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WT Rehab '97 Telethon slated for January 11th

The date set for West Texas Rehabilitation Center's primetime telethon, REHAB '97 is January 11, 1997. This is the night Rehab puts its best foot forward and launches its yearly funding program, with lots of help from celebrity friends, volunteers, and viewers.

This is also the date Coke County volunteers, led by Diane Luckett and Pat Martindale in Bronte and Leta Caston and the '64 Study Club in Robert Lee, will conduct the REHAB '97 phone banks. Phone Bank locations are Ivey Motor Company in Robert Lee and First National Bank in Bronte. Robert Lee area residents are urged to call 453-2715 between 6 and 10 pm and Bronte area residents are encouraged to call 473-2911 between 7 and 10 pm. Also, advance donations may be made prior to the telethon.

Twelve state-wide television stations, including KLST-TV in San Angelo, will televise this 27th annual show which originates live from the Abilene Civic Center, beginning at 7 pm. Headliners Lee Roy Parnell and Suzy Boggus will share the stage with Peter Marshall, Rex Allen, Rex Allen Jr., Bill and Susan Hayes, Anacani, Arthur Duncan and Brad Maule.

Viewers of KLST-TV will be able to see the network stage show as well as local interphone bank reports from WTRC-San Angelo, hosted by Pat Attebery, local television host and WTRC board vice chairman. For those in outlying areas with satellite receiving dishes, the event may be viewed on Galaxy IV, transponder 11.

Another popular segment of the telethon is the auction which features retail merchandise and hand-crafted items donated by businesses and individuals -- ranging from saddles and sirloins to trips and treadmills. Major auction items and a toll-free bidding number will be publicized prior to showtime.

"As in the past, we certainly hope to top the \$1 million mark on REHAB '97 because it's going to take more than \$9 million next year for the Center to do its job of serving disabled children and adults," said Jim Pethis, WTRC President. "Approximately 15,000 people are counting on all of us and with the help of supporters and volunteers, I'm confident we'll be successful January 11 and all year

long." Tennyson Community

gathering slated

The Tennyson Community Gathering is slated for Saturday, January 4, 1997. A pot luck supper will begin at 6 pm.

Bring your musical instru-



Spree winners announced

The drawing for the Holiday Shopping Spree, sponsored by the Bronte Merchants Association, was held Saturday, December 21, 1996, at 4 pm in the bank parking lot.

The grand prize of \$150 in shopping certificates was won by Eula Maud McCutchen. Second prize of \$100 in certificates went to Cecil Coalson. Five additional prizes of \$50 in certificates each went to Betty Caddell, Pearlie Mae Andrews, James Vivian, Dora Gallaway, and Charliebelle Bagwell.

During the month of ecember, several local businesses held individual drawings in connection with the Shopping Spree giveaway. Those winners were: Joni-Lyn Sportswear - Helen Murtishaw; S & S Printing -Jack Corley, Morris Johnson, and Bobbie Arrott; First National Bank - Jeanna Lee, Sue Caudle and Brenda Head; Hometown Hardware -Angie Basquez, Pixie Gilley, and Jake Graves; .Glenn-Bivins Insurance - Royce Dean Clark, Royce Fancher, Verla Smith, and Edith Rolls; and Margaret's Flowers - Noah Pruitt, Jr., Debbie Mackey, R.T. Caperton, and Pauline Blair.

Directors announces that early voting began December 30, 1996, and will continue through January 14, 1997, for the Special Rollback Tax Election to be held Saturday, January 18, 1997.

Registered voters may vote at the Bronte Nursing Home on weekdays between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm.

SA G&H Society to meet

The San Angelo Genealogical and Historical Society will meet at 7:30 pm Tuesday, January 7, 1997, in the Fellowship Hall of the Church of Christ, 901 North Main in San Angelo.

Flu shots proclaimed safe

Shannon Health System wishes to reassure anyone who received flu shots at any of their facilities that they received safe vaccines of adequate strength. Parke Davis recently recalled several batches of its flu vaccines because they were not potent enough. Shannon did **not** use any Parke Davis flu vaccines. All branches of the Health System used products made by Wyeth.

CCJJCC to meet

CCJJCC members will hold their regular monthly meeting Monday, January 6. The meeting will be held at 6:00 pm at First United Methodist Church in Bronte. All interested persons are invited to attend.

views and Concho Valley ment and join the fun.



Winners of the Shopping Spree certificates in Bronte included (from left) James Vivian, Dora Gallaway, Eula Maud McCutchen, Pearlie Mae Andrews, Charliebelle Bagwell, Cecil Coalson, and Betty Caddell.

Early voting begins in rollback election The East Coke County Hospital District Board of Speakers will be Maurice Fortin, Library Director of Porter Henderson Library at Angelo State University and Suzanne Holcomb, Library Assistant for the West Texas Collection, located in the Porter Henderson Library.

Meetings of the Society are conducted the first Tuesday of each month and are open to the public. All are invited to a free Beginner's Genealogy Class, taught by Bob Park, preceding each meeting at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call Peg Gordon 949-8870.

Library to close for renovations Due to renovation of the restroom, Coke County Library will be closed for two weeks. The library will be closed from January 6 through January

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Windbreak seedlings available

Producers, be it the farmer or rancher, interested in windbreak protection can begin ordering seedlings this fall for the 1997 planting season through the Coke County SWCD. For more information contact your local district, or for assistance in planting a mulitiple row windbreak contact the TFS WTN at 806-746-5801.



