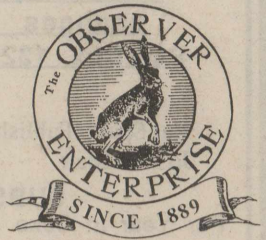


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Santa Claus is coming to Robert Lee

Santa Claus is coming to town! Weather permitting, the jolly old fellow will hear wishes from all his little friends Saturday at the Gazebo in Robert Lee from 9 am - 10 am. If really cold weather follows him from the North Pole, he will be in the courthouse. Miss WCCCD Shawn Barnes and Jr. Miss WCCCD Hillary Wyatt will

be Santa's helpers.

West Coke County Community Development is sponsoring the "Olde Fashioned Christmas" on Saturday.

Visit hometown businesses until Friday, December 10th, to register for Santa Bucks cash coupons. Winners names will be drawn at 10:30 at the gazebo Saturday. Win-

ners need not be present to win and may redeem the coupons for merchandise or services at any Robert Lee business. The businesses in turn will redeem the Santa Bucks from WCCCD.

Lynn Green and Nancy Wyatt will lead some old fashioned carols from 10:00-
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County sweeps all-district selections

Coke County grabbed the lion's share of votes in the All-District 9-1A selections this week.

The Steers gained both coveted Most Valuable Player spots. Running back Scot Millican and defensive lineman Jonathan Torres were named offensive and defensive MVPs. The Steers advanced to the state quarterfinals behind the explosive running of Millican who is a senior. He is the son of Commissioner and Mrs. Tim Millican.

Torres, a junior, was the

sparkplug for the defense who dominated opponents with five shutouts. Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Torres are his parents.

Lineman Dean Burns and the two MVPs were two way picks on the All-District team. Six Robert Lee Steers were named to the first team.

The Bronte Longhorns gained eight first-team selections, including Brent Taylor who played both ways.

Coke County team members honored by their selection includes the following:

First Team

Offense

Linemen - Dean Burns, Robert Lee, Sr. (unanimous); Edwin Thomas, Bronte, Sr. (unanimous); Devlin Pierce, Bronte, Jr.

Center - Jeremy Fluhmann, Robert Lee, Jr.

Wide receiver - Jay Parker, Bronte, Sr.; Eric Hood, Robert Lee, Soph.

Running back - Gary Bilbrey, Bronte, Sr.; Lee McCown, Robert Lee, Jr.

Quarterback - Brent Taylor, Bronte, Jr.

Kicker - Rudy Sanchez,
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A group of Democratic supporters from Sweetwater attended a reception for Sen. Bill Sims in Robert Lee Monday. Glenn Wortham, Nolan County Democratic Chairman, Ruth and Tim Fambrough, Kay Graham, Robert Musgrave, and Ann Ratliff flank Sue and Bill Sims.

Sims announces in county

Senator Bill Sims of Paint Rock chose to announce his bid for re-election in Coke County on Monday afternoon. Speaking from the steps of the courthouse in Robert Lee, he explained that Coke and Menard counties were the only two counties he has represented his entire five terms in the Texas Senate. District lines have moved several times; he will be a candidate for District 24 but will serve out his term in District 25.

As chairman of the Natural Resources Committee and a member of the Finance and Criminal Justice committees, Sims plays a key role in shaping policies that affect the 24th District, Texas and the nation.

In addition to his positions on standing committees of the Texas Senate, Sims serves the state on a number of boards, including the Texas Energy Council, the Edwards Aquifer Oversight Committee, and the Southern States Energy Board. He also is co-chairman of the Joint Interim Committee on Storage Tanks and serves as director of the High Plains Research Foundation. He has been executive secretary of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association and the Texas Wool and Mohair Warehouse Association since 1966.

Sen. Sims was raised on a ranch near Paint Rock, while his wife, the former Sue

Lowe, grew up in Sterling City.

Straying from political concerns, he congratulated the Steer football team and coaching staff for their stellar 1993 season. The squad and coaches were present at the press conference.

Accompanying Sen. Sims was his wife, Sue, (Sweet Sue, as he referred to her); Clay Carsner, his aide, and 72nd Dist. Rep. Rob Junell. A number of Bronte and Robert Lee officials and constituents, including Coke County Democratic Chairman Patti Ivey, also attended.

Christmas Newspaper

The Christmas issue of the Observer/Enterprise is scheduled for publication on December 24. The annual edition traditionally contains the children's Santa letters, businesses' greetings to their customers, and individuals' holiday best wishes. In the coming weeks, a newspaper representative will be calling on the businesses. You may come in the Robert Lee or Bronte office to select a greeting also. If you are inadvertently missed, please call our offices, 453-2433 or 473-2001.

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Christmas in olde Bronte detailed

The Christmas season really got underway last Saturday in Bronte with "Christmas in Ole Bronte".

Beautiful weather and crowds of shoppers filled the downtown area as the celebration got underway with the kick-off of the Holiday Season.

Local citizens and visitors

lined the sidewalks early and many merchants and food booths reported strong sales. The event was sponsored by Bronte Area Chamber of Commerce and was deemed a huge success.

Frank Sanders and Jolene Barrett represented Bronte First National Bank and were in charge of the Parade that

began at Bronte Nursing Home and ended at the Masonic Lodge Hall (old depot) and Gazabo area.

Leading the parade was the Bronte Longhorn Band under the direction of director George Tomes, and led by Drum majors Jennifer McCorkle and Jennifer Sparks.

Following the parade ending at the Gazebo, Miss Bronte, Jr. Miss Bronte, and Little Miss Bronte were crowned. Micah Arrott, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Mike Arrott was crowned Miss Bronte; Jr. Miss Bronte was Natasha Reed, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Cliff Reed; Brittney McCutchen, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Keith McCutchen was crowned Little Miss Bronte.

A community Christmas Pageant was held at 5:30 p.m. at the historic Texas Theatre Building. Churches participating were First Baptist Church, Central Baptist Church and Bronte Church of Christ.

Directors of the pageant included Pauline Blair, Melanie Moore, Pixie Gilley, Lisa Turner and Fran Sonnenberg.
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Miss Bronte contestants (back row, l-r) Joni Barrett - 2nd runner up; Micah Arrott - Miss Bronte; Wendy Johnson, (front row, l-r) Gina Clayton, and Jill Johnson - 1st runner up.

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Obituaries

Spoons

Clara Bell Lee Spoons, 73, died Saturday, Dec. 4, 1993 in a Sweetwater hospital.

Graveside service were held at 2 p.m. Monday in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens in San Angelo, directed by Cate-Spencer and Trent Funeral Home of Sweetwater.

She was born Nov. 18, 1920, to the late Ross and Ruby Mae (McAulay) Lee at Maverick. She attended schools at Maverick and Bronte and was a graduate of Bronte High School.

She married W. D. (Dobbin) Spoons on July 28, 1952 in San Angelo where they continued to live until his death and she became an invalid and moved near her daughter in Sweetwater. She was a homemaker and a member of the Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Sept. 12, 1991, her parents and two sisters, Louise Lawson and Lois Webster.

Survivors include a daughter, Karen Romine and husband of Sweetwater, two grandchildren, Kevin and Ashley Romine, both of Sweetwater; a niece, Janice Jewell of San Angelo and Jimmy Webster of Abilene.

