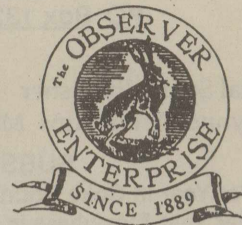


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CC Stock Show begins today

The 59th edition of the Coke County Junior Livestock Show begins today. It is being held at the Sterling Lindsey Memorial exhibition building in Robert Lee. The show will feature more than 220 animals in the Market Lamb, Market Goat, Market Swine and Market Steer shows, but more importantly, it will involve more than 80 youth exhibitors from around the county.

The county stock show offers the youth of Coke County an opportunity to exhibit their livestock projects which they have worked with for more than 11 months in several cases. Besides being a worthwhile educational activity for our youth in teaching them

County retirees honored

The new year began at the Coke County courthouse missing some familiar faces. Four county employees retired from their offices at the year's end.

Mrs. Ettie Hubbard, district and county clerk, had served Coke County for 25 years, both as a deputy, then as clerk.

James Tidwell retired as commissioner of Precinct 4 after 15 years of service to the county.

Joe Ross, a county employee in Precinct 3 for 14 years, resigned his position in December also.

Retiring after serving two years of an unexpired term as commissioner of Precinct 2, Royce Lee chose to resign that position.

The four were honored at the annual county Christmas party on Dec. 11. Commissioners Paul Burns and Pat Percifull cooked steaks and potatoes on the grill. Other employees brought salads and desserts. Following dinner, plaques and gifts from fellow employees were presented to those retiring.

Mrs. Mary Grim, a deputy in the clerk's office, was elected in the general election as district and county clerk. Former sheriff's deputy Wayne McCutchen became commissioner of Precinct 2 following the recent election. David Rawlings will fill the position of commissioner of Precinct 4 which has been elected to last year.

responsibility, working with others and numerous lifeskills, it is an important economic endeavor when you consider the animals purchased from county producers, feed purchased locally and the premium sale monies that come in from county and other areas. The total amounts of monies generated by these exhibitors amounts to over \$120,000 per year that is circulated in the county.

The show will begin Friday, January 15, beginning at 5:30 pm with the Market Lamb show followed by the Market Goat show. These will be judged by Chad Colburn, Sterling County Extension Agent. Saturday, January 16, the Market Swine show gets underway at 8:30 am, judged by Russ Baize, swine producer from Stamford, followed by the Market Steer show at 11 am, judged by Greg Gruben, Scurry County Extension Agent.

The Buyers Appreciation BBQ will be served at 12, and as always the BBQ will be prepared by Wayland Drennan, Gaylon Pitcock, Roy Tinkler, Tommy Sisemore and company. Following the BBQ, the premium sale will be held at 2 pm to honor the prize winning animals and exhibitors. Persons wishing to donate to the Coke County Livestock Show can contact either the County Extension office in the courthouse or one of the Livestock Association Directors that include: Sharon Kelton, Shane Webb, Wayne Coalson, Kendall Gibbs, Todd Harrell, Rick Howell, David Jackson, Jerry T. Parker, David Scott, Joe Sefcik, Robert Wink, Jeff Eubanks, Tommy Hendry, Mike McCabe, Teddy Millican, Wibby Millican, Joel Percifull, Darrel Pitcock, Mark Riley, or Ernest Ybarra.

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

City Hall to be closed

Robert Lee City Hall will be closed Monday, January 18, in observance of Martin Luther King Day.



Attending the Grand Opening of First National Bank in Bronte-San Angelo Branch were Martin Lee, Royce Fancher, Jim Thomas, Jimmy Mackey, San Angelo Mayor Johnny Fender, Frank Sanders, Traci Thomas, representatives of the San Angelo Shrine Temple, and members of the Concho Cadre of the San Angelo Chamber of Commerce.

Bronte C of C Banquet set

The 1999 Bronte Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be held Thursday, February 4 at the Bronte School Cafeteria. Visiting will begin at 6:30 pm with the meal being served at 7 pm.