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Obituaries

Bilbo

Otha Jones Bilbo, 88, of Hobbs, New Mexico, died Friday, December 27, 1996, in a hospital in Lubbock.

Masonic graveside rites and burial were held Monday, December 30, 1996, in Hobbs, New Mexico.

Otha and his twin brother, Otis, were born March 20, 1908, at the Bilbo ranch home, four miles West of Sanco in Coke County. Their parents were Sarah Catherine Walk Bilbo and Benjamin Wofford Bilbo. Otis died January 27, 1929.

Otha married Willie Kelt May 16, 1934. He had lived in New Mexico since 1928 and in Hobbs since 1942. He joined the U.S. Navy during World War II and served aboard the U.S. Saratoga for twenty-three months in the South Pacific. After the war, he returned to Hobbs and operated the Bilbo Service Station from 1945 to 1975 when he retired.

Otha was an outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting and fishing, especially in his retirement years. He has always enjoyed attending the Sanco Homecoming and returned to Coke County for that celebration almost every year until two years ago.

He was preceded in death by his parents, seven brothers and six sisters. One sister survives. Kathryn Bilbo McGuire is the youngest child of the Bilbo family. Otha and Otis were the youngest sons.

Otha Bilbo is survived by his wife, Willie, of Hobbs, New Mexico; one son, Paul Dee Bilbo, and his wife, Carolyn, of Hobbs; two grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Locally, he is survived by his sister and brother-in-law. Kathryn and Robert McGuire; a sister-in-law, Alta Bilbo; two nieces, Bennie Helen Rusk and Jamie Boren; and one nephew, Ben Bessent. 22-1tp

Death Notices

Paetz

Mignon I. Paetz passed away Friday, December 20, 1996. She was a resident of Capitol Nursing Home in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She was born January 29, 1911 in Centerville, Mississippi.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edwin W. Paetz, Sr., her son, Edwin W. Paetz, Jr., and her daughter-

Rouge. She is also survived by 8 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great grandchildren.

Leathers John D. Leathers, 97, of Odessa died Friday, Decem-

ber 27, 1996 in Odessa. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lillie, two sons, Lester and Homer Leathers

and five brothers. Funeral services were held

CC Commissioners meet Dec. 27

Coke County The Commissioners Court was held at 2 pm Friday, December 27, 1996, with the following actions being taken.

 Bonds were approved for the following, effective January 1, 1997: Kristy Roe, Tax Collector; Gayle Sisemore, Deputy Tax Collector; Valerie Johnson, Tax Deputy Tax Collector; Paul Burns, Commissioner; Pat Percifull, Commissioner; Lane Arthur, Attorney; Jack Moore, Justice of the Peace; Kenneth Rasco, Constable; Keith Fletcher, Constable; and Mike Harris, Sheriff.

· The Treasurer's Affidavit as of November 30, 1996, showed cash of \$463,420 and other assets of \$535,400.

· The County Agents' reports were approved as presented. Workers' Compensation

Fund Account - Designation removed and money returned to General Fund.

· The Court agreed to be the sponsor for the Concho Valley Council of Governments DARE Program. The officer will cover several counties in the Concho Valley.

· Penalty and interest was waived on 1984 and 1985 taxes for the Foreman Trust.

· A discussion was held regarding a chip spreader, paving equipment, and seal

coating · The meeting was adjourned.

Sweeten receives degree

Brandy Sweeten of San Angelo was among the two hundred seventy-nine students who received degrees at Fall Commencement ceremonies at Angelo State University Friday, December 20, 1996, in the ASU Physical Education Building.

Graduating summa cum laude, Brandy had to achieve a grade point average of 3.90 to 4.00. Brandy is the niece of LeDrew and Bobbie Arrott of Bronte



Coke County said farewell to these three gentlemen Friday, December 27, 1996. Tim Millican (left) served as County Commissioner for eight years, Wayne Arrott (right) served as Constable for twenty years, and Marshall Millican served as Sheriff for a number of years and was a member of the Sheriff's Department for twenty-two years.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Since joining the Bronte EMS four years ago, I have seen firsthand the generosity and caring of our community. Recently it became necessary to replace our handheld radios, the greatest link in our organization and also one of the costliest items.

We sent out a cry for help and the response was overwhelming! We are now back in business and owe a great deal to our very generous benefactors: Western Gas, Janet and Elmer Hurley, Town & Country Food Stores, Charles and Dorris Sonnenberg, the Bronte Chamber of Commerce, the Bronte Evening Lions Club, Hochheim Insurance Branch (Glenn-Bivins Insurance), Martin and Pat Lee, and Ivey Motor Company. They came

forward and made the purchase of these radios possible, to which we, the Bronte EMS, are extremely grateful and happy that we are able to continue serving our community.

The Bronte Ambulance Service is a wonderful organization with a great group of volunteers, all of which I am proud to call my friends and be a part of.

> **Gwen Baker** President, Bronte EMS

Millican graduates Kay Millican of Robert Lee was among 54 students participating in commencement ceremonies in December at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. Kay received a master's degree in nursing.