Wink

Leslie Edwin Wink, 87, of Robert Lee died Friday, Dec. 3, 1993, in the West Coke County Nursing Home in Robert Lee.

Service was held Monday, Dec. 6, 1993, at 10 am in the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Bill Frisbee officiating. Burial followed in the Robert Lee Cemetery under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Mr. Wink was born July 29, 1906, in Industry, Texas, to Edwin Henry Wink and Emma Wendt Wink. He married Erma Catherine Tinkler Dec. 4, 1926, in San Angelo, Texas, and they lived there until 1944 when they moved to Coke County.

While a member of the Wall Community, Mr. Wink served as trustee of the Wall School, was employed by the Hoelscher Gin and held a government license for grading turkeys. In Coke County, he also served on the school board of the Robert Lee School District, worked as a roustabout for Pool Servicing

Childress

Pearl May McCutchen Childress of Robert Lee passed away Tuesday, Nov. 3, 1993.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dean Childress; 2 daughters, Johnny and Wilma, and two daughters-in-law, Nina and Jane. Survivors are three sons, Melvin and wife, Essie of the West Coke County Nursing Home in Robert Lee, Dwight and Daryl and their wives of Mesa and Phoenix, AZ.

Pearl was born August 16, 1894 in Bronte, TX, to William Wylie McCutchen and Hanna McCalester McCutchen. She grew up in Coke County and married Dean Childress of the county. They moved to Arizona in 1930 to live until she returned after Dean's death in 1967. She lived with Melvin and Essie for a short time before going to live in the West Coke County Home - where Essie worked at that time.

Pearl enjoyed reacquaintance with many old friends after returning to her native Coke County. She leaves behind a granddaughter, Joy and husband, Lee Howell of Gilbert, AZ; Triscella Preshaw of Mesa, AZ and granddaughter, Cheryl and husband, Dennis Hunt of Colorado Springs, CO. These are the three daughters of Dwight who lives in Mesa. Three other granddaughters (Melvin's girls) are Carolyn Braswell of College Station, TX, Juanice Herr of Collierville, TN, and Bonita Copeland of Robert Lee. Daughter Wilma had three sons. Pearl's

Pallbearers were grandsons, Dennis Gartman, Kerry Gartman, Randy Gartman, David Hanky, Jason Wink, Kevin Wink, Kerry Wink, Barry Ledbetter, Anthony Wink and Joseph Wink.

...Robert Lee (cont'd. from page 1)

10:30, before the Santa Buck winners are drawn.

Following the drawings, the Christmas Lighting Contest winners will be announced.

On Monday night, members of the West Coke County Community Development met in general session. Final discussions of Christmas projects were held.

The organization has adopted the local "Food For The Needy". Members urge everyone to help fill the boxes which have been set up at local businesses to give folks who are less fortunate a helping hand. An account is open at Robert Lee State

Bank for "Food For The Needy" which will be used to buy perishable foods after the boxes are ready. The boxes will be delivered Christmas week. If an organization wishes to join the effort or you know of a needy individual or family who could use a hand at this holiday season, please call Debbie Wilkes, 453-2819 or 453-2545.

Door prize winner at the November WCCCD meeting was Carol Hardaway, who took home a gift certificate for a turkey from Super H. Beth Prather was the door prize winner Monday night. The lovely Christmas wreath was from Ace Hardware.

...All District (cont'd. from page 1)

Bronte, Sr. Defense
Linemen - Judd Pitcock, Robert Lee, Sr. (unanimous); Phillip Ratliff, Bronte, Jr. (unanimous).
Linebacker - Jason Cooper, Bronte, Sr.
Defensive back - Brent Taylor, Bronte, Sr.; Charles Hayes, Robert Lee, Jr.
Punter - John Williams, Robert Lee, Sr.

Robert Lee, Jr.
Linebacker - Lee McCown, Robert Lee, Jr.
Defensive back - Eric Hood, Robert Lee, Soph.; Joe Blair, Robert Lee, Sr.
Punter - Brent Taylor, Bronte, Jr.
Honorable Mention awards went to Steers Judd Pitcock, lineman; Marc Owen, center; John Williams, tight end; Jerri Vincent, wide receiver; and Tray Taylor, linebacker.

Second Team Offense
Linemen - Jonathan Torres, Robert Lee, Jr.; Anthony Wink, Robert Lee, Jr.; David Cason, Bronte, Jr.
Wide receiver - Jeremy Vincent, Robert Lee, Jr.
Quarterback - Joe Blair, Robert Lee, Sr.
Defense
Linemen - Anthony Wink,

The Fighting Heart Award singled out Steer Bart Goodman, Jr. and Cory Robinson, a Bronte Longhorn sophomore.

A lot of good football players were un-named on both clubs for one reason or other - injuries, lack of enough playing time, etc. - but their efforts did not go un-noticed by coaches and fans.

...Bronte (cont'd. from page 1)

Those having a part in the pageant included Gary Shaffer, Martin DeLaGarza, Jason Wilson, Ron Sims, Evelyn Alexander, Mada Belew, Verner Whittenton, Ray Tampke and Bronte School students. Rev. M.E. Patterson served as master of ceremonies.

After the program, door prizes were given by Rev. M. E. Patterson and John Driggers.

An estimated 200 persons were in attendance including the participants.

Supper with Santa was held after the pageant at the Bronte School Cafeteria. A nice crowd of diners enjoyed a variety of dishes prepared by local chefs and Santa visited with the children. Funds

from the event will be added to the Chamber of Commerce "Billboard Fund".

Chairpersons for the event included Shirley Denton, Food and Crafts Booth; Paul Williams, Supper with Santa; Frank Sanders and Jolene Barrett, Parade; Donna Hall, Miss Bronte Contest; Susan Cumbie, Flyer mailout; Martin DeLaGarza, Santa Claus, and the Bronte Churches that chose to participate at the pageant in the Texas Theatre; Cynthia Robinson will be in charge of the Home decorating contest on Dec. 18th.

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Coke County Drilling Activity

The Townsend Company has staked the Jack Corley #1 as a wildcat, 4 miles southwest of Tennyson, to the depth of 6400 ft. Location is 454 FNL and 995 FEL of the Rowe survey #13.

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Bill, Betty & Genie Thomas
James Coleman
R. T. & Zelma Caperton
Rachel Bengé
R. T. & Zelma Caperton

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grandsons are Barry Weisner and Dean Turk of Mesa, and Melvin of Gallup, NM.

There are 23 great-grandchildren and 14 great-great-grandchildren. Pearl was buried in the Robert Lee Hayrick Lodge Cemetery next to daughter Johnny who died as a child of 7 years.

Bryan

Dona Roberts Bryan, 93, of Robert Lee died Monday, Dec. 6, 1993, at the Concho Valley Regional Hospital in San Angelo.

Service was held at 2 pm Tuesday, Dec. 7, at Robert Lee Baptist Church with the Rev. Roy Epperson officiating. Burial followed in Robert Lee Cemetery, directed by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Mrs. Bryan was born Feb. 6, 1900, in Robert Lee and had been a lifetime resident. She was a homemaker and member of Robert Lee Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Lee Roberts in June 1956 and Frank Bryan, and by one grandson, Kyle Good in 1984.

