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## Fort Chadbourne Days set for June 28

What Texas fort was established in October 1852, nine miles north of Bronte in the northeast corner of Coke County? If you guessed "Fort Chadbourne" you're right!

On Saturday, June 28 there will be a full day of activities for the whole family in Bronte at the 3rd annual "Fort Chadbourne Days" celebration. There will be food and craft booths, a parade, children's activities, sidewalk sales, and entertainment throughout the day. For booth reservations or more information, call Dorris at 473-4102.

There will also be a two-day trail ride beginning Friday morning at the Chadbourne Ranch. Breakfast will be served Friday and Saturday morning. There will be a meal at noon on Friday and a chuck wagon meal on Friday night. The trail riders will ride into Bronte Saturday and be in town for the afternoon activities. For trail ride information call Harold at 473-5201 or Bruce at 473-2020.

To finish off the day's activi-

### Dunn graduates from military training

Air Force Airman Amanda N. Dunn has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Dunn was a member of Flight W060 in the 331st Squadron. Her flight earned Honor Flight status and broke the all-time Squadron record in doing so.

Dunn is the daughter of Harold D. and Pasty N. Dunn of 704 Meadow Lane, Bronte.

She is a 1995 graduate of Bronte High School. Amanda is in Technical Training at Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo. She is a Signal Intelligence Analyst Apprentice and is scheduled to graduate August 8, 1997. She will then be stationed at Ft. Mead Army Base in Maryland.

ties there will be Ranch Rodeo at the local arena at 7:00 pm. Contact Ron at 473-2603 for information.

Mark your calendar and come spend the day in Bronte!

### Parade plans

The Helmet Lady from San Angelo will be in the Fort Chadbourne Days Parade on Saturday, June 28. The Chamber of Commerce of Bronte is sponsoring the parade. Since the Helmet Lady will be available for area children, the Chamber wants to have a bicycle decorating contest and many contestants. Judging will be done by out-of-town judges. Rules for the contest will be printed at a later date.

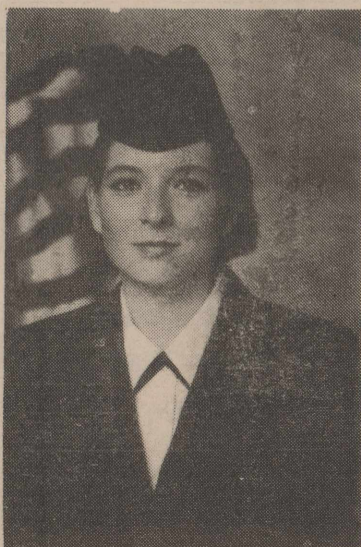
Many more activities will be scheduled for June 28. Beauty queens from area towns will be present, as well

### Sanco Homecoming set for Sunday

The annual Sanco Homecoming is set for this Sunday, June 8. Activities will begin at 10:00 am with a devotional. There will be special music during the devotional.

A barbecue lunch will be served at 12:00 noon. Barbecue, beans, and tea will be furnished by the association. Guests to the lunch are asked to bring a covered dish.

Long-time president of the Sanco Homecoming Committee, Nolan Pentecost, announced his retirement at a recent meeting. Rev. Charles Fowler of San Angelo, is the newly elected president.



Airman Amanda N. Dunn

as horses and wagons. Also, the San Angelo Police dogs will put on a demonstration. The Shannon Medivac helicopter will land sometime during the day as well as the Custom's Blackhawk helicopter.

Tent space will be available for food and crafts booths. Local organizations are invited to set up a booth. For more booth information call Dorris Sonnenberg at 473-4102. For more information pertaining to the parade call Debbie Mackey at 473-4802 or Diane Lockett at 473-4821.

### Tax Office closing noted

The Coke County Tax Office will close for lunch from 12:00 noon until 1:00 pm during the month of June. These hours will be in effect due to staff shortages during this time period.

### Youth bake sale

Central Baptist Church youth will have a bake sale Friday, June 6 in front of Hall's Super Save. A Mexican pile-on lunch will be held Sunday, June 8 at the church fellowship hall. Donations will be appreciated. Funds will be used for camp this summer.

### Diabetic Support Group to meet

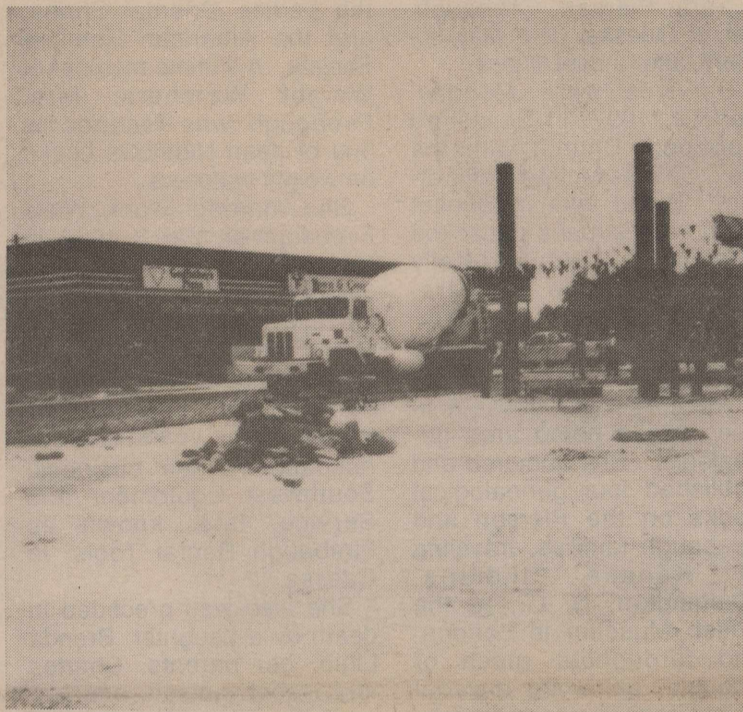
There will be a Diabetic Support Group meeting on Thursday, June 12, at the Robert Lee Baptist Fellowship Hall, beginning at 7:00 pm. All those interested are invited to attend.

