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Coke County Junior Livestock Show set for January 14 & 15

Next week will be the 64th edition of the Coke County Junior Livestock Show, held at the Sterling Lindsey Memorial Exhibition Building in Robert Lee. This year's show will feature animals in the Market Lamb, Market Goat, Market Swine and Market Steer shows, but more importantly, more than 65 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 many cases. Besides being a worthwhile educational activity for our youth in teaching them responsibility, working with others and numerous life skills, 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 oth-

er 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 14 at 6:30 p.m. with the Market Lamb show, followed by the Market Goat show. These will be judged by Kyle Eckert, Extension Sheep & Goat Specialist. Saturday, January 15, the Market Swine show gets underway at 8:30 a.m., followed by the Market Steer show at 11:00 a.m., judged by Leslie Vann, a hog producer and school administrator in Gorman, TX.

The Buyer's appreciation barbecue will be served at 12:00 noon. Following the barbecue, the premium sale will be held at 2:00 p.m. to honor the prize winning animals and exhibitors. Persons wishing to donate to the Coke County Livestock Show can contact either the County



Coke County Elected Officials Sworn! Coke County officials elected November 2 were sworn in to office Monday morning, January 3, 2005. They included Precinct 1 Commissioner Gene Montgomery, Precinct 3 Commissioner Gaylon Pitcock, Precinct 2 Constable Marty Boyd, Tax Assessor/Collector Gayle Sisemore, Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Grady Coulter, County Attorney Nancy Arthur, and Sheriff Rick Styles.

Extension office in the courthouse or one of the Livestock Association directors that include: Loretta Bridges, Shane Kelton, Wayne Coalson, David Jackson, Jerry T. Parker, Mike Cervenka, Corby Kelso, Doug Tounget, Douglas Roberts, Wibby Millican, Joel Percifull, Pat Percifull, Mark Riley, Ernest Ybarra, Lynn Denton, Mike Rodriguez, Ricky Ross, Ricky Royall, Joe Harmon and Rick Sanchez.

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

Coke County Relay for Life meeting slated

There will be another organizational meeting for Coke County Relay for Life at 7 pm Thursday, January 13, 2005, at First United Methodist Church in Bronte.

Everyone in Coke County is urged to participate in this program and to attend this very important meeting.

Relay for Life, one of the many fundraisers for the American Cancer Society, will be held June 17 and 18, 2005, at the Bronte ISD trackfield.

For more information, call Randy or Julie Springer at

325/473-7018 (home) or 473-3105 (Julie's office).

Election set for February 5, 2005

On November 23, 2004, Commissioners Court ordered an election "For the legal sale of beer and wine for off-premise consumption only" to be held February 5, 2005.

The last day you can register to vote in this election is January 6, 2005. The first day to apply for a ballot by mail is December 7, 2004, last day to apply is January 28, 2005. The first day of early voting is January 20, 2005 and the last day is February 1, 2005.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the clerk's office at 453-2631.

2004 All-West Texas six man & 1A teams

Two area football players were named to the San Angelo Standard Times All West Texas Football Team recently.

Running back Omar Saucedo, a senior at Robert Lee was the main cog in the Steers' rushing attack. In his first year of six-man, he ran for 1,602 yards and 20 touchdowns on 188 carries.

Defensive back Cole Hord, a senior at Sterling City did a little bit of everything for the Eagles. He had 75 tackles,

including 39 unassisted, intercepted seven passes and recovered a fumble in just 8 games. He also played quarterback and receiver.

Help for tsunami victims

Helping Hands in Abilene is asking for donations of children's summer clothing, children's shoes and socks, 50 pound bags of rice, and hand sanitizer.

Bring your donations to Robert Lee Baptist Church or call Lisa Jackson at 453-4420 by Sunday, January 9, 2005.

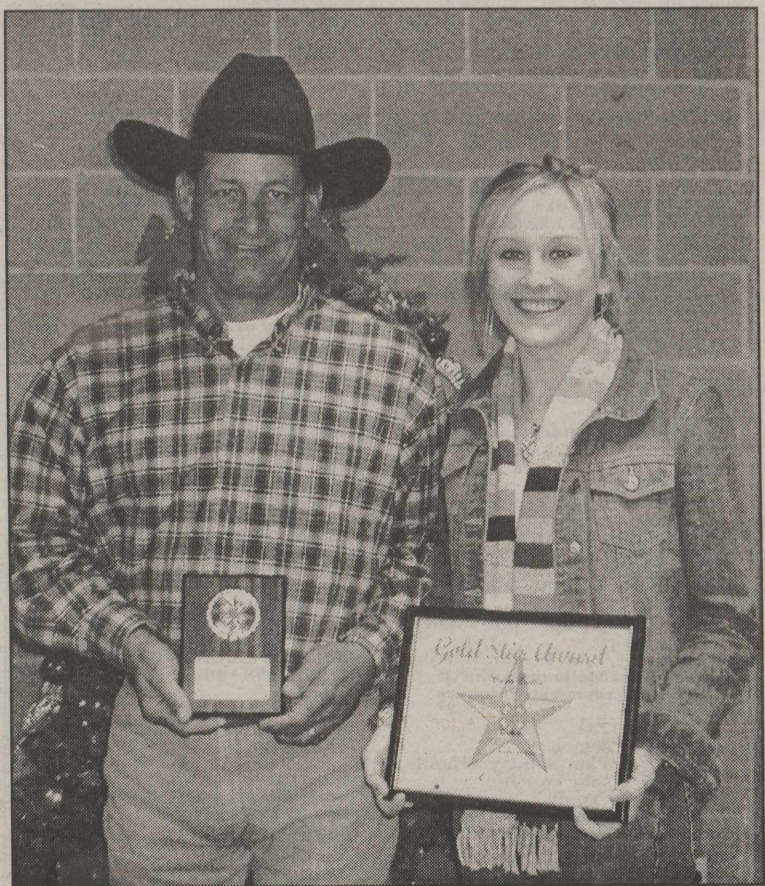
Donations will be taken to Abilene Monday morning, to be shipped overseas Wednesday.