This year's banquet theme is "Bronte, the Community with Heart" in honor of area volunteers who will be recognized. In addition, representatives from the city government, the school, and area businesses will speak on the positive changes occurring in the community.

Tickets are available for \$5 a person at the First National Bank in Bronte, City Hall, and through Chamber Directors.

Free clinic offered

A free blood pressure and blood sugar health clinic will be held Friday, January 15th at the Tennyson Post Office. The clinic will be held from 8:30 am until 9:30 am and is sponsored by the North Runnels Home Health Agency. A similar clinic is held the third Friday of every month. It is free to anyone regardless of age or income.

For additional information, please contact the Tennyson Post Office at 473-6002.

1999 Chamber Directors are President, Bobby Frazee; Vice-President, Rick Howell; Treasurer, Sharon Gibbs; Secretary, Debbie Mackey; Reporter, Quinda Feil-Duncan, Kenny White, Kay Gothard, Susan Graves, and Laura Pieper.

Retired Teachers to hold meeting

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, January 18, 1999. The luncheon meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church in Bronte. Members are asked to bring volunteer hour totals for the past year.

Courthouse to be closed

The Coke County Courthouse in Robert Lee will be closed on Monday, January 18, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Business will resume at 8 am on Tuesday.

Windbreak seedlings

Seedlings for conservation windbreaks are available through the Coke County SWCD. Order your seedlings now through February 1. Delivery is set for February 11.

For more information, con-

tact the SWCD office at 453-2623, extension 3.

Bronte Nursing Home to have CNA classes

The Bronte Nursing Home would like to announce CNA classes that will begin January 18th. They will consist of 75 hours of training in a 12-15 day course. These classes will be available at no cost to chosen mature individuals who demonstrate an interest in providing care to the elderly and disabled.

Applicants must commit to attending all classes in order to receive their certification. After completion of 16 hours of classroom training, students will be given the opportunity to work in the facility performing skills they have mastered in class. They will be paid for time worked on the floor. Employment opportunities will be offered to the graduates based on staffing needs.

Anyone interested in attending these classes will need to contact Bronte Nursing Home. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Charly Busch LVN, SDN, or Pat Thralls RN, DON, at 473-3621, between 8 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday.

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Death Notices

Elliott
 Lora Inez Elliott, 93, of Brady died Saturday, Jan. 9, 1999, in Eden. Mr. & Mrs. Elliott were former residents of Robert Lee.

Services were held Monday, Jan. 11 in Heritage Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Voca Cemetery.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leeroy Elliott in 1995.

Survivors include three sons, Charles Elliott of Katemcy, Delmo Elliott and his wife Alberta of London and Travis Lee Elliott and his wife Joretta of Snyder; three daughters, Maeola Ramsey of Brady, Juanita Goff and her husband Herbert of Mason and Coleta Squires of London; 15 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Hagler
 Curtis Hagler, 78, died Sunday, January 3, 1999, in a Pecos hospital.

Graveside services were held in Fairview Cemetery. Arrangements were by Pecos Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Claudine Hagler of Pecos; two sons, Royce Cassell of Pecos and Ray Cassell of Abilene; a daughter, Kathy Owens of San Angelo; a brother, Ernest Hagler of Ardmore, Okla.; a sister, Dee Smith of Robert Lee; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Michaels
 Benny Lee Michaels, 55, of Corpus Christi died Wednesday, January 6, 1999. Graveside services for the family are pending.

Survivors include three daughters, Angela and her husband Tommy Smith of Kingsville, Molly Michaels of Kingsville, Honee and her husband David Aylmer of California; one sister, Jerita and her husband Stover Taylor of Bronte; one brother, Tommy and his wife Barbara of Graford; three grandchildren, Will, Ashleigh and Bethany Smith; three nieces and four nephews.

Spence
 Gracie Lee Spence, 86, of Blackwell died Saturday, Jan. 9, 1999, in a Bronte nursing home.

Services were held Monday, Jan. 11, at Blackwell United Methodist Church with burial in Blackwell Cemetery. Arrangements were by McCoy Funeral Home.