### Pageant Assoc. to meet

Coke County Pageant Association members will meet Tuesday, June 10 at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held at Robert Lee City Hall. Anyone interested in the pageant is urged to attend.

### Baseball tournament slated

A double elimination slow-pitch softball tournament is set for June 27, 28, and 29 (if needed), at the Bronte baseball field. Entry deadline is June 25. For more information contact Adam or Lisa at 947-7635.



The new Town & Country Food Store is now open and the old one is just a memory. In an amazingly short time, the old building was demolished and work was started on the remainder of the parking lot and gas pumps.

### Mayor notes new business development

by Martin Lee  
Mayor, City of Bronte

Have you noticed the new look downtown lately?

The Town & Country has opened its new store and an increase in their customers has already been noticed. Their building project has been a boost to the downtown area and the City as a whole. We appreciate their continuing support of our community.

Attorney Brad Haralson has opened an office at 107 West Main. We would like to welcome him to Bronte.

Hall of Fame Wildlife/Studio has opened for business at 119 West Main. They welcome you to come by and see their exhibits.

The Coke County Juvenile Justice Center continues to grow. The number of their residents has increased.

The Bronte ISD has been doing work at the track field. The track has been lengthened and a new surface installed. Restrooms and a concession stand are also being built.

Everyone is encouraged to support the Lions Club Project to renew the playground equipment at the park. Several civic and church groups have contributed to the fund established for this project.

The Garage Sale Saturday, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, held May 3 was a great success. Fort Chadbourne Days is set for June 28. Everyone is encouraged to support their efforts.

Activity has increased at the M-Cross Saddle Shop located at 106 North State. They are developing quite a reputation for their quality saddles. They are sold all over the United States.

### Southside VBS set for next week

Southside Church of Christ's '97 version of VBS will be held next Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. That's June 10, 11, and 12. Each day will begin at 9:30 and end at 11:00 am. Adam, Eve, "the" snake, Cain, Noah and God will visit to tell about the consequences of choices.

All young people between the ages of three and through the sixth grade are invited to attend. Parent's night will be Wednesday. We have decided on an earlier meeting time this year to accommodate those who have other commitments later in the evening. So Parent's Evening will begin at 6:00 pm. Enrollment will begin at 9:00 am on Monday. Come and see the Garden and the Ark. For free transportation call 453-4613 or 453-2176.

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**Obituaries**

**Firebaugh**

Vera Pierson Firebaugh, 83, of Odessa, died May 30, 1997, after a brief illness.

Services were Monday, June 2, 1997, in St. John's Episcopal Church with the Rev. Charles McIntyre officiating. Burial was in Sunset Memorial Gardens under the direction of Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home. Mrs. Firebaugh had been a member of St. John's Episcopal Church since 1961.

The long-time Odessa resident was a noted area genealogist. She authored and published four genealogical books on the Pierson and Firebaugh families, traveling to Kansas, Indiana, Washington, D. C., to the British Museum in London, and throughout much of England, gathering material for her genealogical research.

Her publications included *The Foster Family Book*, published in 1963, *The Family Pierson and Others Related by Blood or Marriage, 1630-1975, An Addition to The Foster Family Book, "The Descendants of George Foster of Carlisle, Massachusetts" (With his Forefathers Back to John, Who Came to Salem Early in the Seventeenth Century)*, published in 1979, and *The Family Pierson and Those Related by Blood or Marriage, 1550-1992*. The latter publication, which included drawings and photographs, was the culmination of more than 30 years of research into the Pierson family history. The more than 400 page manuscript was published on her 79th birthday.

Her life spanned the 20th Century from the rough and rowdy wagon hauling days in Colorado to computers in the 1990s. She was born at Colorado Springs while her family was traveling to Pike's Peak in a covered wagon, and moved to Odessa from Monahans in 1951 during the oil boom days of the '50s. As a prolific manuscript and letter-writer, the octogenarian communicated with family members on an almost daily basis via e-mail on her computer.

She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Ector County Genealogical Society, the Reno County, Kansas Genealogical Society, Everton's International Genealogical Society, the

Society of Indiana Pioneers, the Ladies Oriental Shrine, and the American Humane Society. A lifetime member of Weight Watchers, Mrs. Firebaugh was featured in one of Jean Nidetch's books on weight watchers.

She married Frank Willis Firebaugh on May 3, 1933, in Newton, Kansas. He died September 17, 1990, in Odessa. Before his death, Mrs. Firebaugh, who was a telephone operator in Kansas during the Depression, worked many years with her husband in their business, Southwest Equipment and Service, later known as Firebaugh Rental Tools, in Odessa.

She also was preceded in death by a daughter, Brenda Little, her parents, Charles and Isabel Pierson, and two brothers, Elmo Pierson and John Paul Pierson.

She was an active animal rights advocate, and cared for many dogs in her life, devoting many hours of her life the last eleven years to Tarbaby, her much loved Pomeranian.

Survivors include two daughters, Carolyn V. Brooks of Del Rio, and Nancy E. Arthur of Robert Lee; three sons, Jerry W. Firebaugh of Del Rio, and David F. Firebaugh and Stanley T. Firebaugh, both of Dallas; two brothers, Clyde Pierson and Gilbert Pierson, and two sisters, Veora Abernathy and Roseamond Dunsworth, all of Hutchinson, Kansas; twenty-two grandchildren, and twenty great-grandchildren.