FSA ending sign up

FSA has been notified that the sign up for the Ewe Lamb Replacement and Retention Program will end on January 13, 2005. To be eligible, all applications must be completed and signed and returned to the county FSA office by January 13, 2005. Any applications not completed will be ineligible after this date. There will be NO late-filed applications accepted.

Don't delay; come today if you intend to sign up for benefits under this program.

Producers may come by the office or call (325) 453-2751 for additional information.



4-H Honorees! Joel Percifull (left) and Cara Eaton were honored Tuesday evening, December 21, 2004, at the annual Coke County 4-H Award Banquet. Cara received the distinguished Gold Star Award and Joel took home the Friend of 4-H Award.

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Recovering from the Losses of Life Bible Study to begin soon

A new Bible study is being offered at First Baptist Church of Bronte. Sooner or later, everyone will experience pain and sadness from losses that occur during a lifetime.

This nine-unit study written by H. Norman Wright offers insightful principles from God's Word to help persons through the grieving process to recovery. Individuals will find help in dealing with profound losses such as the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, a broken relationship or family tie, children moving from home, or the loss of a dream or goal.

The Bible study is open to men and women regardless of church affiliation. The Bible study will meet on Thursdays at 6:30 in the church library beginning on Jan. 20. The Bible study consists of 5 daily lessons per week and a weekly discussion group. There will be 9 meetings and the study will conclude on March 31.

The cost of the workbook can be paid at the first meeting. Childcare will be provided if requested in advance. Pre-enrollment is mandatory for this Bible study because the first week must be completed prior to the first weekly meeting. New members cannot be added after the pre-enrollment.

Call the church office at 473-2331 or class facilitator Susan Graves at 473-7521 for cost and to order your workbook. The order for workbooks will be placed on Monday, Jan. 10.

West Texas Rehab Telethon set Jan. 15

Let the bidding begin...NOW!

Though the 35th annual telethon benefiting West Texas Rehabilitation Center won't be aired until January 15, the telethon auction website is now open for bids on more than 250 retail items and dozens of handcrafted quilts and afghans. Log on at www.rehabauction.org.

If you're looking for something with four wheels, take your choice of a 2005 Chevrolet Silverado with extended cab, a 2005 Ford Mustang, or a 2005 Polaris Ranger with bench seat. Or how about a Tige boat, a

Texas Motor Speedway experience, or a six-person spa?

With 17 categories of retail merchandise plus all the quilts and afghans, the Rehab telethon auction has something for everyone...thanks to generous donations from retail businesses in the Big Country and Concho Valley.

Auction bidding will continue on-line until midnight on January 15. That's also the deadline for telephone bidding, which is possible from 6 pm to midnight on January 15 by dialing toll free 1-866-219-7013.

While keeping tabs for an item of particular interest, a great way to spend January 15 is to watch Rehab 2005, a five-hour television special featuring fast-paced entertainment. Country-western singer Joe Nichols will be the show's headliner. Recipient of several Country Music Association awards, Nichols has a string of recording hits including The Impossible and Brokenheartsville.

Others sharing the spotlight will be 20 year-old Kristy Lee, a fast-riding female vocalist from Dallas who's equally comfortable with country music and pop ballads; cowboy singer/poet Red Steagall, Anacani, Brad Maul and Bill and Susan Hayes. Charlie Chase and Peter Marshall will share the hosting role for Rehab 2005.

And while all the activities



Ice House Brass Band visits Robert Lee! The Ice House Brass Band of San Angelo entertained members of the 64 Study Club at the club's annual Christmas banquet held December 14. Their musical library of styles includes baroque, classical, swing, jazz, dixieland, popular, hymns, patriotic, German folk songs, spirituals, light opera, Christmas, humorous, and special occasion music for weddings, marches and fanfares. Members of the band include Donna Fowler on cornet, Dawna Barnett on french horn, Tom W. Gregg, Jr. on tuba, David Martinez on tuba, Robert L. Jay on trombone, Keith Little on baritone, Doug Smith on french horn, Jim Nevins on trombone, Jack Pool on drums, Sue Kershner on trumpet, Eddie W. Pace on cornet, and Carl Malone on trumpet.

going on in the Abilene Civic Center, site of the live production, groups of volunteers in Bronte, Robert Lee and Sterling City will have pens in hand, waiting to take your pledge. These local pledges enable West Texas Rehab Center continue to provide top-quality outpatient rehabilitation care to all who enter its doors-regardless of their financial status.

Diane Luckett and Pat

Martindale will spearhead Bronte's phone bank. The local telephone number will be 473-4821.

The 64 Study Club of Robert Lee coordinated by Nettie Autry will be set up at Ivey Motor Company that night. The local telephone number will be 453-4561.

Susan and Troy Millican of Sterling City will be taking calls and taking local pledges with a group of volunteers at

First National Bank of Sterling City. The local telephone number will be 378-2191.

"This is such a critical fundraising event for the Rehab Center, that I hope everyone will watch the show, bid on auction items-and call in a pledge to the local phone bank," said Millican. "Rehab is always there for all who need it...let's all be there for Rehab on January 15."

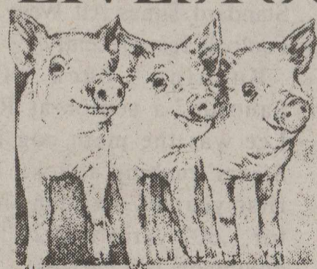
Central Baptist continues series

Central Baptist Church in Bronte is continuing the Celebrate Recovery program with eight sermons on spiritual growth and recovery from hurts, habits and hangups. The sermons are being presented each Sunday morning during the 11 am worship service.

Volunteers who are familiar with 12-step programs are needed to be trained as leaders in a 12-step program focusing on Jesus Christ as the Higher Power. The Celebrate Recovery meetings will begin in January.

FMI, please call Pastor Tim White at 473-4811.