Survivors include a daughter, Betty Ware of Sweetwater; a son, Bobby Dean Spence of Abilene; two sisters, Eva Sinclair of Roscoe and Opal Alley of Sweetwater; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Reddig
 Thelma Jane Reddig, 63, of Robert Lee, died on Thursday, January 7, 1999, at the Robert Lee nursing home.

Graveside services were held on Saturday, January 9, at the Paint Creek Cemetery with services under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include two sons, Rocky Wickliffe and Rodney Wickliffe, both of Robert Lee; one daughter, Roxie Ross of Robert Lee; one sister, Elois Fuller of Elwood, Indiana; four grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:
 The Robert Lee Fire Department has recently asked for financial assistance by \$2.00 being added to water bills. The \$24.00 per year is a volunteer donation for upgrading equipment which in turn will reduce homeowner insurance and the donation is a tax deductible contribution.

The fire department not only serves the city but the county, to which we can attest. It is our belief that each household in the western part of the county should make this contribution.

Let's band together and give our assistance as we did when the EMS asked for help.

Mike & Fran Lomas

December at Bryan's Barn

by Lucile Bryan
 Since 1990, when Wilson Bryan had a storage barn built on the east bank of his property along Messbox Creek about a mile west of Robert Lee, the Bryan family has decorated the indoor and outdoor area with Christmas lights and scenes. Since 1990, the quantity and quality has increased so that in '98 the boundary lines of the six-acre spread were outlined and a large percent of the total area was lighted.

As is customary, the Barn was opened for visitors from 6 pm to 10 pm beginning December 1, and ending December 31, 1998.

Many visitors ask questions about the electricity for that large area. Roy Blair, Gary Sam Williams and Scotty Jackson are the ones whom the Bryans consider their electricians. They see to it there is enough power, and the family tries to avoid stringing more lights than each source can carry.

The work of putting out lights on fences, trees, cactus plants, and any other device that could be created began in September and continued through December. (You can't resist those "half-price" sales! Get 'em while they're cheap.)

Local Lions Club members helped string lights each Saturday morning in October.

Roy Tinkler made the remarkable 8-foot star that glows on a 30-foot pole on the east corner of Bryan property. It marks the beginning of the lighted area which ends on the west bank of Messbox Creek, the west family property line.

Several 64 Study Club members helped register guests who came to see the lights. They served as greeters at the door, directing visitors to the registration table and to numerous interesting things which they might enjoy.

Many people ask, "Do you leave these lights up all year?" The answer is, "No." As of

now most of the lights and scenes inside and out are stored waiting for 1999.

Folks sometimes wonder how so much is accomplished by so small a family. Typical questions and answers run something like this:

"How many lights do you have?"

A bunch.
 "Where do you get all this stuff?"

Everywhere.

"Do you sell anything?"

No!

"Who dreams up all this stuff?"

All of us.

"Don't you get tired of it?"

Tired physically, yes, but emotionally, no! It's like the itch. The more you scratch, the more you itch. You just can't stop.

"It's a lot of work, isn't it?"

Yes, it is a lot of work, but when 8,000 people come to see you every year, how can you quit?

The register held 6,273 names. We know of 37 who entered the Barn but didn't register. Several hundred either walked and/or drove through. It is estimated that at least 8,000 saw Bryan's Barn in December of 1998.

Visitors from 36 states other than Texas registered at Bryan's Barn during the month of December, 1998. No effort to count the number of visitors from each state was made, but the number of groups were checked and is listed below:

12 groups came from both New Mexico and Oklahoma;

10 came from Arizona, California and Florida;

8 from Arkansas and Washington;

7 from Colorado and Ohio;

6 from Louisiana and Kansas;

5 from Illinois and Missouri

4 from Tennessee, Virginia and Mississippi;

3 from Georgia, Kentucky, New York and North Carolina;

2 from Indiana, Iowa and Wyoming;

1 from Alabama, Massachusetts, Michigan, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Dakota, Ore-

gon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Utah, Wisconsin and Maryland.