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**There is a difference between good sound reason and reasons that sound good.**

**Swimming Lessons**

**JUNE 9th - 13th**

**\$25 for week - \$40 Private**

**2 Classes**

**Advanced - 11:15 am**

**Beginners - 1:00 pm**

**Call 453-2714 to sign up**

**WCC EMS**

**memorials and donations listed**

West Coke County EMS released the following list of donations and memorials made during the month of

**Clothing donations welcomed**

The Southside Church of Christ recently received a letter of gratitude from the folks at Medina Children's Home for all the donations of clothing they have collected from the boxes set up at the church. Just over 4,000 pounds were collected during April and May. The members feel they must pass on this accolade, for it was the citizens of this region who donated the clothing.

Another note: the boxes are set up for the collection of only those items that will fit in the boxes. Thus, we respectfully ask that no items be left outside of them. Also, we are not set up to collect hard items like furniture.

**Youth**

**baseball BBQ**

A barbecue to benefit Coke County baseball will be held Tuesday, June 10 at 5:30 pm. The annual event will take place at the Robert Lee baseball field. The evening will be topped off with two senior league games. Robert Lee's Senior League will take on Sterling City beginning at 6:00 pm. Bronte's Senior League will face off against Winters at 8:15 pm. The baseball association plans to use a portion of the proceeds to improve Gladney and Hickman fields.

**Weigh Down Workshop slated**

There will be an orientation, organizational meeting for a new twelve week session of Weigh Down Workshop on Monday, June 9, 1997, at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall of Bronte First Baptist Church. This meeting is open for new participants, as well as Weigh Down Workshop Alumni.

For more information, contact Bonnie Reed at (915) 786-2370 or Bronte First Baptist Church office at (915) 473-2331.

**Gospel singing to be held**

There will be a gospel singing at the Church of the Nazarene, 9th & Harris, in Ballinger June 8 from 2 to 4 pm. Everyone is welcome to come and sing or listen. Special singers will be attending. For more information call 365-2844.

May.

**Memorials**

**Gertrude Bloodworth**

LaRue Robertson, Bobby Varnadore, Mr. & Mrs. Riley Waldrop, Joe & DeAnna Harmon.

**Irene Newell**

Mrs. Millican, Tom & Gay Sawyer, Waalita Hollis.

**Perry Post**

LaRue Robertson.

**Texie Wollett**

Terry & Cathy McGinley, Waalita Hollis, Tom & Gay Sawyer, Zola Hatley.

**Mary Evelyn Harmon**

Mrs. Millican, Jim & Sharon Eicke, Mr. & Mrs. Riley Waldrop, Sammie & Nancy Duncan, Junior & Diana Pelzel.

**Audra Quisenberry**

Mrs. Millican.

**R.C. Rainwater**

Bob & Jamie Boren, Mr. & Mrs. Riley Waldrop, Nola Har-

mon, WCC Senior 88 Club.

**Mary Morgan**

Louella Davidson, SV & Bobbie Box, Doris Price.

**Donations**

West Texas Utilities

**WCCNH donations and memorials**

Donations and memorials to West Coke County Nursing Home during the month of May are as follows.

**Memorials**

**Irene Newell**

Doug & Debbie Wilkes.

**Evelyn Harmon, Irene Newell, Audra Quisenberry, and Gertrude Bloodworth**

West Coke County Nursing Home Auxiliary for West side fencing project.

**Donations**

**Eden Alternative**

Pauline Alexander.

**Death Notices**

**Richards**

Maurine W. Richards, age 91, passed away at 7:09 am, Monday, June 2, 1997 at her residence at the Chadbourne Ranch in Coke County.

Graveside service for Mrs. Richards was held at 5:00 pm Tuesday, June 3 at the Ft. Chadbourne Cemetery, with Rev. Morris Johnson of Bronte officiating. Arrangements were by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

She is survived by one son, C.O. Richards and his wife, Nell, of Ballinger; 6 grandchildren, Sallie Reece and her husband, Tim, of Midland, Brian Richards and his wife, Cynthia, of Ballinger, Garland Richards and his wife, Lana, of Bronte, Steve Richards and his wife, Sandy, of Knoxville, Tennessee, Edmund Curtis Richards of Florida, and Debbie Christison of Tennessee; 7 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

*Come See The Ark & The Garden*

*Southside Church of Christ Vacation Bible School*

*June 10-12 9:30 am - 11:00 am*

*Children ages 3 - 6th Grade*

*Enrollment begins at 9:00 am Monday, June 9*

*Parent's Night Wednesday, June 12 - 6:00 pm*

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Tuesday, June 17, 1997

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COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

by Tommy Antilley  
Coke County Agent

Calculation of major nutrients in fertilizers

Historically, fertilizer grades have been listed, sold, and discussed by their nitrogen, phosphorus oxide and potassium oxide content and are widely understood on this basis. It must be admitted that percentage figures expressed on the elemental basis (like nitrogen) are easier to calculate - and to discuss - than on the oxide basis (phosphorus oxide and potassium oxide).

Phosphorus and potassium applications recommended by the Texas A&M University Soil Lab are based on the oxide forms of the fertilizer. That is because the fertilizer that producers and homeowners purchase is still sold as percent of phosphorus oxide and/or percent potassium

Personal

Coe Lewis recently returned from a twenty-one day trip to join her three sisters from New York, Georgia, and Florida for a week at Maggie Valley, North Carolina.

On the way to North Carolina she visited her daughter, Cathy (Lewis) Jackson and her husband, David and their two children, Renee and Eric.