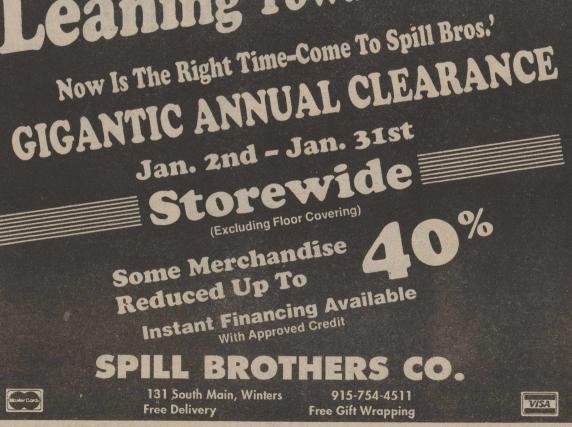


in-law, Dolores Paetz. She is survived by 5 grandchildren, Debbie Wilkes of Silver, Cheryl Hebert of Brusly, Louisiana, and Carolyn Dance, Edwin Paetz, and Charles Paetz, all of Baton

at 10:00 am Tuesday, December 31, 1996 in the chapel of Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors with Rev. Bill Skinner officiating. Interment was in Odessa Cemetery.

Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star - Oh, I wonder who you are? A small lad whom mother loved dear. Sisters whom you gave such a scare. A wife, a son what a pair. To each of these you are such a bear! Happy 40! See we still care! Happy Birthday!





64 Study Club Christmas dinner held

Members and their guests enjoyed the annual Christmas Dinner and program in the Robert Lee Rec Hall. Nettie Autry, Johnetta Lawrence, Dale Fields, Pat Carwile, May Bell Stewart and Charlotte McKnight decorated the hall with traditional Christmas decorations. Joe McKnight was a big help in setting up the tables. The traditional Christmas dinner was served by Ranchland Restaurant on a beautifully decorated buffet Jim Tabor gave table. theblessing before the meal.

Chances to door prizes were sold and the revenue went into the Scholarship fund. Pat Carwile presented the prizes to Fay Roe, Bill Carwile, Winton Milliff and Ken Harlan.

Nancy Allen, Carolyn Long, and Roger Alexander presented a program consisting of a comedy skit, a game, singing of carols, and a Silent Night Candle Light Service.

We were saddened by the death of Opal Baker, a member, and the death of Linda Carole Deere's mother-in-law prior to the holidays. Several members were unable to attend due to illness or illness in their family. All absentees were missed.

This special occasion was an enjoyable evening due to the efforts of everyone who helped, especially the men for helping with the clean up. Wishing everyone a New Year filled with love, peace, hope and charity.



Screening slated Ballinger Home Health will be at the Bronte Senior Center Friday, January 10, 1997, at 11 am to check blood pressures and blood sugars. Debbie Hamilton with the Shannon Clinic will be there at 12 noon on the same day to check hearing aids.

Menu Monday, Jan. 6 Swiss Steak, Peas & Carrots, Corn Muffins, Tossed Salad with dressing, Orange Sections Wednesday, Jan. 8 BBQ Pork Sandwiches, Potato Salad, Mixed Vegetables, Bun, Oatmeal Raisin Cookies Friday, Jan. 10 Chili Dog with Chili Sauce, Corn, Spinach, Hot Dog, Plums



Hochheim Prairie Farm Mutual Insurance representative Robert Wink is shown presenting a donation to Mary Bessent of West Coke County EMS from local Hochheim Prairie Farm Mutual Branch 95. Branch 95 is serviced by Glenn-Bivins Insurance Agency of Bronte and Wink Insurance Agency of Robert Lee. Branch 95 also made donations to East Coke County EMS, Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department, Bronte Volunteer Fire Department, Blackwell Volunteer Fire Department, and Coke County Livestock Association, totalling \$1,100. Hochheim Prairie Insurance, founded in 1892, is a major provider of property insurance to rural Texas.

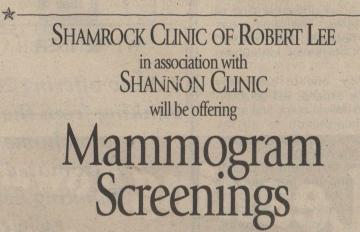
Webbs celebrate 40th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. C.N. Webb, Jr. of Bronte were honored with a surprise 40th wedding anniversary dinner Friday, December 20, 1996, at The Shed in Wingate. C.N. Webb, Jr. and Mary Jane Powell were married December 22, 1956, at the First Baptist Church in Bronte.

After moving around during the first years of their marriage, the Webbs returned to Bronte where they have resided since 1969. Currently, Jr. is a semi-retired rancher and Jane is employed in the pharmacy at Shannon Medical Center.

Hosts for the celebration included the couple's three children: Lana Webb of San Angelo; Shane Webb and wife, Alisa, of Bronte; and Kelly Barnett and husband, Kris, of Mertzon; and their two grandchildren, Joel and Cheyenne Webb of Bronte.

Other guests included Bill and Suzy McMaster of Abilene; Jim, Nancy, Lane and Ladd Hughes, and Stacia Taylor of San Angelo; Ernestine Powell, Kay and Lee Daulong, and Ronnie and Fayne Thorn of Bronte.