COKE COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW



Friday & Saturday

January 14 & 15, 2005

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Bell Auto Body Shop

Robert Lee

453-2640

Area Churches

Invite You to Worship

Bronte Church of Christ
PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson
Bronte
(325) 473-3291
Preacher John V. Driggers
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

Central Baptist Church
324 S. Franklin • Bronte
(325) 473-4811
Tim White, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am & 6 pm Worship

Wed. 6 pm
Emmanuel Pentecostal
PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2360

Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm
First Baptist Church
424 S. Washington • Bronte
(325) 473-2331

Bro. Morris Johnson, Pastor
Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,
10:55 am Worship, 6 pm Youth
and Worship

Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting
First United Methodist Church
Corner of Washington & Holmes
Bronte
(325) 473-3281

Rev. Larry Tianen
Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
5:00 Youth

First United Methodist Church
PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2417

Rev. Steve Rowe, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am Worship
Wed. 7 pm Choir

Iglesia Bautista Bethel
101 Houston • Robert Lee
(325) 453-5003 • 453-2296
Pastor: Basilio Esquivel
Sun. 9:45, 11:00, & 11:30 am
& 6 pm, Wednesday 7 pm

Northside Church of Christ
PO Box 388 • 9th & Chadbourne
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2619 or 453-2270

Tommy Williams, Minister
Services: Sun. 10 am & 6 pm;
Wed. 7 pm

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
601 W. 10th, Robert Lee
(325) 365-2687
Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
Sat. 6 pm

Pecan Baptist
PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of Robert Lee
on Sterling City Hwy • (325) 453-2004

Rev. Richard Easterling, Pastor
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Robert Lee Baptist Church
PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
(325) 453-2724

Bro. Mike Poye, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting
Southside Church of Christ
PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2176

Frank J. Daniels, Preacher
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 7 pm, Worship

Tennyson Baptist Church
Hwy 277 • Tennyson
Joe Hodges, Pastor
(325) 468-0014
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting
Victory Assembly of God
PO Box 638 • 6th & Houston
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2208
Rev. Irene Ford, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6 pm, Prayer Meeting

Area students earn degrees

Angelo State University conferred 360 bachelor's and master's degrees upon 358 graduates during 2004 Fall commencements exercises in December. Area recipients by hometown were:

Blackwell: Katrina Lynn Buckner, B.B.A., summa cum laude

Bronte: Courtney Elizabeth Niehaus, B.S.

Robert Lee: Stephen Elijah Boxell, B.S.; Eric Lee Hill, B.S.; Susan Renee Pentecost, B.S.; Sandra K. Sawyer, B.S.

Sterling City: Joanne Grimaldo Rodriguez, B.B.A.

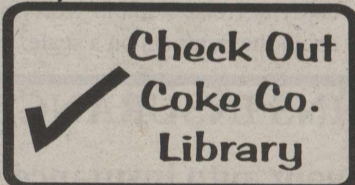
The '64 Study Club news

The '64 Study Club met at the Rec Hall for the annual Christmas Banquet on Tuesday, December 14, 2004. There were 60 members and guests in attendance. The hall was festively decorated for Christmas with stockings stuffed with "goodies" for everyone.

The invocation was given by Bill Carwile. President Della Alexander called a short business meeting. The members were reminded that the club will be working the phones for the West Texas Rehab Telethon at Ivey Motor Company on January 15, 2005. There will be a short business meeting at 5:30, then members will be on the phones from 6:00 to 9:00 pm.

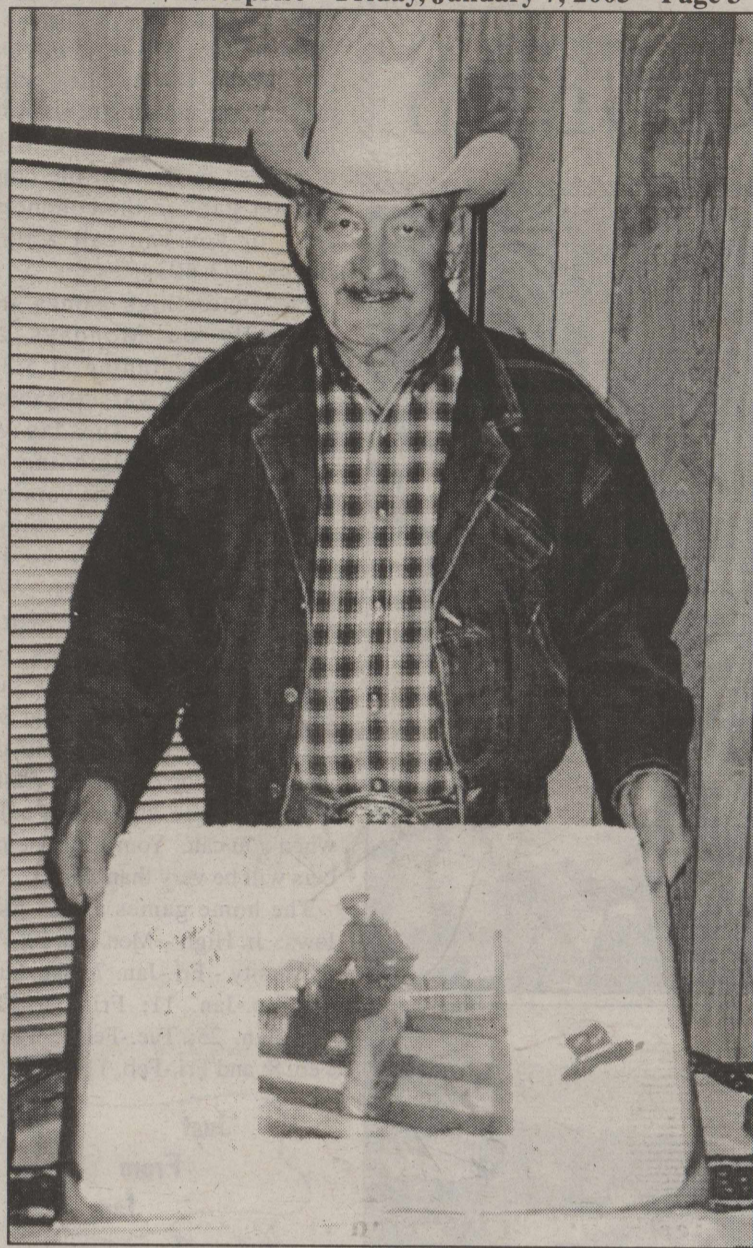
This concluded the meeting and the banquet began. After feasting on an excellent menu of catered foods, Carolyn Long introduced "Ice House Brass" from San Angelo. The brass band played Christmas music, a little jazz, marches, and other types of wonderful fanfare. The group of twelve members did a fantastic job and the performance was greatly enjoyed by all.