Survivors include a daughter, Billie Good and her husband, Eddie, of Plano; two sisters, Louise Lofton of San Bernardino, Calif., and Daisy Green of Brawley, Calif., one grandson, Kevin Good and his wife, Pam, of Carrollton; and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers for the services were Kenneth Lackey, J. C. Wallace, Kevin Good, Royce Wallace, Butch Davis, and Garland Davis.

Terry

Edna Belle Terry, 82, of Robert Lee, and formerly of Bronte, died Friday, Dec. 3, 1993, in a San Angelo hospital.

Graveside service was conducted at 10 am Saturday, Dec. 4, in Fairview Cemetery, directed by Shaffer Funeral Home. Officiant for the service was the Rev. R. W. Blackmon.

She was born Jan. 10, 1911, in Bronte and was a longtime resident, moving to Robert Lee in 1992. She was owner and operator of a dry cleaning business, where she was a presser. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include two sons, Duncan L. Terry, Jr., of Robert Lee and Carl Dwain Terry; a daughter, Clea Jesse of Florissant, CO; a brother, R. A. Coppedge of Robert Lee; 10 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.



Sen. and Mrs. Bill Sims pause while visiting constituents in the Coke County commissioners courtroom Monday in Robert Lee.

Upcoming

Snowball Golf Tournament

A Snowball golf tournament will be held at Singing Winds Golf course in Bronte on Saturday, December 11.

It will be a two-person, 27 hole, select shot tournament. For more information please call 473-2156.

3rd Thursday Dance

The Coke County Cavaliers will provide C & W music for the Third Thursday Dance at 7:30 pm on December 16, at the Rec Hall in Robert Lee. The event is open to dancers of all ages and tickets are available at the door.

Candle Lighting

Saturday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m. a Candle Lighting Memorial Service will be held at the Central Baptist Church in Bronte. Mrs. Betty Cole of Blackwell will be the guest speaker. She will share her thoughts concerning "Gifts from Our Loved Ones".

Everyone is invited to attend. A reception will follow.

Pendergrast to celebrate 97th B'Day

Mrs. R. H. (Anna Mae Eaton) Pendergrast will celebrate her 97th birthday Monday, Dec. 13, at the home of her grandson, Carl Lynn Brock, in Anson, with a public reception from 1 to 3 pm. Hosting will be her daughter, Mrs. Wanda Pendergrast Wright of Weatherford, and sons, Carl Brock of Anson, Tom Pendergrast of Maxdale, and Sam Pendergrast of Abilene.

Born Dec. 15, 1896, in Carbon to Frank R. ("Pink") and



Anna Mae Pendergrast

Henrietta Louise Offield Eaton, Mrs. Pendergrast moved with her family as a child to Coke County and was educated in Bronte, where she was honored in 1991 as the oldest ex-student of Bronte High School (Class of 1914).

She moved with her husband, Robert Homer Pendergrast, and six children to Phoenix in 1934, and in 1939 to Abilene, where the family operated a wholesale business for some 30 years at South Third and Pecan. (She ran the business herself for a number of years after her husband died in 1951.)

Son, Eddie Brock died in 1951 and son Charles Pendergrast died in 1985.

Mrs. Pendergrast has been a resident of Briarstone Manor retirement facility in the Anson medical complex since October.

Letters to Santa

Robert Lee Postmaster Harrell Johnston said this week that Santa Claus is waiting to hear from local youngsters. Letters may be put in Santa's mailbox at the post office.

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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Longhorns champions at IC tournament

The Bronte Longhorns traveled to Water Valley Nov. 30 for Varsity and JV games. The Longhorns defeated Water Valley 62-52. Gary Bilbrey was high scorer with 17 pts., 11 rebounds, 4 steals. Others scoring for Bronte were: Brent Taylor 11 points, 3 steals; Shae Sanford 11 points, 6 rebounds, 3 steals; Jay Parker 7 points; Jason Cooper 6 points, 4 assists, 6 steals; Nicholas Arrott 6 points, 3 steals; Jacob Golson 2 points; and Devlin Pierce 2 points, 5 rebounds.

The JV was defeated by

Bronte School News

Bronte Elementary will have a Christmas program on Tuesday night, Dec. 14, at 7:00 p.m., in the school auditorium. Students in grades K-6 will be performing, A Teddy Bear Christmas. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Christmas Band Concert will be held on Thursday night, Dec. 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the school auditorium. All bands from grades four through twelve will be performing on this night. Everyone is invited to attend.

Bronte I.S.D. will dismiss for the Christmas holidays at 3:22 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 17. School will resume for the students on Tuesday, Jan. 4. A teacher workday will be held on Monday, Jan. 3.

Water Valley 45-26. Scoring for Bronte were Clint Scott 8 points, Brandon Tinney 3 points, Russel Vaughn 4 points, Cody Holland 5 points, Cory Robinson 3 points, and Kale Beck 3 points.

The Longhorns were in Irion County for a tournament on Dec. 2, 3, 4. The Longhorns won the first game with a score of 80-32 over Menard. Scoring for Bronte were: Shae Sanford 24 points, Jason Cooper 10 points, Courtney Shaffer 10 points, Gary Bilbrey 8 points, Jay Parker 8 points, Brent Taylor 8 points, Devlin Pierce 6 points, Jacob Golson 4 points, Nicholas Arrott 2 points.

In the semi-finals Bronte

defeated McCamey 83-35. Scoring were: Shae Sanford 20, Brent Taylor 16, Jay Parker 14, Jason Cooper 9, Gary Bilbrey 7, James Hambright 5, Jacob Golson 4, Courtney Shaffer 4, Devlin Pierce 4, and Nicholas Arrott 3.

In the championship game it was Bronte over Christoval 79-59. Scoring were Brent Taylor 19, Shae Sanford 13, Gary Bilbrey 10, Jacob Golson 10, Jason Cooper 7, Jay Parker 6, Courtney Shaffer 6, James Hambright 6, Devlin Pierce 2.

Gary Bilbrey made All Tournament and Brent Taylor was MVP. The Longhorns record is 6-1.



Junior Miss Bronte contestants Kayla Hilliard - 1st runner up; Natasha Reed - Junior Miss Bronte; Ashley Denton - 2nd runner up.



Little Miss Bronte contestants Britney McCutchen - Little Miss Bronte; Danielle Johnson - 2nd runner up; Natalie Reed - 1st runner up.

Counselor's Comments

by Vicky McCutchen

December is the time of year that tells a senior in high school that college is right around the corner. Some students will choose a two-year college, some a four-year college or university, some a technical or trade school, and some will choose a military career. Whatever the choice is, application for admission should be done as soon as possible.

Students planning to attend a post-secondary institution should have taken or plan to take the ACT and/or SAT tests for college admissions requirements. A student will need those scores sent to their college along with an application for admission. Students will not be accepted until these tests are taken and the scores are received by the college of their choice. If a student is applying for a scholarship at the college of their choice, they must have already been accepted into that college.

Financial aid for school is also coming up in January. The application process will begin for the 1994-95 school year beginning January 1, 1994 for all students who plan to get financial assistance from the federal government. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be completed by the student to apply for federal Title IV student aid programs (Pell Grants, Stafford Loans, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, College Work-Study, Perkins Loans).