Christmas lighting winners named

The Bronte Chamber of Commerce has announced the winners of the Christmas lighting contest. First place winners were Margaret and Boyd Baker. Keith and Vicky McCutchen and Raymond Sanchez placed second and third place winners were Rickey Royal and Johnnie Andrewson. Thursday morning, January 16, 1997 Shamrock Clinic of Robert Lee 722 South Washington

To schedule an appointment, please call **1-800-530-4143**, extension **3235** It's important

Although women should get an initial mammogram by age 40, it's especially crucial for older women to have regular screenings because the risk of developing breast cancer increases with age. Women ages 40 to 49 should get mam-

mograms every two years, and women over age 50 should have annual screenings. Early detection is a key factor in

successful treatment.

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Mobile

mammography unit to serve county

Shannon Clinic's new mobile mammography unit has begun making on-site visits throughout the Concho Valley.

Shamrock Clinic of Robert Lee will host the unit's first visit to Robert Lee Thursday morning, January 16. "We are pleased to help make this new service available to the people of Coke County," George Zerucha, PA-C, said. "This is part of our continuing goal to expand services in our area, and on-site mammography is an important step forward in the fight against breast cancer."

The unit also will be at the Family Health Center of Bronte Wednesday morning, January 22. Further dates will be announced as they are scheduled with the two Shannon regional clinics.

The mobile unit is a first for San Angelo and one of only a few available regionally. According to David Trevino, radiology manager at Shannon Clinic, until now, Lubbock and San Antonio were the closest cities to operate mobile mammography units.

"It'll be a lot easier for women in the regional area to have access to mammography," he said. He believes many women put off the screenings because of the inconvenience of having to leave their home towns to get the test done.

The mobile program has begun working with Shan-



Robert Lee School Menu

Breakfast Monday, Jan. 6 Donuts, Cold Cereal, Orange Juice, Milk **Tuesday, Jan. 7** Biscuits & Sausage w/ Jelly, Orange Juice, Milk Wednesday, Jan. 8 Cinnamon Rolls, Cold Cereal, Orange Juice, Milk **Thursday, Jan. 9** Breakfast Pizza, Orange Juice, Milk **Friday, Jan. 10** non's regional clinics to schedule dates for screenings. Once a schedule is established, doctors will be able to set up appointments with . their patients for screenings.

A clerk and technologist will travel to each remote site and set up the unit in an exam room. The clerk greets patients and handles paperwork, and the technologist conducts the screenings. The process takes about 25 minutes. Images from the mobile screenings will be processed and interpreted at Shannon Clinic and the results mailed to patients about two or three days later. If an abnormality is detected, patients will be called immediately

Jo Millican, mammography coordinator for Shannon Clinic, handles scheduling. "It's important to be flexible even when the patient load is high - especially for a procedure many women are apprehensive about," she said. "If a patient is hesitant to go for a screening, they're less likely to delay or cancel the appointment if they can get their exam right away."

Although women should get an initial mammogram by age 40, it's especially crucial for older women to have regular screenings because the risk of developing breast cancer increases with age. Women between ages 40 to 49 should get mammograms every two years, and women over age 50 should have annual screenings. "Early detection is a key factor in successful treatment of breast cancer, so it's not a good idea to postpone a checkup," Milli-

can said. Why do some women tend to put off having a mammogram? "Many hear that screenings are painful. They can be uncomfortable but usually not painful," Millican said. "Then most women consider their breasts a very private part of the body, so they may experience some emotional discomfort as well." She said all of the clinic's technologists are female which helps put patients at ease.

Shannon Clinic averages more than 5,000 screenings a year, and that number is expected to increase significantly now that the mobile unit program is underway. "Mammography is a vital tool in detecting breast cancer, and women have gotten that message," Millican said. "What we're doing now is making it call Shannon Clinic at 1-800-530-4143, extension 3235, or talk with your personal health care provider.

Cancer education leads to higher survival rates

Cancer education programs are surviving in six Central Texas counties, and that fact may eventually lead to increased survival rates for patients as well.

A cancer education and prevention program initiated three years ago by Texas A&M University is not only surviving but also thriving in Robertson, Falls, Milam, Grimes, Limestone and Freestone counties.

"The original project, funded by the Texas Cancer Council, was designed to help empower 10 counties to develop cancer control coalitions to address the cancer education needs for their area," said Jeffrey J. Guidry, a health education professor at Texas A&M and principal investigator for the project.

The 10 counties in the original project were Burleson, Falls, Freestone, Grimes, Leon, Limestone, Madison, Milam, Robertson and Washington counties.

Tax seminar slated

The Comptroller's Office understands that state tax issues can sometimes become very complex and confusing.

A seminar will be held at Angelo State University, Business Computer Science Building, Room 265, NW corner of Varsity and Dena, San Angelo, Texas, from 2 pm to 3 pm Wednesday, January 8, 1997. Nancy Rodgers from the Comptroller's San Angelo Field Office will be available to meet and discuss any questions pertaining to state taxes.

"It's important that taxpayers have a full understanding of state taxes. The seminar has been designed just for that," State Comptroller John Sharp said.

Nancy, one of our many agency experts, will be available to deliver quick and accurate information to all tax questions and assist taxpayers in any way she can.

Those taxpayers who cannot attend the free seminar can call the Comptroller's toll free tax hotline at 1-800-252-5555 for additional informa-

Owens honored on 90th birthday

Edna Owens, a resident of the Bronte Nursing Home and a longtime Bronte citizen, was honored by her family with a "Surprise 90th Birthday Celebration" on Saturday, December 14, from 2 to 4 pm at the Bronte Community Center.