Coe and her sister, Vera Lightsey, from New York, then drove to Oneonta, Alabama where they spent two days with their three cousins. Then they went on to Kemah and Houston for a week with Vera's daughter and her husband and her granddaughter and her family. They returned to Dallas on May 10 and put Vera on a plane for New York on Mother's Day. Coe returned to her home on Tuesday, May 13.

Coe is the former post-mistress for Robert Lee. She now makes her home in San Angelo.

Personal

Brent Douglas McPeek, son of Doug and Winnie McPeek of Robert Lee, graduated from the College of Agricultural Sciences at Texas Tech University on May 10, 1997. He received his Master of Science degree in the field of Agricultural & Applied Economics. Brent graduated from Robert Lee High School in 1991. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1995 from Texas Tech. He and his wife, Melissa, now reside in Blacksburg, Virginia, where Brent will begin work on his Ph.D. at Virginia Tech. Brent and Melissa are also eagerly awaiting the arrival of their first child in October.

Post High School Reunion set

All former Post High School graduates are urged to attend an All-School reunion to be held in Post July 4-5. For more information contact the Chamber of Commerce in Post at (806) 495-3461.

RL FFA News

by Tara Bruning

Throughout the year the Robert Lee FFA participates in many various leadership events, career development events, stockshows, and conventions. On May 13 it held its annual ice cream supper and awards ceremony to recognize the success of its members and to show its appreciation to all those who have helped and supported the chapter throughout the year.

Mike Pentecost was honored as the Star Chapter Farmer for the 96-97 school year while Matthew Pitcock was awarded the Star Greenhand. Brandi Brosh and Starksy Oleksiuk were the co-winners of the Dekalb Award. This award is given to an outstanding senior who has demonstrated superior scholarship, leadership, and agricultural experience.

Also recognized at the banquet were Gerald Brasuel, John Conley, and Gene Montgomery. Brasuel and Conley were given certificates of appreciation for their help in the shop throughout the year, and Gene Montgomery was named Honorary Chapter Farmer.

Hood makes Dean's List

Sul Ross State University named 392 students to its spring semester Dean's List, the honor roll of students maintaining a 3.3 or greater grade point average.

Undergraduate students enrolled for 12 or more semester hours who maintain a grade point average of 3.3 or better are eligible for the Dean's List. Graduate hours are not included in Dean's List computations.

Eric Devin Hood, a RLHS graduate, received a 3.6 GPA. Eric is majoring in Kinesiology and Sports Science. He is the son of Bill and Rhonda Hood of Robert Lee.

oxide. Fertilizer is sold with a known analysis of the material. The reported numbers in the analysis are percentages per pound; NOT POUNDS PER BAG, CWT, OR TON.

Example: a 25 pound bag of fertilizer that has an analysis of 15-15-15 is applied to one acre.

What actually was applied was:

Nitrogen: 0.15 x 25 = 3.75 lbs. of nitrogen per acre.

Phosphorus Oxide: 0.15 x 25 = 3.75 lbs. of Phosphorus Oxide was applied per acre which is equal to 1.64 lbs. of phosphorus (elemental basis) applied per acre.

Potassium Oxide: 0.15 x 25 = 3.75 lbs. of Potassium Oxide was applied per acre which is equal to 3.11 lbs. of potassium (elemental basis) applied per acre.

A typical recommendation for a yard is one pound of nitrogen per 1000 square feet (which is the same as 20 feet x 50 feet). This 25 pound bag of 15-15-15 is adequate to cover a 50 feet x 75 feet (3,750 square feet).

RL students receive degrees

Two Robert Lee students at Angelo State University were among 510 students to receive degrees during the Spring commencement at the university.

Brandi Dayne Burrows received a Bachelor of Business Administration, with a major in Management, and Karla Rigsby Reed received an Associate of Applied Science in Nursing, with a major in Nursing.

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Beginning June 25, 1997, we will be changing our Accounts Receivable to a new system called FARM PLAN. We will no longer carry 30 day accounts. Please feel free to call or come by for more details.

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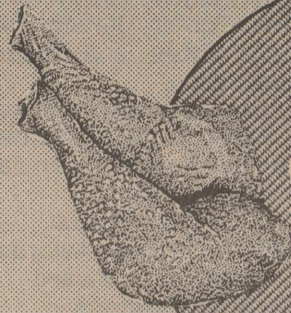
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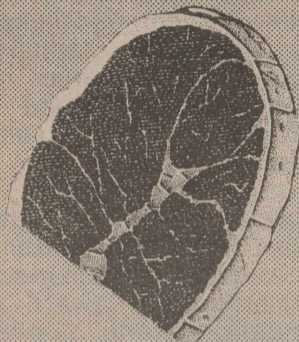


Fryer Leg Quarters  
Lb. 1.39  
1/2 Lb. Bag .39

Value Pack Full Cut Boneless

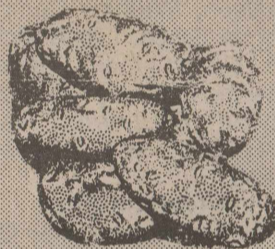
Round Steak

Lb. 1.39



US No. 1 Russet Potatoes

15 Lb. Bag .99



California Red Ripe Strawberries

Pint Basket .69



IGA Sweet Peas, Cream Style or Whole Kernel Corn, Cut or French Style Green Beans



Vegetables

15-15.5 oz. 3/\$1

Asst. Varieties IGA

Ice Cream

1/2 Gal. Round Ctn. 1.79



IGA Reg., Country, or Calcium

Orange Juice

12 oz. .59



Coke or Sprite

12 pk. 12 oz. cans 3.29



Coca Cola, Sprite, or Mr. Pibb  
6 pk. 20 oz. bottles - 2/\$5



### ...Awards

- Best Work Ethic**  
Amanda Cox and Cody Blaylock.
- Most Improved Reading** - Sam Booker
- Mathematics** - Kevin Huddleston
- Outstanding Student Male** - Joel Webb
- Female** - Heather Richey and Jenna Herold.
- Outstanding Attitude Male** - Michael Johnson
- Female** - Joe'l Sefcik
- Citizenship**  
Kayla Hilliard and Jonathan Tomes.
- Perfect Attendance**  
Kevin Huddleston and Lindsey Williams.
- T-Shirt Winners** - Heather Richey, Jenna Herold, and Joel Webb.
- Sports Ball Winners** - Michael Johnson and Jonathan Tomes.