The Financial Aid Forms (FAF) is used to collect additional information needed by many colleges and private scholarship programs to determine eligibility for non-Title IV funds. A fee is charged to the student for the FAF.

Students also need to contact the college financial aid administrator to find out if more forms for your college are needed and what other types of financial aid could be available. Colleges will have deadlines for their financial aid. Scholarship information should also be obtained from the college of the student's choice. The FAFSA form application is for Federal student financial aid for the 1994-95 school year (July 1, 1994 - June 30, 1995).

Christmas In Ole Bronte Open House Winners

Margaret's Flowers & Gifts: Royce Lee, poinsettia; Frances Kemp, Hallmark package; Faye Green, crystal jewel box; Edith Rolls, crystal candy dish.

Hometown Hardware: Lorene Kemp, San Angelo; Kathy Robinson, San Angelo; Sharon Braswell, Jeff Schoenfield, Elmer Hurley, Courtney Arrott, all of Bronte.

S & S Printing: Nancy Sparks, Brownfield; Virginia Boecking, Bronte; Debbie Stilley, Bronte. Business winners were: WTU Office, Bronte and Parker Plumbing, Bronte.



Br. Breakfast Menu

Monday, Dec. 13
Cereal, diced pears, toast, milk

Tuesday, Dec. 14
Sausage, apple juice, pancakes, milk

Wednesday, Dec. 15
Scrambled eggs, orange juice, blueberry muffins, milk

Thursday, Dec. 16
French toast, mixed fruit, milk

Friday, Dec. 17
Cereal, diced peaches, toast, milk

Br. Lunch Menu

Monday, Dec. 13
Chicken nuggets w/gravy, creamed potatoes, buttered corn, rolls, milk, lemon pudding

Tuesday, Dec. 14
Spaghetti w/meat sauce, tossed salad, fruit cup, bread sticks, milk, rice krispie bars

Wednesday, Dec. 15
Bar-b-que on a bun, pinto beans, orange, bun, chips, milk, jello

Thursday, Dec. 16
Turkey A-La-King, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, milk, pumpkin pie

Friday, Dec. 17
Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickles, french fries, bun, milk, juice bars

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Lady Longhorn Basketball

The Lady Longhorns played in the Irion County Tournament. In game one against Menard the ladies lost 43-68. Scoring for Bronte were Cheryl Santos 10 points, Jill Johnson 11 points, Joni Barrett 17 points.

In game two the Lady Horns beat McCamey 51-30. High

scores were from Kim Hall 12 points and Cheryl Santos 18 points.

In game three Bronte beat Ozona 48-31. High scores were Kim Hall 11 points, Cheryl Santos 17 points and Wendy Johnson 9 points.

The Lady Longhorns won the Consolation trophy and Cheryl Santos was named All-Tournament.

SHANNON

HEALTH NOTES

Heart Attack Predictor

Men who have slightly higher than normal systolic blood pressure at rest and higher than two hundred when they exercise vigorously may have an excessive risk of dying from a heart attack.

The Norwegian study, presented to the American Heart Association's annual meeting on high blood pressure research, confirms an earlier study in France. Systolic blood pressure is measured when the heart contracts with each heart beat. It is the first and higher number in a blood pressure reading. Men with resting systolic blood pressure of at least one hundred forty, whose pressure rose to two hundred or above during exercise had about twice the rate of heart attacks as men with normal systolic pressure and exercise pressure below two hundred.

Dr. Sverre Kjeldsen, co-author of the study, says the rate of fatal heart attacks in the high blood pressure group was also significantly higher. Medications are available to control even mild high blood pressure and possibly prevent a future heart attack.

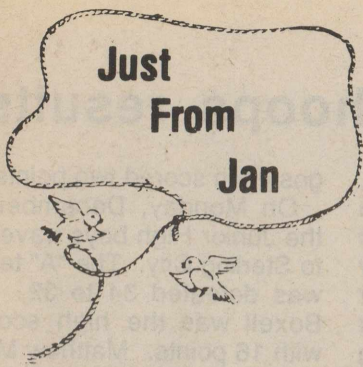
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Keep Holiday Meals Healthful

Although holidays are special times -- they present unique challenges especially for those with special food needs. It is a time when many people may gain unwanted weight thus compromising their health. It may take a holiday meal make-over to enjoy the holidays with no weight gain. Overweight predisposes people to the development of heart disease, diabetes, etc. So keeping your weight within normal limits is important to help prevent these diseases.

If you are hosting a healthy meal, some basic changes you can offer your guests are a variety of lower-fat, lower-calorie foods along with traditional favorites. Modify recipes using some of the many low-fat choices offered by many of the food processors in response to consumer's concerns about health. For example, dairy products include many low or non-fat choices such as low or not-fat sour cream, skim milk and lower fat cheeses. Use more oils to replace hydrogenated or solid fats. Baste meats with wine, fruit juice, or broth instead of butter, margarine or shortening on the pan when baking. Two egg whites can be substituted for a whole egg in most recipes to reduce cholesterol content. Replace buttered bread crumbs on tops of casseroles with crushed cereal. You not only reduce the fat, but you also increase the complex carbohydrates -- a recommendation of the dietary guidelines. Another excellent complex carbohydrate source is special request, lower fat or air popped popcorn. Use a variety of flavored salts to add flavor and interest to this high fiber snack.

Meat processors are offering a variety of lower fat alternatives for holiday fare. Low-fat varieties of cocktail sausages, lower fat beef or turkey sausages, and lower fat cold cuts. Serve these processed meats on top of a variety of whole wheat, rye,

Personal

Dwight and Daryl Childress, brothers of Melvin Childress of Robert Lee were here this past week for the funeral of their 99-year-old mother, Pearl McCutchen Childress. Pearl was a resident of the local nursing home some 19 years. The boys have been here often in those years to visit her and other family members. Dwight and wife, Jean live in Mesa, AZ, and Daryl and wife, Vest live in Phoenix, AZ. They enjoyed visiting with old friends and relatives who called to offer their condolences. Especially enjoyable was the time spent with Joyce McCutchen Hood and others.

pumpnickel, or other breads with mustard, horseradish or low-fat mayonnaise or salad dressing that will add nutrition and flavor with less fat. Also add some vegetable dippers such as green peppers, broccoli, cherry tomatoes, radish roses, celery and carrot sticks with low-fat dips to add flavor, nutrition and interest to holiday snacks. Fruit such as apples, pears or grapes served with a special dip made with light cream cheese flavored with brown sugar and vanilla also adds interest and flavor to any holiday meal.

Cutting portions for each food group is also important. Select leaner cuts from the (leg/loin) meat group to two 3-ounce portions which is about the size of a deck of cards. A skinless chicken breast is about three ounces also. Choose two or more servings of milk from low-fat choices. One half cup cooked or one cup of raw vegetables is a serving. Try to eat at least three servings of vegetables and two servings of fruit daily.

Introduce new lower fat holiday recipes and start some new family traditions. These are just a few ideas to start you off with your holiday meal make-over.