Posters were displayed depicting Edna's life. The top news stories of 1906 were displayed including the fact that the first-ever radio broadcast was produced on December 24, 1906, which was Edna's actual date of birth.

In order to surprise her, her son told her there was a Christmas Party for Senior Citizens at the Center and was able to get her dressed up for the occasion and to accept a corsage.

Mrs. Owens was born in Grapeland, Texas, to J.V. and Linnie Anderson, along with seven brothers. On December 2, 1923, she married G.W: Owens and they had six children - Gerald, Avonell Brosh, J.V., Dale Stallings, Virginia Frazee Ward, and Sam. She has been blessed with eighteen grandchildren, forty-two greatgrandchildren and five greatgreat-grandchildren.

The family gathered early in the day to visit and prepare for "Miss Edna's" arrival. She posed for family pictures and delighted in seeing her greatgrandchildren dance the "Macarena" even attempting a little of it herself.

Those attending included: Linda Courte of Kaufman; Gail Stout of Dallas; Jan, Morgan and Taylor Fields of Eden; Jim and Debbie Reyenga, Terry and Chase Brosh of Odessa; Ed Brosh and Virginia Owens of San Angelo; Richard, Cherryl, Zachary, Blake and



Edna Owens

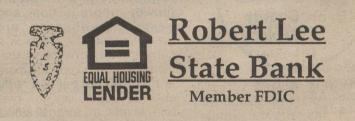
Clayton Rusk of Round Rock; James, Jeri, Jana, Christy and Dale Stallings of Crowley; Ricky, Nelda, Loni, Loren, and Matthew Frazee of Glen Rose; Richard, Mary, Lance and Michelle Owens, Jerry, Debra, Jessie and Lennie England, Virginia Frazee, all of Bronte; Tod, Sandy, Meredith, and Trent McDaniel and Sam and Joyce Owens, all of Midland.

Numerous cards, letters and gifts from many friends and family were received.

The family salutes Edna on her 90th birthday.

Beat tax rush for SS numbers

Taxpayers are urged to act now to beat the rush for Social Security numbers needed for tax returns. The Internal Revenue Service will not process returns with missing or incorrect Social Security numbers. To get a new or replacement Social Security card, call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213. The best times to call to avoid a busy signal are later in the week and the second half of the month.



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Lunch

Monday, Jan. 6 Steakfingers w/ Gravy, Sliced New Potatoes, Seasoned Green Peas, Homemade Bella Beasbea Milk

Rolls, Peaches, Milk Tuesday, Jan. 7 Sausage, Potato Salad, Pinto Beans, Cornbread, Fruit Cocktail, Milk Wednesday, Jan. 8 Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Celery & Carrot Sticks w/ Peanut Butter, Tator Tots, Applesauce Cake, Milk Thursday, Jan. 9 Spaghetti, Seasoned Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Yellow Cake, Sliced Bread, Milk Friday, Jan. 10 Hamburgers, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Onion, Potato Wedges, Teddy Grahams, Milk

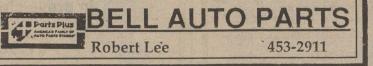
we're doing now is making it easier for them to follow through."

For questions about the new service or mammography and breast cancer in general,

5555 for additional information.

For more information about the San Angelo seminar, call the San Angelo Field Office at (915) 942-8364.

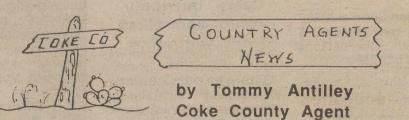
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should be given to what kind

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Supplemental feeding is

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filter commercials, you either

pay a little now or a lot later in

Keep eggs "fresh

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dairy products and eggs fresh

once you bring them home.

How old is that carton of eggs

that was hiding on the bottom

shelf? To find out, place one

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Supplemental feeding for winter

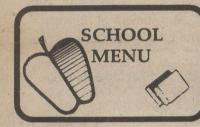
Most of our cattle in this area are going into the winter in very good condition. Many have a reserve of body fat. Late summer rains have provided excellent growing conditions for summer annual and perennial grasses, which has allowed fall calving cows to put on condition late in the year.

The body condition is critical for cows lactating and trying to rebreed during the winter when native forage quality is at its poorest. If stocking rates have been maintained properly, there should be a good supply of native feed available into the winter.

Simply stated, supplementation means providing what is lacking in the cow's diet for a given period of time. For ranchers this means providing what is needed to supplement what is available from range resources.

Therefore, to supplement in a cost effective manner, ranchers need to have knowledge of 2 essential elements, the quantity and quality of the range vegetation and the cow's minimum daily requirements for essential nutrients.

Often ranchers let price



Bronte School Menu **Breakfast** Monday, Jan. 6 Cereal, Pineapple Tidbits, **Biscuit**, Milk Tuesday, Jan. 7 Pancake & Sausage on a Stick, Grape Juice, Blueberry Muffins, Milk Wednesday, Jan 8 Apple Juice, Sausage, Pancakes, Milk Thursday, Jan. 9 Scrambled Eggs, Orange Juice, Biscuit, Milk Friday, Jan. 10

alone be the determining factor in choosing the supplemental feed. However, what you get to furnish the cow's requirements for the price you pay is most important. In comparing prices and various feeds, make sure that comparisons are made of the same quality products and that the feed will provide what is truly needed.