The "Birthday Stars" for December were Nettie Autry, Carol Hardaway, and Nita Duncan. The last event of the night was the drawing for the door prizes. The winners were Trish Rowe, John Hurley, and Sonny Benton. The holiday spirit was felt in the close fellowship, excellent food, and beautiful music, thus making the banquet a special night for everyone.



The Coke County library collection contains many authors who have written numerous books, some of which are a series which include recurring characters, but many are books based on the interests of the authors.

Jeffrey Archer fictionalized public figures in his books which include politics and international intrigue. Nevada Barr writes mysteries which occur in the national parks of the United States. Most involve a park ranger



Webb Honored With Surprise Party! A surprise 75th birthday party hosted by family was held for C.N. (Junny) Webb, Jr. on Friday, December 17, 2004 at the Central Baptist Church fellowship hall. Western decorations were provided by Ron and Fayne Thorn and a barbeque dinner was catered by Rick and Kay Styles. Family and friends present included: Joel Webb and Kody Bachman of Roswell, New Mexico; Ralph & Pat Dunklin of La Rue; Glenn Conner of Evant; Kris, Kelly, Kenzie & Karsen Barnett of Ft. Worth; Syd & Lyl Conner of Post; Jimmie & Betty Herman of Odessa; Gary, Karin, Jourdan, Hannah & Tye Webb of Abilene; Ladd, Laura & Trey Hughes of Christoval; Jim & Nancy Hughes, Lane, Stacia & Tate Hughes and Lana Webb of San Angelo; Doug & Grace Dimore of Robert Lee; and LeDrew & Bobbie Arrott, Carl & Pauline Blair, Stanley & Kay Daulong, Lee Daulong, Martin & Pat Lee and Cambrey & Caitlin Lange, Rick & Kay Styles and Mason Aguirre, Ronnie & Fayne Thorn, Corey, Tammy & Kelly Thorn, Jane Webb, Shane, Alisa, Joel & Cheyenne Webb and Jerry Wilkins of Bronte.

named Anna Pigeon. Her books have included the Guadalupe National Park, Carlsbad Caverns and Mesa Verde to name a few. Elizabeth Berg is a former waitress, chicken washer, RN and cancer survivor. Her romance books include survivor heroines. Dale Brown was an Air Force navigator and bombardier, and his writings revolve around military intrigue. Stephen Coonts was also a military man and he writes spy, espionage, and drug wars books. Maeve Binchy is an Irish romance writer who "had a happy childhood" and lives in the same cottage she lived in when first married. Michael Crichton, author of Jurassic Park, uses a techno-thriller theme in most of his books which are numerous.

There are enough writers nowadays for a reader to be choosey about which author to read. It usually takes only one book-or one or two pages-to know if the writer is the right one. There are more choices of authors than there

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Green Beans, Hominy, Mixed Vegetables
Shur Saving Vegetables
3 14.5-15.2 oz. cans / **\$.89**

Shurfine Jumbo Meat
Wieners
1 Lb. Pkg. **\$.79**

Coca Cola, Sprite or Dasani Water
3 12 pk. 12 oz. cans / **\$10**

BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



Bronte's First Baptist Church Celebrates Holiday! *The Children's Choir of Bronte's First Baptist Church presented the Christmas musical "Beneath a Shining Star" on Wednesday, December 15. A large crowd enjoyed the excellent presentation of Christmas music and drama. The choir was directed by Ida Lee Ellis. She had several other adults who were an invaluable help in the rehearsals, staging, and costuming. Following the presentation of the musical a "Happy Birthday, Jesus" party was hosted in the church's fellowship hall, complete with birthday cake, sandwiches, and other refreshments. The church continued its celebration of Christmas Sunday, December 26, with a single 10:30 a.m. worship service.*

School Menu



Breakfast

- Monday, Jan. 10**
Cereal, pears, biscuit, milk
- Tuesday, Jan. 11**
Sausage rolls, assorted juice, milk
- Wed., Jan. 12**
Pancake & sausage on a stick, applesauce, milk
- Thurs., Jan. 13**
Donut, assorted juice, toast, milk
- Friday, Jan. 14**
No school

Lunch

- Monday, Jan. 10**
Chicken strips, gravy, potatoes, green beans, applesauce, rolls, milk
- Tuesday, Jan. 11**
Beef & vegetable soup, grilled cheese, carrot sticks, corn bread, milk
- Wed., Jan. 12**
Chicken fajita, tossed salad, refried beans, Spanish rice, flour tortilla, jello, milk
- Thurs., Jan. 13**
Hot dogs, pork & beans, tator tots, mixed fruit, bun, rice krispie, milk
- Friday, Jan. 14**
No school

Student financial aid available

January is when students and their families should begin filling out the free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA may be submitted to the Department of Education (ED) no earlier than Jan 1, 2005. However, families should begin collecting the information they will need to complete the form as soon as possible. Records you will need include:

- *2004 federal tax forms,
- *W-2 forms
- *investment records,
- *bank statements, and
- *small business records

By completing and submitting a FAFSA, you supply the information that financial aid offices and programs use to determine your need for financial aid. Each school will offer you a financial aid package based on your level of need to help pay for costs

associated with attending school. These packages could consist of grants, scholarships, federal work study, and/or student loans.