Personal

Inez Gilmore (sister of Ona Hughes) of Stanton had her family for Thanksgiving dinner. A meal of turkey, dressing, and all the trimmings and a heavy laden table of goodies. Lots of pictures were made. Present were Inez Gilmore, Kenneth & Libby Gilmore, Lubbock; Kerry & Teri Jo Gilmore, Lubbock; Greg Gilmore, Lubbock; Lynn Gilmore, Garland; Roger Jenson, Plano; Mike, Celia, Lance and Rory Payne, Stanton, Stacy De Armondo and Stevie, Stevie and Carrie Payne, Littleton, Colo.; Fred & Ona Hughes, Bronte; Ronald & Sandy Hughes, Pleasanton. A good time was had by all.

Personal

Ronald & Sandy Hughes of Pleasanton spent Thanksgiving weekend with his parents, Fred & Ona Hughes of Bronte. The group visited in Stanton Thursday. Saturday they took an outing to Lake Belton for the day. Ronald & Sandy returned home Sunday.

PERSONAL

Sr. Airman Billy Childs is home on leave from Turkey. He is spending as much time as possible with Chelsae Ann, his 6 month old daughter, in San Angelo. He will return to Turkey in December.

Stenholm files

On Friday, December 3, Congressman Charles Stenholm filed formal application for a place on the General Election Ballot for 1994.

A farmer and conservative democrat, Stenholm has been identified in national publications as the "spiritual godfather of fiscal austerity among House Democrats" -- an accolade he accepts with pride. As the founder and coordinator of the Conservative Democratic Forum (CDF), he brings a voice of reason to some of the leading issues of the day, including the budget, health care reform, federal regulation, and international trade. In his capacity as chairman of the Subcommittee on Department Operations and Nutrition, he is a nationally recognized spokesman for agriculture, and will play a key role in the reorganization of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. In these times of military cut-backs, Stenholm understands the key roles that Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene and Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo have in being sure we have a strong national defense.

To keep in touch with constituents, Stenholm has continued his tradition of spending time in each of the district's 32 counties. Last year he participated in 168 public events and so far this year, he has been in over 150 meetings in the 17th District.

Personal

The Bronte Church of Christ Youth Christmas party was held in the home of Phillip and Martha Ratliff on Sunday night, December 5th. The Ratliffs provided hamburgers, chips, dip, punch and a variety of desserts for those present. John Driggers challenged the group with a riddle and some Bible trivia.

Those attending included James Hambricht, Courtney Stokes, Laura Thomas, Brent Taylor, Courtney Shaffer, Phillip Ratliff Jr., Shaunna Tinney, Chris Keller, Angie Shults, and Cheryl Santos. Also present were John and Judy Driggers, Gary and Jerry Davis, Roenna Thomas and Dr. Steve Anderson.

January's youth night will be held in the home of Ben and Kay Hambricht. All junior high and high school age students are welcome.

Law-school professor to students: "Oh, you win some and you lose some, but remember - you get paid for all of them."

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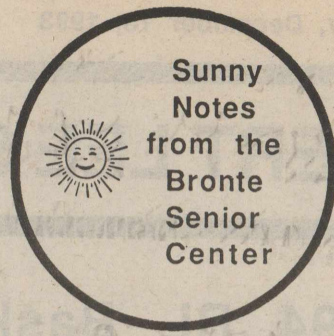
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West Texas Rehab Christmas Brunch

Several women from the Bronte Senior Center Arts & Crafts Guild are going to try to go to Abilene to take the beautiful quilt that they have made and are donating to the West Texas Rehab Center. The brunch is Saturday, Dec. 11th at 10:30 a.m. This is a yearly project of the women in Bronte.

Christmas Party at Bronte Center

Thursday, Dec. 16th from 5 to 7 p.m. we will be having an evening of fun and fellowship. You are asked to bring a "wrapped" white elephant gift to exchange and a snack to add to our "goodie" table. If you need a ride that evening, please call the Bronte Senior Center at 473-6471 by noon on that Thursday.

Card of Encouragement

Our rural public transportation van driver, Fayne Thorn's son, Casey, is having heart surgery on the 9th of December. He and Fayne will be in San Antonio for about 10 days following the surgery. If you would like to send them a card the address is: Mr. Casey Thorn, Patient, Medical Center Hospital, 4502 Medical Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78229.

Advisory Council to meet

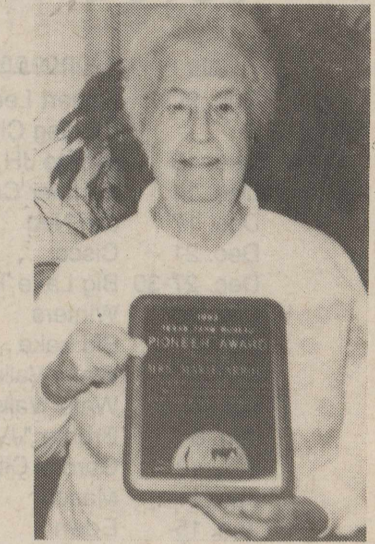
Our quarterly meeting date had to be changed from the 29th of Dec. to Friday, Dec. 17th. One of our members will be out of town. Those on the committee will be reminded prior to the 17th. These are the persons who help the Senior Center.

Winners of the Doorprizes

The following won door prizes donated by members of the Arts & Craft Guild during the Christmas in Ole Bronte. They are: Kelly Green, Melanie Moore, Wink Kiker, Kathy Schultz, Pixie Gilly and Lucille Cole. Congratulations.

Meals for the week

Monday, Dec. 13
Spaghetti, meat sauce, spinach, garlic toast, salad, banana pudding.



The Pioneer Award was presented to one of our very own senior citizens, Marie Arrott. Marie is very active at the Bronte Senior Center and is very supportive in her community. The Award read, "In honor of pioneering Leadership and exceptional service to Texas Farm Bureau and Agriculture." Mrs. Arrott was accompanied to San Antonio by Ed Cumbie to receive this award.

Wednesday, Dec. 15

Meat loaf, brown gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, wheat bread, sugar cookies.

Friday, Dec. 17

Chicken fried steak, white sauce, broccoli & cauliflower, hot roll, fresh apple.

Pioneer Award Winner

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A great artist is never poor.

Isak Dinesen, Anecdotes of Destiny

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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

'93-'94 RL Basketball Schedule

| Date | Opponent | Site | Time | Girls JV & V | Boys JV & V |
|------------|------------------------------|---------|------|--------------|-------------|
| Dec. 9-11 | Robert Lee Tourney | | TBA | V | V |
| | Sterling City JH "A" Tourney | | | V | V |
| Dec. 13 | Bronte JH | T | 5:00 | V & JV | JV & V |
| Dec. 14 | Panther Creek | H | 4:00 | V & JV | JV & V |
| Dec. 17 | Jim Ned | T | 4:00 | V & JV | JV & V |
| Dec. 21 | Cisco | T | 6:00 | V | V |
| Dec. 27-30 | Big Lake Tourney | T | TBA | V | V |
| Dec. 31 | Winters | T | 2:00 | V | V |
| Jan. 4 | Big Lake | H | 5:30 | JV & V | V |
| Jan. 6 | Water Valley JH | T | 5:00 | V | JV & V |
| Jan. 7 | Water Valley | H | 4:00 | JV & V | JV & V |
| Jan. 8 | Bronte "JV" Tourney | T | TBA | JV | JV |
| Jan. 10 | Garden City JH | T | 5:00 | JV & V | V |
| Jan. 11 | Mason | At Eden | 6:00 | V | V |
| Jan. 15 | Eden | H | 6:00 | V | V |
| Jan. 17 | Irion County JH | H | 5:00 | JV & V | JV & V |
| Jan. 18 | Miles | H | 5:00 | JV & V | V |
| Jan. 21 | Roscoe | H | 4:00 | JV & V | JV & V |
| Jan. 22 | Robert Lee JH "B" Tourney | | | | |
| Jan. 24 | Sterling City JH | H | 5:00 | JV & V | JV & V |
| Jan. 25 | Roby | H | 4:00 | JV & V | JV & V |
| Jan. 28 | Bronte | T | 4:00 | JV & V | JV & V |
| Jan. 31 | Bronte JH | H | 5:00 | JV & V | JV & V |
| Feb. 1 | Roscoe | T | 4:00 | JV & V | JV & V |
| Feb. 3 & 4 | Water Valley JH "A" Tourney | | | V | V |
| Feb. 4 | Roby | T | 4:00 | JV & V | JV & V |
| Feb. 8 | Bronte | H | 4:00 | JV & V | JV & V |