The normal protein level needed for maintenance of a 1,000 pound cow that is pregnant is 1.05 pounds of protein per day and one that is in high lactation is 2.7 pounds of protein. For a 120 pound pregnant ewe the protein needed is .33 pounds per day and one in high lactation is .42 pounds per day. These levels of protein are necessary for adequate production. If protein becomes limited it not only can effect the condition of the cow or ewe this winter, but will greatly influence her production for the next year. Livestock deficient in protein will breed slow or not at all, have much lower milk production on their next offspring and will wean a much smaller lamb or calf. Therefore, we are not only trying to maintain body condition and production for this year, but we are predetermining what production level that female will produce at next year.

Animals that consume diets lower in protein lose their appetites, develop a rough appearance, become weak and possess lowered resistance to diseases, and overall growth, reproduction and weights of offspring are greatly reduced. There is a common misconception that the animal can simply eat more to make up the needed nutrients, but in actuality, low protein levels in forage slows down digestion and the animals actually eat less in a day due to the longer rumination time thus becoming more deficient in needed nutrients. Protein supplementation on poor quality forage will increase digestion and utilization of this forage.

Remember that it takes Oatmeal, Apple Sauce, more feed and expense to put weight back on than to maintain present body condition. Begin feeding when there is a noticeable decline in body condition or significant weight loss.' Supplementation needs to begin before livestock lose 10% of their body weight. To save some feed cost, livestock can be divided into dry animals and those that have a lamb or calf of just about to calve or lamb. Dry animals can be separated and fed less than those lactating. Also, remember that nutrient levels about 5-6 weeks before lambing or calving will predetermine the milking ability of that animal. If nutrient levels are low during this time, no increased amount of feeding will catch up the milking level. Plus animals in good condition before parturition will maintain a higher level The Observer/Enterprise Friday, January 3, 1997

SS news for baby boomers

Are you a baby boomer? If you waere born between 1946 and 1964, you are considered to be a member of the most written about age group in the history of the nation. It's a group whose huge size has stressed the social institutions of the country from kindergarten through college, the job market, and even the stock market.

Much has been written about how retiring baby boomers will cause the Social Security trust funds to run out of money. In 2008, 76 million baby boomers will start to retire. Right now the ratio of workers paying into the trust funds to beneficiaries drawing from the trust funds is five to one. Around the year 2030, it will be less than three to one. When the youngest boomers reach retirement age around 2029, the trust funds will need additional funding to pay benefits on time.

So if you are between 32 and 50 today and expect to retire sometime in the next century, should you include Social Security in you retirement plans? The answer is There is widespread ves. public support among Americans that Social Security must be preserved and protected for future generations. And the early warning provided by the Board of Trustees gives us time to make the adjustments necessary to assure the continuation of benefits.

Security Social Commissioner Shirley S Chater makes a similar point in a recent speech:

"There is no crisis in Social Security. Many people don't believe in the future of Social Security because they think the program is going broke. That simply is not true.

In 1995 alone, the Old Age, Survivors and Disability Trust Fund took in \$400 billion in income and paid out \$340 billion. That added more than \$60 billion to a trust fund balance that stood at nearly \$500 billion at the end of the year.

By law, this money in the trust fund is invested in U.S. Treasury securities, the safest investment you can make. Just as you want your bank to invest your savings, Social Security invests its funds. In 1995, Social Security's investment in the United States securities earned \$35 billion in interest alone.

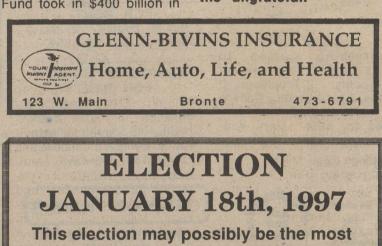
The trust funds are managed and accounted for by a Board of Trustees which provides an annual report to Congress. The Trustees, in their most recent report, said that the trust funds will continue to grow for the next 23 years, until 2019. At that point, we will have to begin drawing on trust fund assests. If there are no changes in the program whatsoever, in 2029, 33 years from now, there will no longer be assets remaining in the trust fund, so we will have to rely solely on income to pay benefits. At that point, we will still be able to fund about 77 percent of total expenditures.

This timetable tells us that, yes, we do have to take action to ensure our long-range solvency, but -- with a current annual surplus in the tens of billions -- no, we do not have an immediate crisis on our hands.

The real crisis will occur if we act in haste. ... I cannot stress enough that we must not rush into debating these ideas without first putting into place

a solid framework Democratic and Republican, executive and legislative, that will be able to fairly represent all views and understand all concerns.

We, the unwilling, led by the unknowing are doing the impossible for the ungrateful.



Cinnamon Toast, Milk Lunch Monday, Jan. 6 Pizza, Sweet Corn, Tossed Salad, Pineapple Tidbits, Milk Tuesday, Jan 7 Soft Tacos w/Cheese, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Flour Tortilla, Milk, Brownies Wednesday, Jan. 8 Chicken Nuggets w/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Orange Slices, Rolls, Milk Thursday, Jan. 9

Spud Day, Chili & Cheese, Potato (Baked), Fresh Fruit Salad, Steamed Broccoli, Crackers, Milk, Chocolate Cake

Friday, Jan. 10

Hamburgers, Macaroni & Cheese, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Bun, Milk, Rice Krispie Bars

break into a bowl and whi combine. Add one and a half teaspoons sugar or corn syrup, or one-eighth of a teaspoon salt, per one-quarter cup whole eggs (two whole) or one-quarter cup yolks (four yolks). Egg whites require no additions. Place eggs in freezer containers or bags and freeze. Thaw in the refrigerator and use within 24 hours.