Even if you have not made a decision about which school you will choose to attend, it is very important that you complete the FAFSA as early as possible, and make sure that the information is sent to all schools you are considering. The various award packages that the schools' financial aid offices prepare for you can help you decide which school is best for you. The FAFSA is available from your high school guidance counselor, college financial aid office, and online at <http://fafsa.ed.gov>.

Volunteers needed

The Bronte band is desperately needing parents to help in the concession stand during our home basketball games. The money earned is helping send the band to contest in

South Padre Island this spring.

So please, if you have a child in the band or just want to spend a fun evening supporting our wonderful school, join us. A sign up sheet will be posted in front of the concession stand in the commons area, or you can call Kathy James, 473-6034.

The junior high games are generally on Mondays & Thursdays beginning at 5:30 while the JV & varsity games are usually on Tuesday & Friday with JV beginning at 4:00 followed by the varsity.

This could make for some long evenings if left up to only a few individuals. We do not expect you to work through all the games or when your child is playing, but any help at any time would be greatly appreciated. Many of you may not be off work by this time but come on by and help when you can. Your band members will be very thankful.

The home games are as follows: Jr. High - Mon.-Jan. 10; JV & Varsity - Fri.-Jan. 7; Sat.-Jan. 8; Tue.-Jan. 11; Fri.-Jan 21; Tue.-Jan. 25; Tue.-Feb.1; Tue.-Feb. 8; and Fri.-Feb. 11.

Just From Jan

by Jan Yanez
Cooperative
Extension Agent

Exercise - Getting Ready for 2005 & Making Your Resolutions Work All Year Long - New Year's resolutions are like bad Christmas presents. They look pretty all wrapped up in a box but, when you open them, you know you'll be making a trip to the mall for an exchange. It's easy to get excited about a shiny new year, a clean slate for you to finally lose that weight or get over that Ben & Jerry's obsession. But, many of us find our resolution to be healthier fading come February. Use these tips to make your resolutions work all year long.

Tips for Reaching Your Goals

1. **Make specific goals.** Resolving to exercise is great but isn't it difficult to actually follow through? Instead of vague goals of weight loss, decide exactly what you want to accomplish and why. Have a reason for making

your resolutions. Determine how much weight you want to lose and a deadline for losing it. Or why not have a resolution that is a bit more functional, like a strong back for picking up your kids or a healthy diet so you have energy all day long?

2. **Educate yourself.** You've decided you want to lose weight this year. Now what? Now you have to figure out how to do it. No, you don't need to go get a masters in exercise physiology, but you do need to get the skinny on how it's done. Educating yourself means you know exactly what it takes to reach your goals. Use the Internet, the library, the bookstore, whatever you can to help you make solid decisions about your health.

3. **Make a plan.** Now you have to figure out exactly how you're going to attain your goal. If it's weight loss, make a specific plan for how you'll do it. What kind of cardio will you do? How often? Where will you do it? And what about your weight training program? Where will you do it? What exercises will you do? Figure out how you'll put everything together into a program that works.

4. **Prepare Yourself.** Now that you've figured out what you want to do, you gotta get ready to actually do it. This may mean hitting the sporting goods store for some gear, heading out to the local gym for a membership or buying some exercise videos. Get everything you need and, more importantly, prepare yourself each day for your workout. Pack the bag for the gym the night before or lay out your clothes for an early morning jog.

5. **Follow Through.** You know, the excitement of making changes and taking action is motivating enough to keep you going throughout January and maybe even February. But, at some point, that excitement is going to wear off so you need to have a Plan B ready. Keep a list of your goals handy so that, when the enthusiasm fades, you can go back and remember why you started this in the first place. Write down why you're doing it and how it makes you feel each day, rather than the results you're getting. Staying in the moment will help you actually enjoy exercise without worrying about the numbers on a scale.

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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



Piano Recital! Participating in Carolyn Long's Student Piano Recital were (from left) Hunter Hamrick, Hanna Hamrick, and Meagan Ross. The recital was held Wednesday, December 22, 2004, at Robert Lee Care Center.

RLHS students attend art class

Robert Lee High art students enjoyed an interesting day learning the ancient art of throwing pottery on a wheel under the guidance of Steve Apodaca, ASU art instructor. The group included Veronica Cerritos, Kevin Honse, Cody Martin, Monica Alvarado, Chris Torres, Jeremy Penny, John Eads, Pablo Juarez, and Michele Sanchez. None of the students had ever used a wheel so it was great to see every one take back at least one piece of pottery to finish.

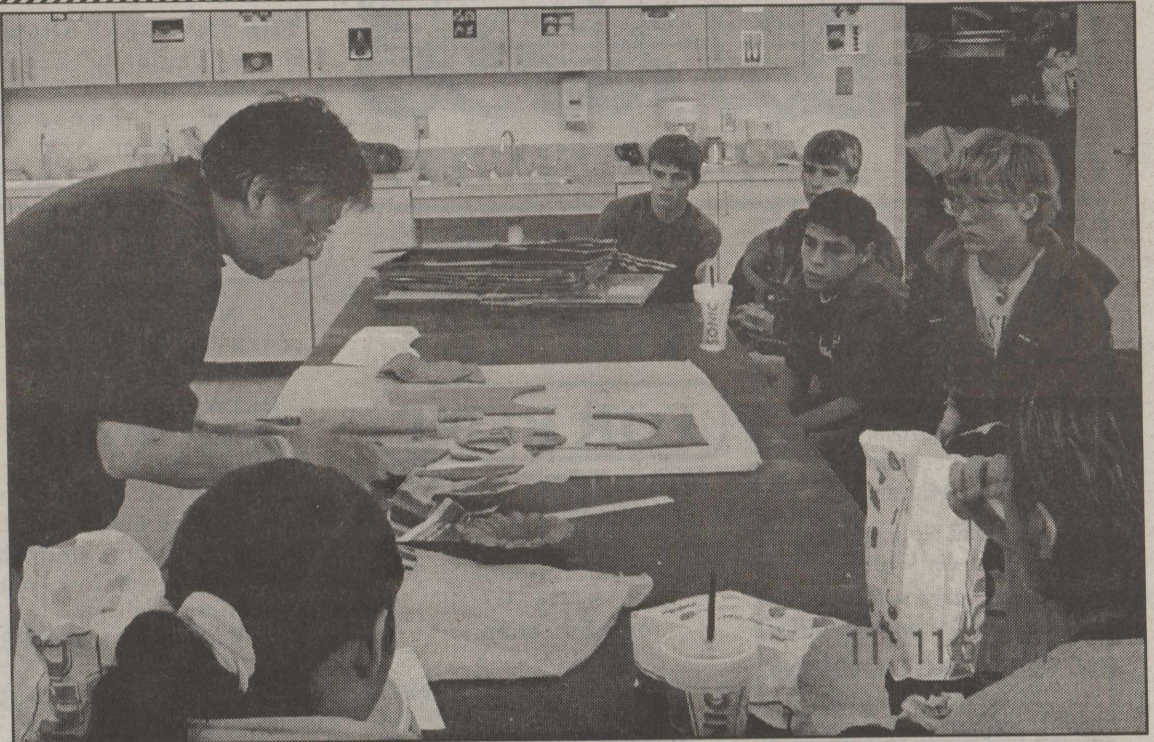
Mr. Apodaca has been with Angelo State University for a number of years and now has his ceramic studio located at the San Angelo Museum of Fine Art. He has a master of fine arts degree from the University of Arizona with a major in ceramics and a minor in metal arts/jewelry. His variety of experiences includes local and national exhibits, study in Central America, and reviews in both national and international