### Bronte students receive degrees

Four Bronte students at Angelo State University were among 510 students to receive degrees during the Spring commencement at the university.

Amy Joelle Allen received an Associate of Applied Science in Nursing, with a major in Nursing, Richard Chad Beck received a Bachelor of Science, with a major in Psychology, Amber Rhea Buckley received a Bachelor of General Studies, with a major in General Studies, and Stephanie Dannette White received an Associate of Applied Science in Nursing, with a major in Nursing.

### Bronte School library sets summer hours

During June and July, several Bronte Elementary teachers will take turns opening the Bronte School library.

The hours will be from 9 am to 11 am each Tuesday morning. A story time will be held from 9 to 9:30 am. From 9:30 to 11 am, students may read, check out books, or take Electronic Bookshelf quizzes.

Books may be kept for one week. If you have books but aren't able to return them on the next Tuesday, you may take them to the administrative offices any weekday from 9 am to 3 pm. Prizes for summer reading will be given at the first assembly of the 1997-98 school year.

### Personal

Becky Scott Byrom recently graduated from Tarleton State University. Becky is the daughter of Ken Scott of Odessa and the granddaughter of the late Faye Scott. Among those attending the commencement exercises were Ken and Linda Scott and Allison of Odessa and Mickey Scott of San Angelo. After graduation there was a family dinner at a local restaurant in Stephenville.

Becky and her husband, Wendell Byrom, have two children and live in Gatesville. Becky will be a third grade teacher in the fall in Gatesville.

Love is blind; friendship pretends not to notice.

### FCE Club meets

The Bronte Family Community Education Club held its monthly meeting on May 21 at the Bronte Senior Center. Opening exercise, "A Kind of Joy", was read by Marie Arrott. In answer to the roll call question members answered the Big Bend National Park as the most interesting Texas spot they have visited.

The club plans to visit the Santa Fe Depot for their June meeting. Those attending were members, Juanita Bradley, Vera Ballard, and Marie Arrott. Also attending were County Agent, Jan Yanez and guests Marguerite Sonnenberg and Emilee Yanez.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, religion, disability, or national origin. For more information please contact the Extension Office at (915) 453-2461.

### Luncheon to honor Becks

Rev. Elmer Beck, pastor of First United Methodist Church, and his wife, Sue, will be honored with a luncheon Sunday, June 8, after the morning worship.

The Becks will be moving to San Antonio to a new appointment and will be leaving not only the Methodist church friends, but friends of the Bronte community. This fellowship and covered dish lunch is to wish the Becks well as they leave.

The Becks will be in their new appointment Sunday,

June 15, and the Methodist church of Bronte will have their new pastor, Mrs. Marilyn Austin, the same weekend. New hours for worship service and Sunday school are worship service at 9 am and Sunday school at 10 am.

### Electronic Bookshelf program detailed

The Electronic Bookshelf was introduced to two fourth grade classes five years ago and has since spread to the Bronte students in grades 1-6.

In the program, students choose EBS books to read. After reading the book, the student goes to the library to take a quiz over the book. Based on the number of questions answered correctly, the student either gets points for the book or has two more tries on two different days to pass the quiz.

The points received depend on the length of the book, the type of book being read, and the difficulty of the reading material. When the student gets points, he also gets that many tickets to be redeemed on Fridays at the reading store. In addition to the reading store, the top five readers in 4th, 5th, and 6th grades were treated to a trip to Schlitterbahn in New Braunfels, Texas.

During the 1996-97 school year, thirty-two Bronte students participated in the EBS program. These students successfully read and passed a quiz on 5,243 books for a total of 23,274 points!

The students are realizing that they really do enjoy reading. Congratulations on a job well done, students.

### ECCAS reports contributions

Contributions received by the East Coke County Ambulance Service during May, 1997, are listed below.

- MEMORIALS**
- Troy Lee  
Billy & Charlotte Tounget
- Mary Watson  
Royce & Jean Fancher  
Cotton & Joyce Morgan  
Lois Wallace  
Robert & Mary Teschendorf  
Frances Kemp
- Don Bailey's Mother  
Ed & Pat Martindale
- Jimmy Lucas' Mother  
Joe & Glenda Draper

### Bronte FBC plans Vacation Bible School

Bronte's First Baptist Church is having Vacation Bible School for all children who have completed kindergarten through those who have completed 6th grade. A few days of games, stories, music, refreshments, crafts, and lots of fun are planned.

The dates for VBS are Monday through Thursday, June 9-12, from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. The TeamKid format will be used and it should be a very exciting week.

### Lions to sponsor eye clinic

The Bronte Evening Lions Club will sponsor an eye clinic Saturday, June 7. This clinic will be held at Bronte City Hall Fire Station from 8:30 am to 5 pm and is open to all ages. Free eye examinations as well as eye glasses will be offered. Education information will be available, including pamphlets and videos for participants to view while waiting.

The clinic will be conducted by Dr. Michael Bacigalupi, a therapeutic optometrist with an office in Ballinger. Dr. Mike is very active in the Eye Bank work sponsored by Lions International and is a member of the Ballinger Lions Club.