The registration book contained names and addresses from eight countries other than the U.S.A. A count of the groups from each country (not individuals) follows:

England 5; Mexico 5; Canada 3; Brazil 1; Spain 1; Bangladesh 1; Egypt 1; and Germany 1.

A new point of interest for '98 was a visit from Santa in person on Dec. 23-26. He'd arrive about 7:30 pm and visit with children, giving out candy canes, and holding kids of all ages on his bountiful lap! By 9 pm he'd leave to visit others.

Plan to visit Bryan's Barn in 1999. It should be bigger, and better than ever.

Happy 1999 to all!

Cumbie-Williams receives degree

A Bronte student at Angelo State University was among 337 students to receive degrees during the Fall commencement at the university.

Susan Cumbie-Williams received a Bachelor of Science, Summa Cum Laude, with a major in Psychology.

Bronte All Sports Boosters meeting

There will be a Booster Meeting Thursday, January 21st at 7 pm in the school cafeteria. This is an important meeting and all members are encouraged to attend.

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Retirement reception held for Ettie Hubbard

A retirement reception on Friday afternoon, Dec. 18, honored Ettie Hubbard, long-time Coke County district and county clerk. Hostesses for the reception were her deputies, Sharon Lee and Mary Grim.

It was held in the commissioners courtroom, an appropriate place for the celebration since Ettie had served as recording secretary for hundreds of meetings of the panel during most of her twenty-five years of service.

The hostesses chose a Victorian theme for the reception. It was carried out with pink, mauve, and ecru tones on the serving and registration tables. A porcelain doll used in the centerpiece pointed up the roses and lace theme, along with the ecru lace cloth over the pink underlay. Ettie enjoys a collection of porcelain dolls as a hobby.

Seventy-eight guests registered in Ettie's book at the reception. Among that number were Mr. and Mrs. Royal Hart of San Angelo and Mrs. Debbie Harris of Tennyson. Mr. Hart retired a few years ago after serving as a longtime district judge in Coke County while Mrs. Harris is currently the court reporter for district court which Ettie has served as district clerk. The large number of guests represented a cross-section of Ettie's public life as clerk as well as friends and family who attended.

Ettie received a number of lovely gifts, cards, and well wishes for a happy and well-deserved retirement.

Commissioners Court Actions

The Commissioners Court meeting on January 11th was called to order with the pledge to the flag and prayer led by David Rawlings.

The minutes were approved as presented.

Under open forum David Rawlings, Wayne McCutchen and Mary Grim were welcomed. Paul Burns questioned John Grant regarding land around Lake Spence that should be put back on the tax rolls, by sale of property. Mr. Grant said that he would look into the matter.

The Regional Water Plan was reviewed by John Grant. After much discussion with Winton Milliff, Mayors Lee and Nichols and the Court, the Court agreed to a four way split of the balance requested for the County.

The treasurer's affidavit was approved as of December 31, 1998. Cash on hand was \$386,391.07, other assets \$754,324.87; prior month \$371,393.39, other assets \$754,324.87; Prior year



Mrs. Ettie Hubbard holds the Texas flag and certificate of authenticity that it flew over the capitol in Austin, given to her by Rep. Rob Junell. The flag arrived in time for her retirement reception December 18th.

\$513,345.53, other assets \$619,725.00.

Sheriff Styles reported that we had one person in jail waiting to be transferred. Advertisements will be put out again for a Deputy Sheriff.

David Rawlings was elected to serve as a representative to the RC&D Board for Coke County.

Names were drawn for the Grievance Committee. They will be contacted and the first nine agreeing to serve will be presented as the Grievance Committee for this year.

Coke County's obligations to the Wackenhut Facility was reviewed and new Court members informed.

Chester Wilson's resignation was accepted from the Coke County Juvenile Financing Corporation. Doris Sonnenberg was elected to replace Mr. Wilson.

Historical Committee was reviewed. Commissioners will contact members from their

precincts and they will be approved the 25th.

Paul Burns was elected Judge Pro-Tem for 1999.