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County Hospital District in the past or the future. I hope each taxpayer will go to the polls and cast their vote to stop the rollback petition. This vote would give the

district an opportunity to pay the indebtedness incurred during the past four years. The 0.32 cents tax raise would make it possible to pay an installment on the debt in 1997, 1998 and completely eliminate the note in 1999; making it possible for a substantial drop in the tax rate. In case the roll-back carries the future of the Bronte Nursing Home will be in grave circumstances.

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Calls between Bronte and Miles free beginning Jan. 16

GTE Telephone Operations will extend calling for all customers in the Miles telephone service area, beginning January 16, 1997. Under the plan, all calls to Ballinger, Bronte, and San Angelo will be local calls.

"Prior to the start of Extended Local Calling, each call between Miles and Ballinger and Bronte were billed separately as a long-distance call, and customers would see a long-distance charge per call on their monthly bills," said Durwood Wilkinson, Area Manager -Customer Operations, West Central district. Mr. Wilkinson said, "Calls to San Angelo were billed at a monthly charge of \$3.50 for a residence and \$7.00 for a business.'

"Now, these calls are equivalent to local calls, and all customers in the towns having the new Expanded Local Calling (ELC) must now dial all seven digits, both for local calls and ELC calls," explained Mr. Wilkinson.

The implementation of this seven-digit service may require modification to some telecommunications equipment such as fax machines, speed calling, PABXs, key system, automatic dialers and other equipment that may restrict or automatically dial longdistance numbers.

Customers are not required to take any action to take advantage of the new service offering. Once extended calling is operational, it will no longer be necessary for customers to dial "1+" before the number when placing calls between these communities, but you must dial all seven digits for local and ELC calls.

This was the result of balloting which took place in the Miles telephone service area under the rules of Senate Bill 632 and the Public Utility Commission Rule 23.49 (c). Under those guidelines, certain communities were allowed to petition for extended toll-free local calling to nearby communities.

A per-line charge in the total monthly bill of \$3.50 for residential customers and \$7.00 for business customers will be assessed to customers in Miles for the added service. The charges will be listed as EXPANDED LOCAL CALLING" in the tax portion of the telephone bill. The current EAS (Extended Area Service) charge which is the same as the new ELC (Extended Local Calling) charge will be deleted. More information will be provided to affected customers in their monthly telephone bill as the service becomes operational.

Administration (SBA). The SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans are available for businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers sustaining crop losses from drought, hail and high winds which occurred during the period of June 1, 1994 through February 20, 1997 and continuing. Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for these SBA loans. However, nurseries that are victims of drought disasters can apply.

Businesses in the following counties affected by drought which occurred June 15, 1995 through February 20, 1996 and continuing also have until January 8, 1997 to apply: Borden, Coke, Fisher, Howard, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry and Sterling.

Some of these counties may be included in other disaster declarations with open filing periods. Applications and further information can be obtained by calling the SBA toll-free at 1-800-366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired.

These loans are intended to assist businesses in offsetting working capital losses which they suffered as a result of the drought, hail and high winds reducing the crop income of the area farmers and ranchers. Small businesses claiming to have been physically injured by the weather are not eligible.

Check heating system for

savings, safety If you're like many Americans, you probably haven't had your boiler or furnace serviced lately. Now that the cold weather is moving in, the experts at the National Association of Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors recommend a top-to-bottom heating system check by a professional plumbing-heatingcooling contractor.

Remember, a properly functioning heating system not only saves you money on your heating bills, it makes your home safer.

A poorly functioning system means more than just a cold home - it can be dangerous. Gas leaks, fires and poor ventilation are problems you don't want to face. These dangers can be avoided with a yearly check-up.

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increase in '97 Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits will increase 2.9 percent, beginning with the payments that Social Security beneficiaries receive January 3 and SSI recipients receive on December 31. The automatic cost-of-living adjustment is made annually. For Social Security beneficiaries, the average monthly benefit amount for all retired workers will rise from \$724 to \$745. The maximum federal SSI monthly payments to an individual will rise from \$470 to \$484. For a couple, the maximum federal SSI payment will rise from \$705 to \$726.

Residential customers with questions about the ELC service should call toll-free 1-800-483-4400, and business customers should call 1-800-483-5400.

SBA disaster loan deadline

approaches

Businesses in some Texas counties have until January 8, 1997 to file applications for low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business pump or boiler, the check-up is important. In general it will include:

Checking the thermostat.

• Cleaning and checking the burner.

· Checking for leaks.

• Conducting an instrumented efficiency test.

• Checking electrical and gas connections.

• Checking the exhaust ventilation and cleaning the flue ways.

• Replacing filters (where applicable).

• Lubricating and adjusting motors and blowers.

Checking safety valves
 and controls.