Anyone needing transportation to the clinic should call Bronte City Hall at 473-3501 Thursday and Friday between the hours of 8 am and 5 pm and Saturday until 4 pm.

### Fiesta del Concho plans announced

The 25th Anniversary of the Fiesta del Concho has been set for June 13-15 in San Angelo. The event will be held on the river to the El Paseo de Santa Angela, in San Angelo. Arts and crafts, food booths and much more will be offered. For more information contact Melvin and Barbara Avants at 915-942-1938.

## Health Notes

At North Runnels Home Health our focus is providing the best care possible for patients and helping them care for themselves. We believe the more our patients know the better care they can receive.

### ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Alzheimer's Disease (AD) is a progressive, degenerative disease that attacks the brain and results in impaired memory, thinking and behavior. It affects an estimated 4 million American adults.

AD usually has a gradual onset. Problems remembering recent events and difficulty performing familiar tasks are early symptoms. Additionally, the patient may experience confusion, personality change, behavior change, impaired judgment, and difficulty finding words, finishing thoughts or following directions. How quickly these changes occur will vary from person to person, but the disease eventually leaves its victims totally unable to care for themselves.

"Our caregiving tasks become easier when we are able to let go of old expectations."

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### Meet Our Staff

#### Sharon Pearson, RN

Sharon graduated from Angelo State University in May, 1993. She has worked for Shannon Clinic and West Coke County Nursing Home. Sharon resides in Robert Lee with her husband, Frank. They have 4 children, 6 grandchildren and one on the way!



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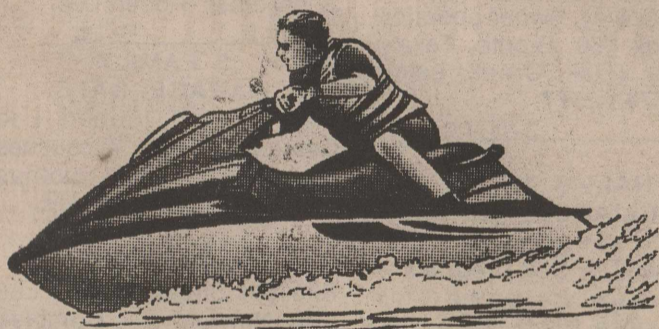
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**GARAGE SALE**

Friday & Saturday, June 6 & 7, 404 East Oliver, Bronte. Tiller, motor home, boat, motor & trailer, 1974 Chevrolet pickup; Cleaned out the motor home - lots of miscellaneous items. Also doors, windows, sink.

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**GARAGE SALE**

Friday & Saturday, June 6 & 7. Everything must go! 409 North Washington, Bronte.

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**GARAGE SALE**

Saturday, June 7, 323 East Oliver, Bronte. Some of everything. Bicycles. Breakfast burritos.

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**YARD SALE**

Friday only. June 6, 8 am - ??, pop-up camper, miscellaneous. 205 South Franklin, Bronte.

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**GARAGE SALE**

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**CARD OF THANKS**

**I WANT TO THANK** all the parents who helped with Project Graduation and during our Senior Year. Special thanks to Cheryl Tavarez, Carla Wojtek, Cynthia Hill, Sheri Millican, and Gayle Sisemore. We all had a great year and will have many fun memories - the video was perfect!

Rachel Shook  
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**NOTICES**

**CONTRACTOR'S NOTICE OF HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE WORK**

Sealed proposals for contract maintenance of the types of work listed below in counties as stated of the San Angelo District will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation's District Office, Loop 306 and Knickerbocker Rd., in San Angelo, Texas on the dates and times indicated below; and then publicly opened and read.

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 CSJ 6015-18-001, Edwards, etc.  
 CSJ 6012-27-001, Tom Green (Urban)  
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**JUNE 18, 1997  
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**MOWING OF HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY**  
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Plans and specifications and proposals for the above mentioned contracts are available at the office of Mr. Dennis W. Wilde, PE, Director of Operations, 915-944-1501, Loop 306 & Knickerbocker Road, San Angelo, Texas. Mailing address is 4502 Knickerbocker Rd., San Angelo, Texas 76904.

**THERE WILL NOT BE A PREBIDDERS MEETING FOR THESE PROJECTS.**

Qualified minority owned businesses are encouraged to bid.

43a-2tc

**TxDOT lunch planned**

Retired highway employees are invited to a dutch treat luncheon at 11:30 am on Monday, June 9, at Zenter's Daughters, on Knickerbocker Road in San Angelo.

The purpose of this luncheon is for retirees of the Texas Highway Department, State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, and Texas Department of Transportation, to get together to visit and renew friendships. Spouses are invited to attend the luncheon.

**JBD set for June 19-22**

The annual Jim Bowie Days in Menard will be held June 19-22, 1997. Various activities are planned throughout the celebration. For more information about the event contact the Menard Chamber of Commerce at 915-396-2365.

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Dear Editor,

I do not like to think that we have a person or persons in our area that are such low-lives that they must take mementos from graves. But, there must be, because in the past several weeks, items have been taken from Timmy and Kirk's graves. The items are a pair of rabbits, a pair of raccoons, a squirrel, and a deer. It must be a very sorry person that would stoop this low to do such a thing. I truly hope that they can live with themselves.

Judy Williams

**Texas Senate passes home equity legislation**

On Monday, May 26, the Texas Senate passed legislation that could be good news for Texas homeowners. With the passage of House Joint Resolution 31, Texans can use the equity invested in their homes to take out loans for purposes other than home improvement. Sponsored in the Senate by Jerry Patterson of Pasadena, the resolution not only allows home equity lending but also provides consumer safeguards. The bill places a limit of 75 percent on the value of the home for the loan and requires written consent by the homeowner. A period of three days after the loan is granted is given to the homeowner to give them time to reconsider the loan. Texas was the last remaining state to have no home equity lending legislation. The bill was passed in the Senate by a vote of 22-7.