Insurance for County Employees was discussed. Payment will be made and Benefit plan for employees was changed to allow the County to pay the initial cost of employees, family members that desire insurance under West Texas Rural Insurance. This policy will only remain in effect as long as the County carries insurance through this company. Budget will be amended to accommodate.

Bonds approved for Wayne McCutchen and Jo Nell Blair.

Private road work approved for Mr. Charles.

Reserve Deputy Program was discussed and approved as Sheriff Styles presented. This will be of no cost to the County and will be limited to three.

Bills were paid and meeting adjourned.

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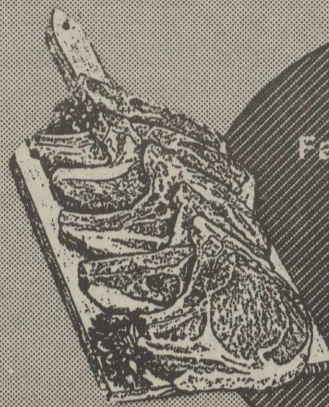
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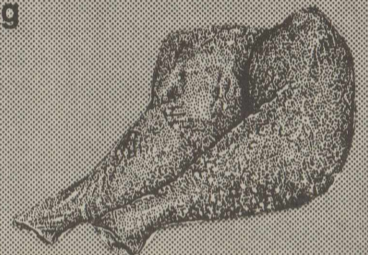
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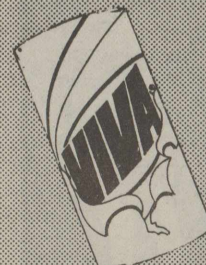
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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

JV Longhorns take 2nd in tourney

The Bronte Junior Varsity Longhorns finished in second place Saturday, January 11, in the Bronte Basketball Tournament.

The Horns defeated Loraine 49-12 in the first game. Anthony Gibbs was high pointer with 15, followed by Andy Blair and Lorenzo DeLaGarza with 8 each, Jesse McClure with 7, Harley Hall with 4, Eric Johnson with 3, and Justin Delacerda and Randy Johnson with 2 each.

In the Championship game, Roscoe defeated the Horns 29-25. Johnson was high pointer with 10, followed by DeLaGarza with 6, McClure with 5, and Gibbs and Blair with 2 each.

In earlier action, the JV Horns faced Water Valley on January 5 and came away with a 16-36 loss. Scoring for the Horns were Blair with 6, McClure and DeLaGarza with 3, and Gibbs and Johnson with 2 each.

Bronte Longhorn Basketball

The Bronte Varsity Longhorns defeated Water Valley 36-31. Rodney Adams and Jerrod McClure shared high point honors with 8 each. Adams also brought down 5 rebounds and had 4 assists, while McClure had 3 steals. Dustin Holland had 7 points and 8 rebounds. Steve Eldred put in 6 points, followed by Zeb Speary with 3 and Henry White and Ryan McCorkle with 2 each.

In District action, the Longhorns lost a heartbreaker to Roscoe 51-53. Dustin Holland was high scorer with 16 points, 6 rebounds and 4 steals. Henry White added 9 points, with Rodney Adams having 7 points, 8 rebounds and 4 assists. Others scoring for the Horns included Zeb Speary with 7 points and Jerrod McClure, Ryan McCorkle and Josh Schoenfield with 4 each.

Lady S'Horns defeat IC, Miles

Both the 7th and 8th grade Lady Shorthorns won their basketball games against the Irion County Junior High teams January 11.

The 7th grade Lady Shorthorns defeated Irion County 14-6. Brittany McCutchen was high pointer with 8, followed by Kanah Coalson, Natalie Reed, and Melissa Flores with 2 each.

The 8th grade Lady Shorthorns defeated IC 21-13. Heather Richey with 7 points took top scoring honors. Others scoring for Bronte were Lindsey Springer with 6, Kayla Hilliard with 4 and Jenna Herold and Lindsey Williams with 2 each.

The 7th grade Lady Shorthorns defeated Miles 20-14. Brittany McCutchen

was again high pointer with 10 points, followed by Kanah Coalson, Kaylie Howell, Melissa Flores, Ashley Denton, and Sheena Head with 2 each.