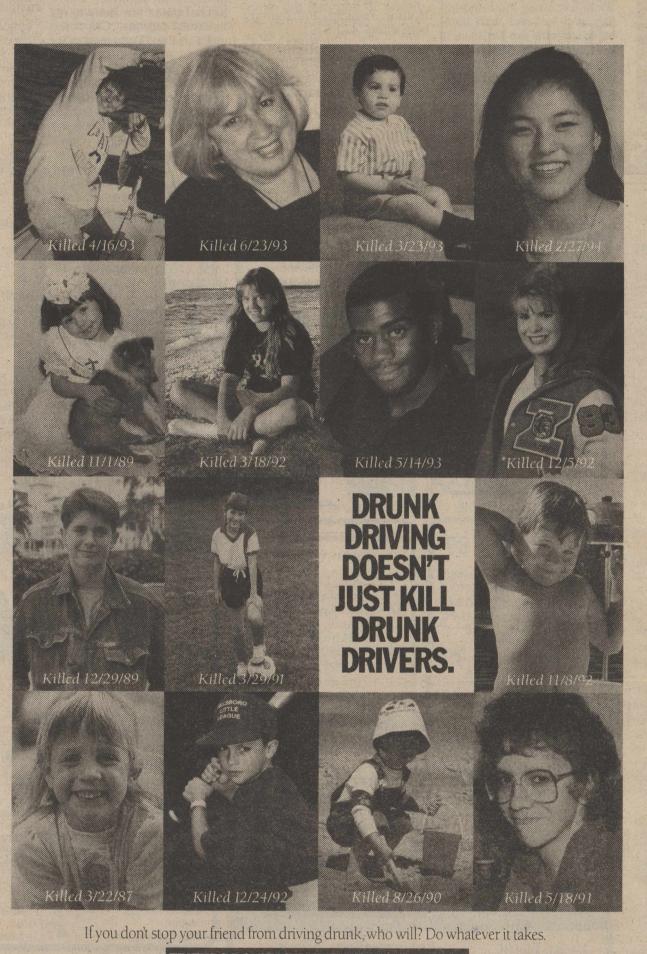
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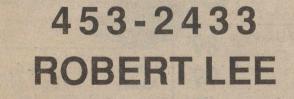
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main fresh in an automatic de-

Sheep dog trial set for Jan. 8

The Coke County Sheep Dog Trial has been slated for Wednesday, January 8, 1997, at the Bronte Roping Arena. Ivan Weir of Ozona will be the judge for the show. Top handlers from all over the state and nation are expected to attend this trial. Classes will include open, open ranch, nursery, and ranch. All events are open to all breeds.

The trial has been approved by Texas Sheep Dog Association. The events are scheduled to begin at 8 am. Wayne King Beefmasters and Bill and Dwala Casey, Cedar Hill Ranch, are assisting in the trial.

For more information about the day's events, contact Russell Johnson at 473-2003.

Poetry contest You may enter a new poetry contest sponsored by the Berkeley Bards. The grand prize has been increased this vear to \$1,000 and everyone is invited to enter.

The guidelines are simple. Your poem may be written on any subject, using any style. There is no entry fee. Deadline for entering is January 22, 1997. Winners will be announced by the last week in March and a winner's list sent to all entrants.

Says noted Poetry Director Dr. Ralph Kasper, "Texas has a great reputation for producing fine poets and we think this contest will yield exciting results. As an incentive to beginning poets we reserve the right to publish the winning poems!"

To enter send one poem only, twenty-one lines or less, Free Poetry Contest, to: 1678 Shattuck Avenue, Suite 101, Berkeley, California 94709

Ten Tips For Taking A Standardized Exam

1. Get plenty of sleep the night before the test.

2. If you feel nervous before beginning, try to relax by taking a few deep breaths. #

trost refrigerator or freezer placed in a room cooler than 60 degrees. Whirlpool home economists say the refrigerators and freezers with automatic systems are sensitive to the air temperature surrounding the appliances. When room temperatures fall, a unit's compressor may not run often enough to maintain the proper interior tempera-

ture needed to safely store food.

· If room temperatures fall below 38 degrees, the refrigerator's compressor may not run at all. The freezer compartment temperature will then increase to match the room temperature and the frozen food inside will begin to thaw.

Unless specifically de-

signed to operate in low temperatures, refrigerators and freezers should not be placed in unheated locations such as garages or porches, where temperatures are likely to fall below 60 degrees. Check the unit's Use and Care manual for the lowest safe operating temperatures for your unit.

• While manual defrost freezers can generally be operated in an unheated garage or porch without affecting the

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unit or frozen food, check the manual to be sure about special care instructions.

· For the most efficient operation, keep your refrigerator fully loaded, but with enough space between items for air to circulate.

· Put liquid to be refrigerated in tightly sealed containers because moisture that evaporates inside a refrigerator makes the unit work harder.

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3. Maintain confidence in your abilities and plan to do your best. Your attitude can affect your performance.

4. Listen carefully to all instructions and ask questions if you hear something you don't understand.

5. Focus your attention entirely on your work.

6. Position your answer sheet next to your test booklet so you can mark answers quickly and accurately.

7. Before answering each question, read it completely, as well as all the possible responses.

8. When you are unsure of an answer, choose the one you think is best and go on to the next question.

9. Pace yourself throughout the test by checking the time.

10. If you complete the test before your time is up, reread the questions and check your answers.