Steers end record year at quarterfinals

by Bill Burns

The Steers ended a great season against Crawford last Friday night. It was a very tough game for the Steers but the Steers never gave up even as the breaks were going Crawford's way. I think I can safely say that the fans are proud of the season that the Steers had.

1st Quarter

The teams exchanged punts to start the game. Eric Hood intercepted a pass for the Steers and the Steers moved for two 1st downs before Crawford stopped them. Crawford then fumbled and Bart Goodman recovered for the Steers. Two first downs later Lee McCown scored from the one yard line for the Steers. Crawford blocked the extra point attempt. RL 6-Crawford 0.

2nd Quarter

The Steers only got one first down in this quarter as Crawford kept control of the ball and scored two touchdowns. RL 6 - Crawford 14.

2nd Half

The third quarter was a duplicate of the second quarter except Eric Hood did get another interception for the Steers.

Going into the fourth quarter the Steer defense tightened up and stopped Crawford's offense and the Steer offense started moving the ball, but it was too little too

All art, like all love, is rooted in heartache.
Alfred Stieglitz

late. The game ended Steers 6 - Crawford 28.

RLJH girls B'ball

The RLJH girls traveled to Sterling City Monday, Dec. 6. The "A" team was defeated 36 to 17. Scoring for Robert Lee was Jessica Key with 5 points, Bree Bolding 4, Amanda Brock 4, Maria Eads 2, and Tara Bruning 2 points.

The "B" team narrowly defeated Sterling City 15 to 14. Kendra Bohannon led the scoreboard for Robert Lee with 5 points. Holly Copeland helped out with her 4 points. Carrie Green and Maria Gallegos each scored 2 points and Kim Gloria and Whitney Montgomery each put in one point.

RLJH boys hoops results

Thursday, December 2, RLJH boys took on Garden City. The final score was Robert Lee 39 - Garden City 21. Putting up 13 points for the team was high scorer Scotty Wyatt. Chad Helwig followed with 10, Eli Boxell and Will Simpson added 4 each and Kirk Bagwell had 2. Monday, Dec. 6, RLJH traveled to Sterling City and took a narrow defeat 34-32. Eli Boxell was high scorer with 15 points, Matthew Millican added 10 points, Scotty Wyatt 4, Polo Arellano and Will Simpson scored 2 points each.

The boys play in a tournament in Sterling City Dec. 9, 10, and 11th.

The Robert Lee Junior High boys traveled to Garden City, Thursday, Dec. 2 to play. The "A" team was victorious over Garden City 39 to 21. Chad Helwig scored 11 points, Scotty Wyatt 10, Will Simpson 4, Kirk Bagwell 4, Matthew Millican 3, Polo Arellano 3, and Eli Boxell 4 points.

The "B" team didn't have quite the luck the "A" team had and was defeated 12-8. Jeremy Edging, Jaime Olguin, Justin Kendall and Mariusz Skibicki all scored 2 points each.

The girls "A" team was also defeated by Garden City 28 to 25. Jessica Key was the leader for scoring by RL with 13 points. Bree Bolding scored 10 and Samantha Padgett and Maria Eads each scored one point.

The "B" team girls were successful over Garden City 15-4. Holly Copeland was the high scorer with 7 and Kim Gloria, Carrie Green, Kendra Bohannon, and Maria Galle-

gos each scored two points.

On Monday, December 6 the Junior High boys traveled to Sterling City. The "A" team was defeated 34 to 32. Eli Boxell was the high scorer with 16 points. Matthew Millican made 10 points, Scotty Wyatt 3, Will Simpson 2, and Polo Arellano came up with 2 points.

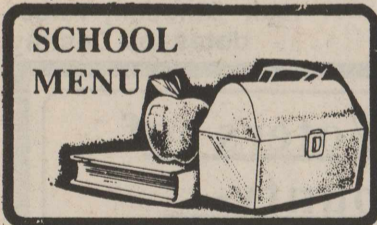
The "B" boys team was also defeated by Sterling City 18 to 12. Jeremy Edging outscored his team mates with 6 points, and Tony Bell, Jaime Olguin, and Mariusz Skibicki each scored 2 points.

RL FFA News

by Elaine Gibbs

The Robert Lee FFA is out and about once again! What are they up to this time? Why, it's time for their fruit deliveries, of course! Beginning on December 13th, the FFA will deliver the fruit sold during the month of November to those who placed orders. So for those who are expecting fruit to be delivered to your home, it's on its way! The fruit sales are an annual fund raiser sponsored by the FFA. Profits directly benefit those FFA members who take an active interest in the organization's affairs. The Robert Lee FFA Chapter truly appreciates the community of Robert Lee for its continued support of the organization and its members.

It can be argued that the entertainment industry as a whole has given more thought to the pollution of rivers than it has to the pollution of minds.



RL Lunch Menu

Monday, Dec. 13
Cheese Nachos, Ranch Beans, Tator Tots w/catsup, Peach Slices, Milk
Tuesday, Dec. 14
Corn Dogs w/mustard, Macaroni & Cheese, Blackeye Peas, Gingerbread, Milk
Wednesday, Dec. 15
Pizza, Corn, Lettuce/Tomato Salad, Applecrisp, Milk
Thursday, Dec. 16
Salisbury Steak w/brown gravy, Cheesey Potatoes, English Peas, Hot Rolls - Butter, Pineapple Tidbits, Milk
Friday, Dec. 17
Baked Ham, Cream Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls - Butter, Fruit Cup, Milk

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The boy when Essie and Melvin needed a laugh, or just a gentle touch to help them out.
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If you're thinking I'm a proud mother you'd be right.
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But someday he'll pass by and you will see, a man where a boy used to be.
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COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

by Tommy Antilley
Coke County Agent

Beef Cow Nutritional Supplementation

Some things never seem to change, and this is certainly true in beef cattle production. Even though a lot has changed in the last 20 or 25 years, beef cows still need the same nutrients they always have, vitamins, minerals, protein, and energy. In general, we can say the following about these four classes of nutrients under typical grazing conditions:

1.) Minerals, especially phosphorous and salt but also magnesium and several trace minerals, are practically always deficient in most perennial pastures and native ranges. The only exception is when plants first start new growth.