The 8th grade Lady Shorthorns defeated Miles 19-12. Sharing high point honors were Lindsey Springer and Heather Richey with 6 each, followed by Kayla Hilliard with 4, Barbie Arant with 2, and Heather Sturgill with 1.

Bronte Elementary School News

The third six weeks came to an end on December 18, 1998, so the point club celebrations were put off until the return to school in January. On Friday, January 8, 1999, approximately 50 students grades two through six were able to spend a little extra time out of the lunchroom and classroom.

Twenty-five point club students ended the school day with a Book Share time. Everyone had to tell about a favorite book. These students were: second graders Haleigh Bryant, Amber Chambers, Cory Glover, Will Macon, Jeremy Sanchez, and Reece Springer; third graders Angela Arant, Christopher Guzman, and Miranda Parks; and fifth grader Kayla Sandefer.

Sixty point club students spent lunchtime outside with their friends and then each student told about a favorite character. These included: second graders Chase Hoyt, Brittany Peables, and Ty Mackey; fourth graders Hazen Coffey, Mason Jackson and Justin Taylor; fifth graders Albert Bravo and Curtis Moore; and sixth graders Cory Cooper, Monica DeLaGarza, Blaine Dyess, Terence Scott and Salena Soto.

One Hundred Twenty-five point club students also spent lunchtime outside with friends and then were able to order a book from the Scholastic book order. There were 17 in all, starting with the second graders Ariel Coalson, Jessi England, Prescilla Lara and Nicole Reed; third grader Casey Harris; fourth graders Katie Cooper, Benjamin Speary, and Jamie Vivian; fifth graders Riley Coalson, Megan Gibbs, C.T. Lloyd, and Cheyenne Webb; and sixth graders Justin Frazee, Jesse Herold, Romana Hoover, Ashley McCutchen and Cody Moore.

Two Hundred point club students were treated to a

Longhorn Band News

Two Bronte High School students won the honor of being selected for the All Region High School Band. After passing an audition of very difficult music in Ballinger on Saturday, December 12, sophomore Elizabeth Morgan and freshman Amy Morgan were selected to perform in the All Region Symphonic Band concert in Abilene January 16th at Hardin Simmons University.

Out of over one hundred flute players that auditioned on December 12, Amy Morgan placed 8th. There were also over 100 students auditioning on alto saxophone in which Elizabeth Morgan placed 4th.

We, the faculty, administrators, and students of Bronte High School are proud of Elizabeth and Amy for all of their hard work in achieving this musical goal.

luncheon prepared by a morning class of Mrs. Arrott's that, according to the kids, definitely know how to cook. These included third grader Gus Saunders; fourth graders Jonathan Marrs, Logan Rawls, and Crystal Wallar; fifth graders Sarah Basquez, Lillian McMullan, Rebecca Rawlings, Bailey Saunders and Jaylon Saunders.

There were two students making up the 300 point club this past six weeks, and they were fourth grader Philip Rawlings and second grader Samuel Rawlings. These two guys were also treated to lunch prepared by Mrs. Arrott's class and then taken to Town and Country to pick out a little extra snack.

Social Security Open House

An Open House will be celebrated at the new office location for the Social Security Administration at 2851 Southwest Boulevard (Sunset Crossing shopping center), San Angelo, on Friday, January 15th. Ribbon cutting with special speakers will begin at 8:30 am and a reception will immediately follow. The reception will last until 1 pm. Sunset Crossing shopping center is located near the intersection of Southwest Boulevard and Sherwood Way.

The San Angelo office opened in August 1937 and was one of the first Social Security offices in the nation. Previous office locations were on Chadbourne Street, West Harris Avenue, and Sherwood Way.



