venice, Divide, Valley View. There will be overlapping information, but that will make for a better idea of earlier days.

Names for people, places, equipment, buildings, and mountains will be important to identify the county for future generations. Someone said that if we don't get this done now, much will be lost that should be a part of the next generation's information. If the past sets the tone for the future, Coke County's past will

be an invaluable lesson. The West Texas Collection staff will help with this project.

A Countywide meeting is planned for November. Get together, share some history and verify the information with pictures.

Groups are welcome to meet at the Coke County Library. Call 453-2495.

**4-H/FFA Stock Show meeting slated**

Any 4-H and FFA members wanting to show at major stock shows MUST sign up. Both parents and children need to attend the meeting and complete entry forms and submit payments for entry fees. San Antonio, San Angelo, Houston, Austin and Ft. Worth stock shows will be done November 8 at 6 pm at the RLISD Ag Shop, located behind RLISD on 15th Street.

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