2.) Protein is periodically deficient. A shortage can occur at almost any time, but is almost certain during winter dormancy and, in most years, late summer.

3.) Energy is occasionally deficient. Fortunately, it also is periodically in surplus in most years. Cows can store excess forage energy as body condition or fat. But at times, especially during drought or under overstocked conditions, stored body reserves are depleted.

4.) Vitamins are rarely deficient under most grazing

regimes. During extended periods of drought, lack of vitamin A can be a problem.

What has changed in the last 20 to 25 years is that we know more about specific nutritional needs. And we have more choices and better products to meet these needs. What do we mean?

1.) Good high phosphorous minerals (8% to 15%) are widely available. Not so common are minerals adequate in magnesium, copper, zinc, manganese, and selenium. Check your mineral.

2.) We now know that various forms of protein are required for ruminants such as cattle. You've probably heard of bypass or undegradable protein sources. However, this seems to be of less concern in cow herd nutrition than stocker or feedlot programs.

3.) There is no question that the average cow is now larger and higher producing. So nutritional requirements are higher. And recommended minimum protein levels are now great to insure efficient rumen function.

4.) There are limits in feeding high starch supplements to cows on range, pasture, or hay. Excess starch reduces efficiency of forage consumption and utilization.

Poor results usually occur from feeding more than 3 to 4 pounds a day of a feed based on corn, milo, etc., including most breeder cubes.

5.) More new, useful by-product feeds are available.

How should we use this information in planning beef cow supplementation programs?

1.) Provide good mineral free-choice year round.

2.) Always supplement protein when needed. This will use forage most efficiently and help keep cows in good body condition most economically. It is easier to maintain body condition than restore it.

3.) Don't be afraid of good by-products like soybean hulls, wheat midds, rice bran, and others.

4.) If we provide minerals and protein when needed, and don't overstock, then supplemental energy can be minimized. Supplementing high levels of energy is usually biologically and economically inefficient. But if grass is short and energy is needed, either supply it or reduce animal numbers. Otherwise, reproduction and performance will be unacceptably low. You can't starve a profit out of cows.

Lady Steer hoops results

The Robert Lee Varsity girls traveled to Highland Tuesday, Nov. 30 and suffered a narrow loss 37-36. Once again Shalon Waldrop led the scoring for the Lady Steers. Kim Carver put in 6 points as well as Rachel Pentecost and Jaclyn Waldrop. Jennifer Scott scored 3, Maranda Wojtek 2, Heather Millican 2, and Kizzie Howell one point.

The JV Lady Steers defeated Highland 25 to 19. Cynthia Abalos put in 9 points for the team, with Amanda Sanders following for 6 points, Patricia Minjarez 4, Kannan Millican, Heather Nichols and Brandi Brosh each contributed two points.

The Robert Lee girls "A" team traveled to Ballinger for a tournament last weekend. In the first game they were defeated by Wall 51 - 32. Jaclyn Waldrop was the high scorer for the Lady Steers with 17 points. Shalon Waldrop helped out with 7, Kim Carver had 5, Elaine Gibbs put up 2 and Rachel Pentecost made one point.

The second game was not successful for Robert Lee either, they were defeated by Ballinger 55 to 39. This time it was Shalon Waldrop leading

the scores for Robert Lee with 13 points. Also scoring for Robert Lee was Kim Carver 8, Elaine Gibbs 6, Jaclyn Waldrop and Rachel Pentecost each had 4, and Maranda Wojtek and Jennifer Scott each had 2 points.

On Saturday of the tournament the Lady Steers came closer to a victory but were again defeated by Sonora 43 to 42. Leading the scoring for Robert Lee was Jaclyn Waldrop with 14 points. Her sister, Shalon Waldrop was close behind with 13 points. Kim Carver put up 8 points with Rachel Pentecost and Jennifer Scott scoring 4 and 3 points respectively. Shalon Waldrop was honored by being named one of the All Tourney players for the weekend.

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Participants in the Robert Lee Elementary Accelerated Reading Program each received a \$2 bill from RLSB President Bill Allen.

RL Elem. Program

The Robert Lee Elementary Accelerated Reading winners for the month of November were recently honored. Mrs. Gibb's 3rd Grade winners were Whitney Fleming, 8.4 and Jeffrey Carper, 2.7. Mrs. McCown's 3rd Grade winners were Amber Robinson, 3.0 and Matthew Boone, .9. The 4th Grade taught by Mrs.

derson, 7.2 and Jodee Helwig, 5.3. Mrs. Wilson's 5th Grade winners were Amber Freeman, 71.3 and Cayla Jeffrey, 69.2. Mrs. Mauldin's 6th Grade winners were Dan McCown, 31.8 and Jeremy Eaton, 12.8.

Overall high 3rd place winner was Curtis Bell. He received a cap donated by Milburn Wink and Robert Lee State Bank.

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Watkins completes A Course

Marine Pfc. Randy W. Watkins, of Robert Lee, Texas, recently completed the Aviation Support Equipment Technician Course.

During the course at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Naval Air Station Memphis, Millington, Tenn., students are trained to inspect, maintain and repair basic hydraulic systems as well as the operation of automotive electrical systems, power generating equipment and air conditioning systems. Studies also include metal working, corrosion control, oxyacetylene welding, preventive maintenance procedures and troubleshooting techniques.

The 1991 graduate of Robert Lee High School of Robert Lee, Texas, joined the Marine Corps in November, 1992. Pfc. Watkins is the son of Cheryl A. Devoll, also of Robert Lee.

RL 3rd Grade

Mrs. Gibb's 3rd Grade stamp club has elected officers for 1993-94 school year. The officers for 1993-94 are President - Stewart Millican; Vice-President - Jeffrey Carper; Secretary - Shelby Roe. The 3rd Grade has enjoyed collecting stamps and if anyone has used stamps we would like to have them.

Try to know everything of something, and something of everything.



Leading the Downtown parade for Christmas in Olde Bronte was the Bronte School Longhorn band under the direction of George Tomes, director, with Drum Majors Jennifer McCorkle and Jennifer Sparks.

Don't add mirth to girth

Ah, the holidays: a time for family gatherings, Christmas shopping, parties and eating - enough to be 5 to 7 pounds heavier come Super Bowl Sunday in late January.

Many people gain about that much during the holiday season, according to Kay Schooler, registered dietitian and Director of Nutrition Services at Scott & White Memorial Hospital and Clinic.

"Seven pounds is easy to gain. If a person takes in an extra 500 calories a day, just in little extra treats, he or she will gain about a pound a week. That's not hard to do with all the cookies and sweets around work," said Ms. Schooler.

Many people get into trouble by letting the holidays linger on for several months, starting with Halloween and continuing through the Super Bowl.

It's normal for people to overeat this time of the year. "The trap we get into during the holidays is that we feel we must partake completely. Then we blame ourselves when we overindulge. It's better if we could limit overeating to just a few days instead of a whole two months," she said.

But instead, people sit back and say, "Well, I've messed up my diet by eating this, so why should I try to keep up with my diet the rest of the year?"

The key to avoid having to loosen your belt buckle a couple of notches over the holidays is planning.