School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, Jan. 18

Cereal, Sliced Pears, Teddy Grams, Milk

Tuesday, Jan. 19

Sausage, Apple Juice, Pancakes, Milk

Wednesday, Jan. 20

Scrambled Eggs, Grape Juice, Biscuit, Milk

Thursday, Jan. 21

Sliced Ham, Hash Browns, Biscuit, Milk

Friday, Jan. 22

French Toast Stix, Apple Sauce, Pop Tart, Milk

Lunch

Monday, Jan. 18

Chicken Strips with Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Sweet Corn, Rolls, Milk, Rice Krispie Bars

Tuesday, Jan. 19

Fish Sticks, Macaroni & Cheese, Blackeyed Peas, Tator Tots, Rolls, Milk, Jello

Wednesday, Jan. 20

Lasagna, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Bread Sticks, Milk, Spice Cake

Thursday, Jan. 21

Baked Potato, Chili & Cheese, Steamed Broccoli, Crackers, Milk, Apple Crisp

Friday, Jan. 22

Chick-Fil-Lay Sandwich, Pickle Spears, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Milk, Ice Cream Cup

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Seedlings for conservation windbreaks are now available for order through the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD). Landowners in Coke County are encouraged to purchase the one-year-old seedlings before preferred stock is sold out.

Each year thousands of regionally adapted seedlings are grown from seed by the Texas Forest Service West Texas Nursery in Lubbock. The agency's primary objective is to produce and sell quality seedlings at a price landowners can afford, allowing them to plant large quantities of trees for windbreaks, says Robert Fewin, Texas Forest Service forester, Lubbock.

"Windbreaks are trees and shrubs systematically planted adjacent to fields, home-steads, or feedlots as a barrier to reduce or redirect the wind," Fewin explains. "They

Letter from Blackwell CISD honors local board of trustees

Blackwell CISD would like to take this opportunity to honor their board members for the extraordinary dedication to our public school. The board members are Grady Ragland, J.M. Ussery Jr., James Jones Jr., Dan Hayes, Charlie Roland Jr., Jamie Walker and Larry Dove. Too often people forget about the personal sacrifices the school board members routinely make. The board members are responsible for assuring local control over our public schools, control that is in the hands of people everyone knows... people who are neighbors.

School board members are the representative democracy that influences how the school is governed. Too often people are quick to criticize school board members without really knowing all the details that went into any given decision. Board members often go unrecognized and unrewarded.

January is school board recognition month. This is a time to show your appreciation and to begin to better understand how school board members work together to provide leadership for the school. The school board works closely with parents, education professionals, and other community members to create the education vision wanted for students.

The school board is accountable to the public. It is responsible for assuring the public that the money allocated to the public schools is providing a good return on the investment. Thus, the board oversees regular assessment of the district's students, staff and programs, the responsibility of communicating the need of the school district to the public and the public's expectations to the district.

During the month of January make an effort to salute the men and women who provide grassroots governance of public schools.

create permanent, natural protection and habitat for wildlife, reduce erosion, and increase land value and aesthetics." Available species for Coke County include afghan pine, austrian pine, redcedar, aromatic sumac, catalpa, desert willow, green ash, fourwing saltbush, lacebark elm, russian olive, shumard oak, nanking cherry, sandcherry and sand plum.

Wildlife packets for habitat establishment also are available. Each of the four wildlife packets contain 100 bare-root trees and shrubs which cater specifically to the habitat needs of quail and pheasant, deer, turkey or squirrel.

Seedlings will be delivered February 11, 1999.

To order windbreak trees contact the Coke County SWCD located at 214 East 7th Street in Robert Lee or call 453-2623, ext. 3.

Medicare costs increase for 1999

The 1999 increases in the hospital costs payable by Medicare beneficiaries - the Part A hospital insurance deductible and the Part B medical insurance premium - were announced this month. The deductible and the premium are recalculated each year to reflect changes in the costs of health care or changes in Medicare law.

The Part A deductible for beneficiaries admitted to the hospital in 1999 will be \$768, up from 1998's \$764. The monthly Part B premium will increase to \$45.50 a month, up from \$43.80. The small increase largely reflects savings from reductions in Medicare hospital payments and other program changes signed into law in the balanced budget agreement to help protect and preserve the Medicare hospital insurance Trust Fund. Last year the deductible also rose by only \$4.

