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Stock show update

Now that we are on the downhill side of the stock show season, I thought I would use this week's article to give an update on how the youth of Coke County have done at the major shows in Texas.

At the San Antonio Stock Show, Coke County was represented by 7 exhibitors with lambs, 4 with swine, and had 1 in the steer barn. Rachel Everheart won 4th place in her class with a market lamb. In the gilt show, Moriah Royall placed 7th, Carson Kelso placed 9th and Cambri Kelso placed 10th. Well done for the Coke County exhibitors and congratulations to those who placed and for those who participated at this level of competition.

At San Angelo, Coke County was well represented with every animal. We had 4 steer exhibitors that were followed by the sheep and goat show with 15 exhibitors, and we had 14 exhibitors in the swine barn. The exhibitors who placed in the top 10 were Trace Justiss, Rachel Everheart and Carson Kelso.

In the coming week, there will be a few Coke County youth making the long trip to Houston to exhibit their animal projects. This group will consist of youth from Coke County who will be exhibiting lambs, goats, steers and swine in the big city and will finish out the Stock Show season for the majority of the Coke County exhibitors.

I want to close out this week by congratulating these exhibitors who participated in the shows and to offer a word of encouragement to keep up the work for next year.

Beware of Jury Duty Scam

Currently, a scam is being reported regarding jury duty summons. If you have been contacted by these people, please call your local law enforcement or a link to the FBI is included at the end of this article.

Most of us take those summonses for jury duty seriously, but enough people skip out on their civic duty that a new and ominous kind of fraud has surfaced.

The caller claims to be a jury duty coordinator. If you protest that you never received a summons for jury duty, the Scammer asks you for your Social Security number and date of birth so he or she can verify the information and cancel the arrest warrant. Give out any

of this information and bingo; your identity was just stolen.

The fraud has been reported so far in 11 states, including Oklahoma, Illinois, Colorado, Arizona and more. This (swindle) is particularly insidious because they use intimidation over the phone to try to bully people into giving information by pretending they are with the court system.

The FBI and the federal court system have issued nationwide alerts on their web sites, warning consumers about the fraud. The link to the FBI information is http://www.fbi.gov/page2/jun06/jury_scams060206.htm.

4th Annual Daddy-Daughter Date Night held

At promptly 5 pm, girls and their dates began to arrive for a fun-filled evening of finger foods and dancing at the 4th annual Daddy-Daughter Date Night. "Wild About You" was held Saturday, February 9, 2013, at the Coke County Rec Hall with 115 people from Robert Lee and Bronte attending.

The tables were decorated with white tablecloths topped with turquoise deco mesh ribbon, loose feathers, jewels and glass bowls with beautiful peacock feather arrangements. The food table was covered with zebra material and had numerous centerpieces of peacock feathers. The dance floor was topped with neon-animal print paper lanterns and upside down balloons.

The girls and their dates took photos in front of a backdrop of brightly-colored and zebra-print paper fans on a white background. Photos were taken by Austin Crawley Photography. The DJ's, David Sheldon and Scott Smith, provided hours of music for the girls to dance to.

Hostesses for this year's event were Tracy Grantham, Erin Oleksiuk, Susan Pentecost, Kimberly Keel, Melissa Matlock, Katie Drennan, Dana Zimmerman,



Cheering on their team! The stands were full of fans wearing orange and black cheering on the Robert Lee Steers as they competed in the basketball playoff season.

Mary Ann Hill and Heather Wyatt. Plans are already under way for next year's date night!

Ballinger Post Office to host Passport Day

The Ballinger Post Office is hosting a special passport event Saturday, March 9, 2013, from 9 am until 2 pm, to provide passport information to U.S. citizens and to accept passport applications. The Ballinger Post Office is joining the U.S. Department of State in celebrating Passport Day in the USA 2013, a national passport acceptance and outreach event.

U.S. citizens must present a valid passport book when entering or re-entering the United States by air. U.S. citizens entering the United States from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Bermuda at land borders and sea ports of entry must present a passport book, passport card, or other travel documents approved by the U.S. government.

Passport photos are available at the post office. Expedited passport applications cost more and the charges for children's passports are slightly lower. A

birth certificate and positive photo ID are required.

Information on the cost and how to apply for a U.S. passport is available at travel.state.gov. U.S. citizens may also obtain passport information by phone, in English and Spanish, by calling the National Passport Information Center toll-free at 1-877-487-2778.

Bruckner to speak at SAGHS March meeting

By Mary Lee Van Dyke Lenertz

San Angelo Genealogical and Historical Society is fortunate to have as our March 5th guest speaker, Fort Worth genealogist and historian, Jane Austin Bruckner. Jane is a Registered Nurse who fell in love with history during her first high school history class.

The combination of her love of history and family naturally led her to genealogy research where she discovered ten ancestors who served in the American Revolution. Jane has been a member of the DAR since 1964 and is also a member of the DRT.

Although Jane married, had two children and lived on the

East Coast eighteen years before settling in Fort Worth, she has West Texas roots. She is the daughter of Isham and Lila Byrd Austin and grew up on the Austin Ranch in Coke County, Texas which was settled by her grandparents, Jordan and Arminta DeLong Austin who came here in 1872. She is a member of the Fort Worth Genealogical Society as well as our own San Angelo Genealogical and Historical Society.

Jane researched The Life and Times of her 3rd great grandfather Mitchell Putnam (1794-1887) of South Carolina, to find he fought in the War of 1812 before coming to Austin's Colony in the Republic of Texas, to fight in the Battle of San Jacinto as a soldier in the Republic of Texas Army. He fought the battle for Texas Independence, went home to Gonzales, Texas only to be terrorized by the Indians capturing his children. Come hear the whole story as Jane highlights early Texas History, gives research techniques and shows how to become a member of the DRT or SRT.

Invaluable information for genealogists and historians
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Robert Lee Rec Hall

Best chili & trimmin's in Coke County!!
Come one, come all!

The chili will sell for \$5 per bowl.
Proceeds will go to the new marquee sign.

After the chili supper, there will be a fan-dang-tabulous Cake Auction!
The goodies will be provided by the 64 Study Club.

Hope to see you there!!