**Outdoor cooking exam**

Time to clean the backyard grill and get ready for outdoor gatherings or graduation parties. Speaking of graduations, would your food handling practices pass the test?

Take the following "exam" and answer each of the following questions either true or false.

1. All meat should be cooked until no pink is visible in the center.

**False.** Steaks can be served very pink in the center or "medium rare" (145°). However, all poultry and ground meats should be thoroughly cooked. Check burgers before serving by making a small slit in the center to be sure no pink color remains. Or use a quick-read thermometer to take the guesswork out of cooking. Internal temperature for ground beef patties should reach 160°.

2. Regularly replenish side dishes such as potato salad by adding more from the refrigerator or cooler.

**False.** Fresh chilled food should not be mixed with food that has been at room temperature. Better to divide salads into small quantities and replace as necessary with new serving containers directly from the cooler. Discard side dishes that have been at room temperature for two hours, or less time in outdoor heat.

3. Left-over meat marinade may be poured over the meat when served.

**False.** After marinating meat, either discard the marinade or boil it for at least one minute before using it for cooked food, or set aside a portion

before adding the meat.

4. Frozen ground beef patties should go directly from the freezer to the grill.

**False.** In order to be sure homemade patties are evenly and thoroughly cooked, they should be completely thawed before cooking. Defrost in the refrigerator or use the microwave if the food is going right to the grill. Never thaw at room temperature.

5. You can use the same platter for raw and cooked meat and poultry so long as you wipe the juice off with a paper towel.

**False.** Put cooked meat and poultry on a clean platter, not the raw meat platter. All cooking utensils (and hands!) should be thoroughly washed with soap and hot water after coming into contact with raw meat.

6. Mayonnaise is the chief food poisoning villain at picnics and barbecues.

**False.** Because of its high acid content, store-bought mayonnaise actually slows bacterial growth. However, protein foods such as meat, poultry, or eggs are highly perishable at room temperature. So keep your salads in a cooler or on ice.

7. Safety-savvy outdoor chefs bring at least two ice-filled coolers to picnics.

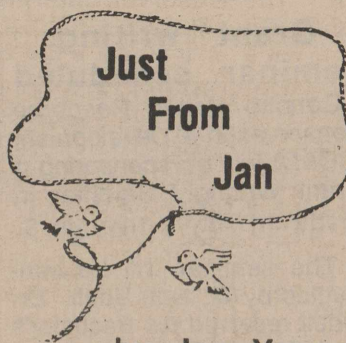
**True.** Because the beverage cooler is opened frequently, food experts recommend using a separate cooler for food to be sure it remains safely chilled.

How was your report card? If you answered all seven questions correctly, give yourself an "A". You may now proceed to the back yard and fire up the grill. If you answered any questions incorrectly, more study is recommended. Send a self-addressed, business size, stamped envelope for the free booklet, "Plating it Safe", to: Texas Beef Industry Council, 8708 Ranch Road 620 North, Austin, TX 78726.

**TX Senate passes tax relief bill**

Despite failed attempts at formulating a plan revamping the school finance structure and cutting property taxes across the board, Texas homeowners can expect some tax relief on their property. Legislation formed in conference committee provides possibly the largest tax cut in Texas history by tripling the homestead exemption for all school taxes. Homestead exemptions will be increased from \$5,000 to \$15,000 if approved by voters in the August election. While beneficial for the 60 percent of Texans who own their homes, renters will not see any of the same relief in tax cuts. The bill's other highlights include the ability to transfer school tax freezes for the elderly when they move, the formation of a facilities plan to cover future debt, and funding for an enrollment contingency account for public schools. Another provision of the bill grants certain Texas public school teachers pay raises through a five percent increase on the teacher pay scale.

**Success on the job depends on what you have on your desk - your mind or your feet.**



by Jan Yanez  
 Coke County  
 Ext. Agent

**Good health begins in the mouth**

We've all heard the old axiom - "an apple a day keeps the doctor away" - but what about the dentist? Can what we eat impact our oral health? Just as following a balanced and varied diet helps to reduce the risk of heart and other chronic diseases, a healthful eating pattern is an excellent defense against cavities and gum disease.

Until recently, refined sugar was believed to be the sole source of dental cavities. But science has demonstrated there are many factors involved in dental decay. Cavities occur when bacteria in the mouth feed on fermentable carbohydrates and produce acids that dissolve tooth enamel. Various conditions affect this process, such as heredity and the composition and flow of saliva.

Any fermentable carbohydrate (starches and sugars) can serve as food for cavity-causing bacteria. The amount of carbohydrate is not as important as how often these foods are eaten and how long they stay in your mouth.

Widespread use of fluoride in water supplies and oral health products has been credited with the marked decrease in cavities formation among children and adults alike. Fluoride makes tooth enamel stronger and more resistant to decay, prevents the growth of harmful bacteria and interferes with converting fermentable carbohydrates to acids in the mouth. Other factors affecting cavity formation include frequency of eating, length of time food remains in the mouth and use of sealants.

An increase in the number of people who regularly visit the dentist and an overall improved diet also are cited by experts at the National Institute of Dental Research as additional reasons for the declining dental cavity rate over the past two decades.

Tooth decay has declined dramatically over the last 20 years in the United States and further improvements are

foreseen. The number of cavity-free children in the United States has doubled during this period, according to a survey by the National Institute of Dental Research. Further, researchers found that more than 60 percent of children under age 10 had no cavities in their primary teeth.