The Part A deductible is a beneficiary's only cost for up to 60 days of covered inpatient hospital services. For hospital stays longer than 60 days, a beneficiary will be responsible for \$192 per day (an increase of \$1) for the 61st through 90th days, and \$384 per day (an increase of \$2) for the 91st through 150th days. The skilled-nursing facility coinsurance, which must be paid after the first 20 days of skilled nursing care, will increase by 50 cents to \$96 a day.

When a beneficiary needs therapeutic care in a skilled nursing facility after at least three consecutive days of inpatient hospital care, Medicare pays 100 percent of covered expenses for the first 20 days. The beneficiary is responsible for \$96 per day (an increase of .50) for the 21st through the 100th day.

Low income beneficiaries may get help in paying Medicare premiums, deductibles

and co-insurance through their State Medicaid programs. Contact your state Medicaid office or Public Assistance office for more information.

Students honored with luncheon

The Bronte Elementary "A" Honor Roll Luncheon was held January 6, 1999, at the Homemaking Building. Students being honored on the Principal's Honor Roll List were Jesse Herold, Garrett Jackson, Jasmine Kresta, Ashley McCutchen, Sarah Basquez, Rebecca Rawlings, Bailey Saunders, Rebekah Beauchamp, Philip Rawlings, and Logan Rawls.

Bonnie DeLaughter and Rodney Adams, outstanding seniors at Bronte High School, were the guest speakers. They talked to them about being successful students and gave them success tips.

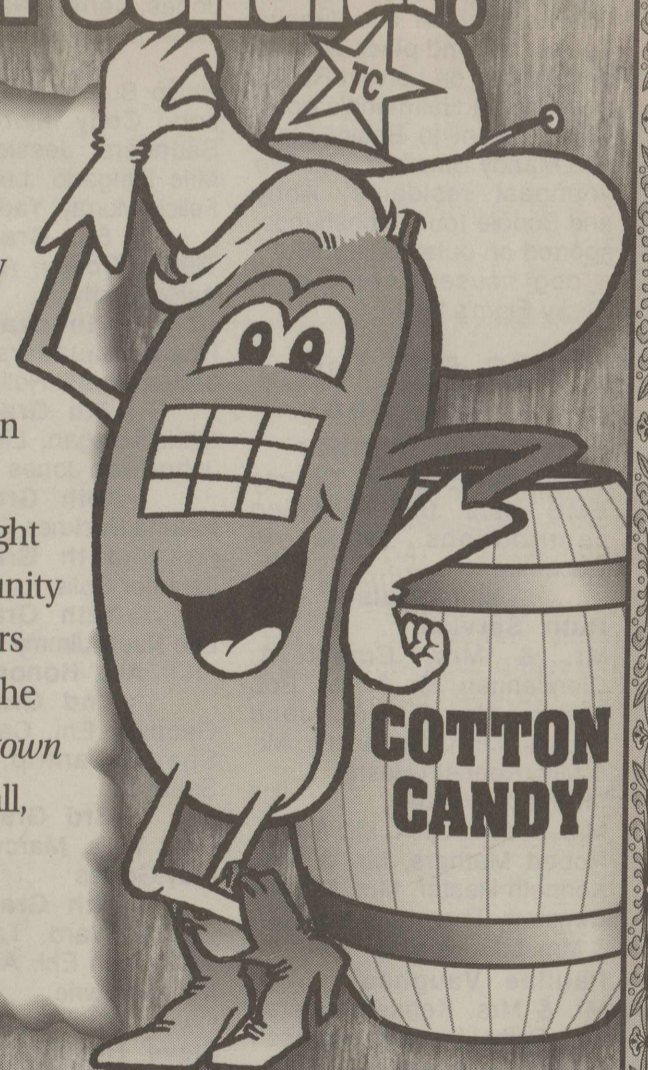
Others attending the luncheon were Mrs. Marty Blair, Mrs. Pat Lee, Mrs. Kary Rawlings, Mrs. Mary Lawhon, Mrs. Vicky McCutchen, and Mr. Terry Marrs.



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