publications. He had several public commissions for his works in the business world and many of his pieces are in public and private collections.

The day began with the fundamentals of pottery throwing. Steve gave a demonstration of the proper method of applying the clay to the wheel, how to center it, opening it up, and finally how to pull the sides up for a container. There were breaks for discussions, demonstration of techniques, tour of the facilities. They then finished the day learning handbuilding methods in making containers. The students were exposed to new ideas, new skills, and a new way to think about art.

At three thirty, the students gathered their works of art and headed for home tired but thrilled with what they had accomplished. It seemed that the group had just arrived when it was time to leave.

Mrs. Service's art class would like to express how much they enjoyed the workshop and hope that this will become an event future students can attend.



RLHS Art Students & Steve Apodaca

tinguished Gold Star Award. This award is the highest 4-H award a senior member can receive for outstanding leadership, community service and project completion. District Gold Star recipients were honored in October in Abilene: Cara also received the Swine Award from Texas Pork Producers, Eight Year pin and Swine Project Pin.

Joel Percifull was honored with the Friend of 4-H Award. Joel's leadership to the 4-H program is outstanding. He has assisted numerous 4-H members with projects and has helped agents with all phases of the 4-H program.

The following members received project completion certificates:

Rabbits: Ashley Sawyer
 Beef: Clay Antilley, Julie Riley
 Horse: Lance Millican
 Method Demonstration: Stacey Denton, Cody Denton
 Livestock Judging: Briana Brisbin, Allison Millican, Blake Millican, Emilee Yanez
 Clothing: Meagan Ross, Emilee Yanez, Olivia Trejo, Molli Hinderliter
 Food & Nutrition: Emilee Yanez, Kacee Roberts, Ashley Sawyer, Jordan Gartman, Faylin Bell, Ashlie Wheat, Meagan Ross, Megan Yackley
 Photography: Emilee Yanez, Kacee Roberts, Meagan Ross
 Lambs: Kyla Millican, Dawson Brisbin, Stacey Denton, Cody Denton, Sarah Phillee, Blake Millican, Molli Hinderliter, Cooper Hinderliter, Kacee Roberts
 Taylor Percifull, Briana Brisbin, Cody Bridges, Brody Dillard, Haden Dillard, Clay Antilley
 Meat Goat: Michele Sanchez, Zachary Sanchez, Larry Sheridan, Lacie Sheridan, Hunter Sheridan, Kerri Sheridan, Michael Rodriguez, Sara Phillee, Logan Phillee, Cooper Hinderliter, Molli Hinderliter, Amanda

Mendoza, Jael Williams, Makenna Netting, Taylor Percifull, Emilee Yanez, Skyler Rainwater, Brettanie Reed, Nancy Landeros, Taylor Foster, Cody Denton, Kyle Kelton, Monica Rodriguez Swine: Cara Eaton, Michele Sanchez, Katie Bessent, Kyle Kelton, Kacee Roberts, Briana

Brisbin, Dawson Brisbin, Ashley Sawyer, Taylor Percifull, Zachary Sanchez, Becca Skinner, Zach Skinner, Clayton Austin, Holly Austin, Heidi Austin, Kasie Skinner, Meagan Ross, Mason Ross. Following the banquet the 4-H members visited Bryan's Barn.



School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, Jan. 10
 Juice, donut, cereal, milk
Tuesday, Jan. 11
 Juice, pop tart, cereal, milk
Wed., Jan. 12
 Juice, pancake & sausage on stick, cereal, milk
Thurs., Jan. 13
 Juice, biscuit, sausage, cereal, milk
Friday
 Stock show

Lunch

Monday, Jan. 10
 Salisbury steak, scalloped potatoes, green beans, roll, fruit cocktail, milk
Tuesday, Jan. 11
 Frito pie, corn, salad, pudding, milk
Wed., Jan. 12
 Sausage, red beans, potato salad, corn bread, peaches, milk
Thurs., Jan. 13
 Chicken patty on bun, French fries, pickles, pineapple, milk
Friday, Jan. 14
 Stock show



Look Who's New!

Heaven Lea Warner

Heaven Lea Warner was born on December 17, 2004 at 1:12 pm in the Kingwood Medical Center in Kingwood, TX. She weighed 9 lbs. and is 20 inches long.

Her parents are Shawn and Melissa Warner of Cleveland, TX. She has a brother Shawn Jr. and a sister McKenzie Dawn both of the home. Parental grandparents are Judy and Harvey Snowden of Odessa. Great-grandmother is Bessie Brice of Robert Lee.