Americans who enjoy a healthful diet accompanied by regular brushing, flossing, and visits to the dentist, can feel confident that their oral health is improving all the time.

Since the first National Children's Dental Health Month in 1950, we've made great strides toward eradicating tooth decay in the US. While we've not yet met that goal, we can greet the world with a big healthy smile knowing we've "come a long way, baby."

**Shooting match slated**

The Fort Chadbourne Black Powder Silhouette Club is having a 40 round shooting match Sunday, June 8, beginning at 9 am at their range located forty miles south of Abilene on US Hwy 277. The entrance to the range is on the north side of the highway and is marked by a large, white bighorn sheep silhouette above a fluorescent orange arrow pointing to the gate into the facility.

If you are interested in guns, you will be amazed at the rifles used at this match. Shooters and observers are welcome to come. For more information, call (915) 282-2901.

**Personal**

Mrs. Frances Kemp of Bronte has recently returned from a week's visit with her daughter, Carolyn Marcato, in Wilton, Connecticut. Mrs. Kemp was joined there by Bob and Robin, Carolyn's children. Bob was home on leave from the Marines. Robin is currently residing in New York City and works in television production.

Carolyn is Media Specialist for the Fairfield, Connecticut ISD, which consists of thirteen schools. She recently developed the Media Center and wrote the curriculum for Dwight Elementary School, Fairfield ISD. This unique project was judged first place in the United States in all School Media. Carolyn will travel to San Francisco, California, in early July to receive this award.

**Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up hope wrinkles the soul.**

School is out for the Summer. Be sure to drive safely, and watch for children at play!



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### Host families needed

Foreign high school students are scheduled to arrive soon for academic program homestays, and the sponsoring organization needs a few more local host families.

According to Pacific Intercultural Exchange (PIE) Executive Director, John Doty, the students are all between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English-speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance, and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their new American families. PIE currently has programs to match almost every family's needs, ranging in length from a semester to a full academic year, where the students attend local high schools.

PIE representatives match students with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through an informal in-home meeting. Prospective host families are able to review student applications and select the perfect match. As there are no "typical" host families, PIE can fit a student into just about any situation, whether it be a single parent, a childless couple, a retired couple or a large family.

Families who host for PIE are also eligible to claim a \$50 per month charitable contribution deduction on their itemized tax returns for each month they host a sponsored student.

For the upcoming programs, PIE has students from Spain, Denmark, Germany, Poland, Russia, Finland, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Paraguay, Australia, New Zealand, Croatia, and many other countries. PIE has also been invited to participate in a special government-funded program to bring scholarship students from the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union to the United States. PIE is a non-profit educational organization that has sponsored more than 18,000 students from 40 countries since its founding in 1975. The organization is designated by the United States Information Agency and is listed by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET), certifying that the organization complies with the standards set forth in CSIET's Standards for International Educational Travel Programs.

Doty encourages families to contact the program immediately, as it will allow the proper time for the students and hosts to get to know one another before they actually meet for the first time.

Coke County area families interested in learning more about student exchange or arranging for a meeting with a community representative may call PIE, toll-free, at 1-800-631-1818. The agency also has travel/study program opportunities available for American high school students as well as possibilities for community volunteers to assist and work with area host families, students and schools.

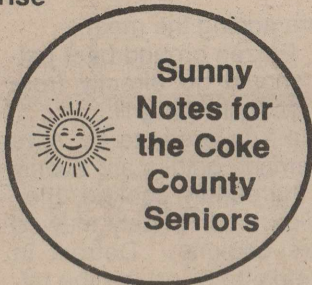
### Grant writing seminar scheduled

Concho Valley Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) will be sponsoring a Grant Writing I Seminar in Brady on July 7 through 9.

The seminar will be conducted by Dr. Don Udell. Dr. Udell received his Bachelor's and Master's Degree from the University of Arizona and his Doctorate from Arizona State University. Dr. Udell has authored and published many articles and monographs. He has written and received funds for and directed over thirty federal, state, and philanthropic grants.

"The seminar will first teach you the basic steps needed on how to research and prospect for potential funding resources," said Tony Resendez, coordinator. "There is a need for grant writers in your communities and this is the perfect opportunity to attend a seminar close to home," he added.

For more information on the registration or the seminar, contact Tony Resendez in Brady at 915-597-1860.



Sunny Notes for the Coke County Seniors

#### Menu

#### Monday, June 9

Roasted Chicken, Pinto Beans, Spinach, Cornbread, Cherry Cobbler.

#### Wednesday, June 11

Roast Beef w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Brussel Sprouts, Wheat Roll, Brownie w/Nuts.

#### Friday, June 13

Hamburgers w/Onion, Lettuce, Tomato, Oven Baked Fries, Carrot Salad, Fresh Apple.

#### Blood Pressure Check

Patsy Cason with Ballinger Home Health, will be at the Bronte Senior Center Friday, June 13 at 11:00 am to take blood pressures. Please take advantage of this free service.

#### Dominos & Games

The doors will be open at the Senior Center in Bronte for dominos and games June 12 at 1:00 pm.

### Keeping an eye on Texas

Ag products double value

Although cattle and cotton reign in Texas markets, investors in lesser known agricultural products saw prices double in the past 10 years.

Cash receipts, 1986-97

Product	Unit	'86	'90	'97*
Timber	In millions	~200	~300	~500
Horses	In millions	~100	~100	~180
Exotic animals	In millions	~10	~10	~130
Aquaculture	In millions	~10	~20	~50
Christmas trees	In millions	~5	~10	~18
Furs and pelts	In thousands	~10	~20	~40

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and Texas A&M Agricultural Extension Service. \* 1997 estimates

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