Eaton, others honored at 4-H Awards Banquet

On Tuesday, December 21 the annual 4-H Awards Banquet was held to honor members for their project work. Cara Eaton received the dis-

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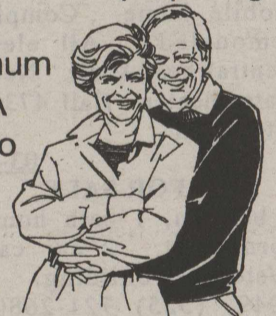
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Lamb referendum dates set

The voting period for the lamb referendum will begin January 31, 2005, and end February 28, 2005.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) also announced the final referendum rules under the Lamb Promotion, Research and Information Order, more commonly known as the American Lamb Board or Lamb Checkoff Program.

The referendum will be conducted at USDA's county Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices. To be eligible to participate, you must provide documentation, such as a sales receipt, that shows that you were engaged in the production, feeding or slaughtering of lambs during calendar year 2004.

The Lamb Checkoff Program is authorized by the Commodity Promotion, Research and Information Act of 1996. This program provides for assessments on the sale of lamb and lamb products and for an industry board to carry out promotion, research and information programs designed to increase the demand for lamb and lamb products. For the program to continue, it must be approved by a majority of voters who also represent a majority of the volume voting in the referendum.

The Referendum Final Rules, the Notice of Opportunity to Participate or a sample copy of the ballot (LS-86) are available at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/mpb/rp-lamb.htm>. For more information about the referendum, please contact Kenneth R. Payne, Chief, Marketing Programs Branch, Livestock and Seed Program, AMS, USDA at 202/720.1115, or by e-mail at Kenneth.Payne@usda.gov. Or you may contact Linda Cronin; DAFO, USDA, FSA at 202/690.8034, or by e-mail at Linda.Cronin@usda.gov. For more information about the American Lamb board contact Bo Donegan at 303/217.7045, or by e-mail at Bo@americanlambboard.org.

The following are some common questions and answers about the referendum and the Lamb Checkoff Program.

Why are we having this referendum? - The Order provides that a referendum be conducted within 3 years after the program is launched to determine if the Lamb Checkoff Program should continue. The "delayed" referendum is designed to allow contributors to see programs funded with contributors' assessments and determine if the checkoff is working for them. For the program to continue, it must be approved by a majority of those persons voting who also represent a majority of the volume of lamb produced, fed or slaughtered. Both, the number of persons voting and the volume of lambs voted, must be a majority in favor of the Lamb Checkoff in order for it to continue. If the continuation of the Lamb Checkoff is not approved in the referendum, USDA will begin the process of terminating the program. The referendum vote does not affect the assess-

ment rate.

Who can vote in the referendum? - Anyone who was or is a lamb (sheep) producer, feeder or first handler or authorized representative engaged in the production, feeding, or slaughter of lambs during the 2004 calendar year is eligible to vote in the referendum. Anyone voting must provide documentation that they were engaged in the production, feeding, or slaughtering of lambs during 2004. Voting in the referendum is voluntary.

You will complete a ballot voting "yes" if you wish to continue the Lamb Checkoff, or "no" if you do not wish to continue the Lamb Checkoff. You will also vote your volume, either as a producer, feeder or first handler.

Volume Voting for Producers and Seedstock Producers - Producers and seedstock producers will vote the total number of domestic lambs owned and produced during the 2004 calendar year.

Volume Voting for Feeders - Feeders will vote the total number of lambs owned and fed to slaughter weight during the 2004 calendar year.

Volume Voting for First Handlers - First handlers will vote the total number of lambs slaughtered during the 2004 calendar year.

Voting Multiple Volumes - If you are: a producer and a feeder; a producer and a first handler; a feeder and a first handler; if you engage in all three, and you operate under a single organizational/legal structure, then you can vote the number of animals owned at each stage of production. Even if you vote more than one volume amount, you will still have only one "yes" or "no" vote, as a single organization, on continuing the Lamb Checkoff.

When will the results of this referendum be available? - Results will likely be announced about 60 days after the voting period ends by the USDA.

Will I receive my request for refund? - Refund requests from the American Lamb Board have been less than 5 percent of the total annual collections. These requests will be honored by the Board regardless of the outcome of this referendum. The Board will initiate payment of refund requests, or pay a pro rata share, within 90 days after the results of the referendum are announced. If continuation of the program is approved, future refund requests will not be included in the program.

What are the goals of the Lamb Checkoff Program?

The Lamb Checkoff Program is designed to expand market share of American Lamb and foster an opportunity for prosperity for all its contributors by:

- Increasing demand by getting people to ask for American Lamb year-round.
- Branding American Lamb as the preferred choice in the marketplace.
- Differentiating American Lamb from competitors with "10,000 Miles Fresher" and "American Lamb from American Land" advertising campaigns.

- Minimizing volatility of seasonal product sales through targeted promotions.
- Promoting to encourage use of the whole lamb - using all cuts.
- Leveraging and expanding American Lamb Board resources through cooperative relationships with marketing partners.

Central Baptist continues series

Central Baptist Church in Bronte is continuing the Celebrate Recovery program with eight sermons on spiritual growth and recovery from hurts, habits and hangups. The sermons are being presented each Sunday morning during the 11 am worship service.

Volunteers who are familiar with 12-step programs are needed to be trained as leaders in a 12-step program focusing on Jesus Christ as the Higher Power. The Celebrate Recovery meetings will begin in December.

For more information, call Pastor Tim White at 473-4811.



Forman Honored With Celebration! Mrs. Willie Forman celebrated her 90th birthday Sunday, December 19, 2004. The family celebrated with her at Rio Concho Manor in San Angelo.

Happy New Year!

**NOTICE OF LOCAL OPTION ELECTION
(AVISO DE ELECCION DE OPCION LOCAL)**

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(CONDADO DE) COKE COUNTY, TEXAS

TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF COKE COUNTY, TEXAS:
(A LOS VOTANTES CAPACITADOS DE COKE COUNTY, TEXAS)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the polling place listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on February 5th, 2005

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(20 de enero - 1 de febrero, 2005)	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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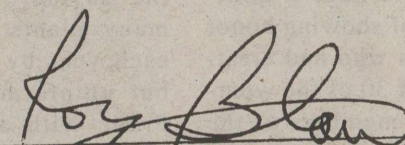
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Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on: January 28, 2005
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocia el: 28 de enero, 2005.)

Issued this 6th day of January, 2005.
(Emitada este dia 6th de enero, 2005.)


Roy Blair, County Judge (Jefe del Condado)

United Methodist Women celebrate 135 Years of Mission

Submitted by Ava Davis

The United Methodist Women, a one million member organization around the globe, is celebrating 135 years in mission from 1869 to 2004.

During the early years of the churches of Robert Lee and Coke County, there were many hardships. In 1919, there was an epidemic of flu. Transportation was mostly by horseback or buggies. The women had very little conveniences. Along with working at home, raising their children and helping their husbands, the women strived to build up membership in the church. They helped with Sunday School, worked with the youth and the Missionary Society, which was doing well in Robert Lee.

In 1926, the Womens Missionary Society was making 106 visits to the sick, sending out bouquets and meals, having 2 Bible Studies a month and one mission study a month. The Womens Missionary Society had done splendid work. New things had been placed in the parsonage as well as a new floor. They were busy raising money to repaint the church building.

On Sept. 2, 1940 at 3:00 pm the women of the Robert Lee Methodist Church met in the Church Auditorium. The purpose of the meeting was to organize the Women's Society of Christian Service.

At a meeting held May 1, 1973, Mrs. O.W. Newell explained why the WSCS was changing the name to United Methodist Women. The church had reorganized in 1968. The Evangelical United Brethren Church and the Methodist Church had joined to establish the United Methodist Church. At this time, the purpose of the UMW was stated: "The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church."

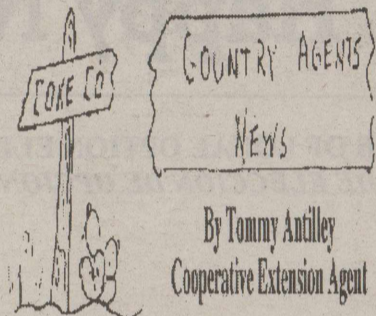
Every year, here in Robert Lee, the UMW has hosted the Senior Reception in the Fellowship Hall after Baccalaureate. This was started by Mildred Simpson when her daughter, Carolyn, was a senior. It has been a tradition for about 49 years.

After a quilt top was found in the old jail museum, the UMW voted to have it quilted as a sign of showing honor to the women who had created it. Around 30 of the women that were members of the WSCS has embroidered their names on it. The quilt was hung in the foyer of the

church. There is also a scrapbook on the Quilting Women. The pastor, Steve Rowe and the church invited descendants of the women for a dedication day on Nov. 2, 2003.

This year the UMW voted to compile a cookbook for the church. It was a church-wide project with Deone Roe doing artwork for the cover and division sheets. The committee who put together the book consisted of Mary Bessent, Jeanette Jacobs, Marilyn White, and Joan Burns.

The Robert Lee United Methodist Women are a part of a group within the San Angelo District of Texas. This district covers the area reaching from Del Rio to Coke County and San Angelo.



Tree, Shrub & Vine Care

Now is the time to get those woody ornamentals planted. Summer comes quickly in Texas with its blistering hot weather that puts a strain on a new plant's developing root system. The earlier you get them planted the more time they have to settle in and start to establish a root system before the onset of hot weather. If you want to plant any bare rooted trees, shrubs and vines, these especially need to get in as soon as possible. Water them in well at planting and give them a little extra attention this coming summer...they'll still be just babies!

Before purchasing plants do some research as to what are the best adapted varieties for your area. These plants are long-term investments, and will impact your home's beauty and value for years to come. Your County Extension Office can assist you with recommendations of adapted plants.

Late winter is prime pruning season for deciduous trees and shrubs, except those that bloom in spring. Wait until after they bloom to prune the spring bloomers. Evergreen trees and shrubs can be trimmed now also. Young trees need proper training in order to develop a strong structure and to reduce the chances of a tragic loss in a windstorm years later.

Read up on how to prune before heading outside with the saw or loppers. Too many plants are butchered each year by well meaning, but uninformed, gardeners. Prune with a purpose, not because there's nothing else to do in the winter. Use sharp tools and make cuts



Big Buck Taken! Paul Williams of Bronte brought down this 7 1/2 year old 12 point buck on December 18, 2004. The buck (aka Bodacious) was a reputation buck on the Hudson Ranch, west of Water Valley. He scored a total of 157 B&C points.

close and clean for rapid healing. The most rapid wound healing occurs in spring and early summer. Learn the proper form for the species you are pruning.

Crapemyrtles are the queen of our southern blooming ornamentals. They bloom for several months of our summer heat and offer an amazing array of bloom color, plant sizes, and trunk bark color. However, they also top the list of improperly pruned shrubs and trees. Before heading out to prune your crape, check out the how-to and how-not-to of crape pruning. Unless you are correcting a problem or removing suckers from the base, they really don't need to be pruned.

Spring flowering woody ornamentals such as azalea, quince, forsythia, spirea, redbud, dogwood, deciduous magnolia and fringe tree should be pruned after they bloom in the spring. Pruning in late winter removes flower buds and reduces the bloomers' spring show! Hydrangeas, which flower in between seasons are best pruned after the flowers fade in mid-summer.

When pruning shrubs, first prune out any dead or damaged branches; then thin out by removing about one-third of the canes or stems at ground level, removing the oldest canes only. Then shape the rest of the plant, but do not cut everything back to the same height. This helps to maintain a natural appearance.

When trimming hedges, keep the base as wide or wider than the top. Leaves only grow where there is light, so a "top-heavy" hedge will soon begin to thin out in the lower shaded areas.

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