"You know you're going to Grandma's for a big holiday dinner," Ms. Schooler added. "Admit to yourself you might go overboard for just this one meal. Begin earlier in the week by watching your calorie intake and increase your activity level a week or two beforehand. When you plan on overeating, the most important thing you can do is get additional exercise."

To burn off the extra 17,500 or so calories consumed over the holidays, you will have to walk 175 miles. Burning 100 calories per mile, it will take over 58 days of waking 3 miles a day to work off all those extra pounds.

Determination is also important. "If you don't want to gain weight, you won't if you plan ahead. Mind over matter is

pretty important," Ms. Schooler said.

So here are some tips to keep in mind to help you get through the holidays without gaining weight:

*Don't approach holiday meals after fasting all day. A light snack beforehand will keep you from gorging when you arrive at a party.

*Never stand at a buffet or hors d'oeuvres table. Take one or two items and move across the room and talk with someone.

*Keep in mind that alcohol does have calories. If eggnog is served limit yourself to one punch cup, which has 335 calories.

*If you want to try everything on a buffet, take a fourth or third of the average serving size.

*Don't overeat or take seconds to please an insistent hostess.

*Don't use holidays and vacations as an excuse for gaining weight.

*Don't neglect exercise or physical activity.

*Eat dessert two hours after the main meal. This will replace the 1,100-calorie snack usually eaten later.

*Concentrate on socializing and being with people. Don't make food the focus.

*Just say "no thanks"; it's easier than you think.

*Watch out for salty foods. They trigger your appetite more. Also, salty dishes tend to make you more thirsty.

*Plan ahead and be specific about how to approach the holidays. Focus on the positive.

*Chew gum while preparing and cleaning up the meal so you won't be tempted to snack.

*Remember to eat slowly and savor every mouthful; you will be satisfied with less food.

Congressman to colleague: "Know what really gives me a feeling of power? Rounding things off to the nearest billion."

Doctor on phone to patient: "Of course you're furious over the price of your medication. That's one of its side effects."

No Time To Make Fruitcake? Try This One.

(DM)—For generations home baking has been a symbol of caring and hospitality. The Christmas tradition of fruitcake is no exception. It's part of the holiday spirit of giving.

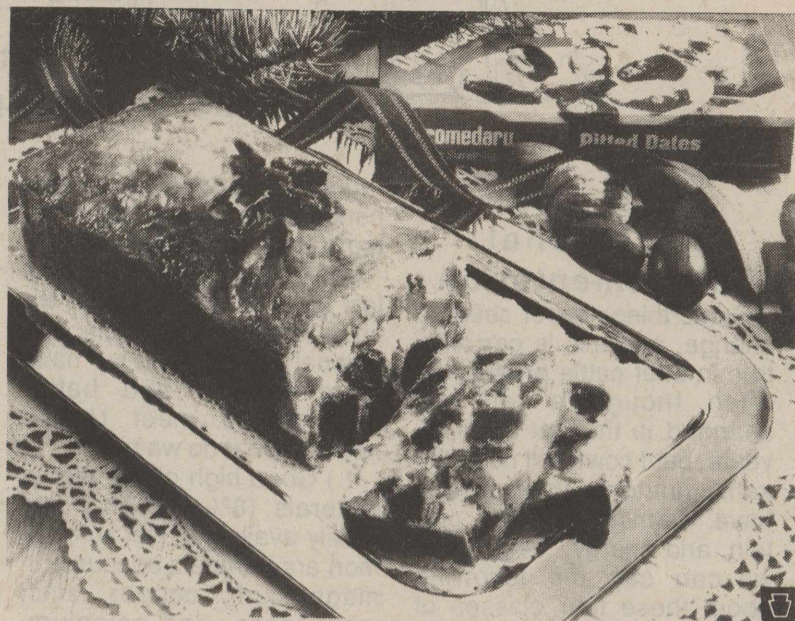
Many of us would love to serve homemade fruitcake, but who has time for this baking project? Perhaps we should take a look at this centuries-old tradition and update it.

Here is a time-saving holiday fruitcake without compromising quality or flavor. It uses a store-bought pound cake mix as a base. After all, even the best fruitcakes start with a simple butter-cake batter.

Red Ribbon Fruit Cake uses dates, nuts, and an option for candied or dried fruit. And it takes only about 45 minutes to prepare, making it easy to bring back this time-honored tradition to its rightful place at the holiday table.

Red Ribbon Fruit Cake (Makes 3 loaves)

- 1 package (8-ounce) Dromedary Chopped Dates or Dromedary Pitted Dates, snipped
- 2½ cups (16 ounces) mixed candied fruit*
- 1½ cups chopped walnuts or pecans
- ½ cup all-purpose flour
- 1 package (16-ounce) Dromedary or other pound cake mix
- ¼ cup butter or margarine, softened
- 1 cup milk
- 3 eggs



In large bowl, combine dates, candied fruit, walnuts and flour; reserve. In large bowl, beat pound cake mix and butter with electric mixer at low speed until blended. Add 1 cup milk; beat 1 minute at medium-low speed. Add eggs; beat 2 minutes at medium speed, scraping bowl occasionally. With spoon, stir in fruit mixture. Pour batter into three well-greased 7½- x 3¾- x 2¼-inch loaf pans.

Bake at 325°F for 1 hour 15 minutes to 1 hour 25 minutes or until cake tester inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pans on wire rack 10 minutes. Remove from pans; cool completely on wire racks. Wrap airtight in foil and refrigerate or freeze.

*Or use 2½ cups (14 ounces) mixed dried fruit (such as peaches, cherries, pears, cranberries, apricots or prunes). Soak dried fruits in ¼ cup orange juice or brandy, stirring occasionally, for 1 hour or until liquid is absorbed.

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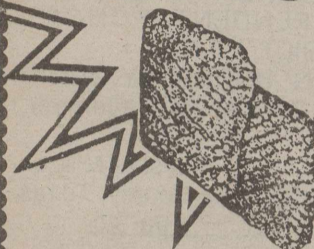
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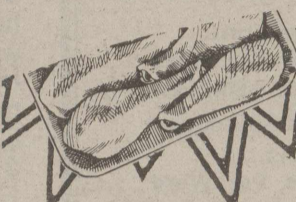
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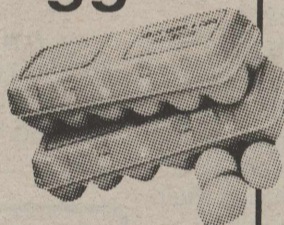


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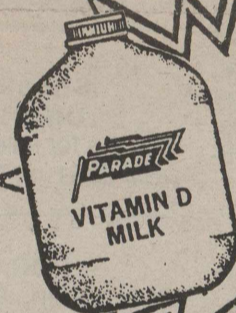
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A Robert Lee resident and Coke County football fan

NOTICES

NOTICE OF SHERIFFS SALE
THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF COKE
By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 51st Judicial District Court of Coke County, on the 7th day of December, 1993 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of Blackwell Independent School District vs. Shirley B. Lincoln Cause #3290 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 am on the 4th day of January, 1994 which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the north door of the Courthouse of said Coke County, in the City of Robert Lee, Texas, the following described property, to wit:
Tract I: Being all that certain .003906 Royalty and Mineral Interest in the Esther Davis/Sun Exploration and Production Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease No. 701998, out of the Northeast Quarter of Section 271, Block 1-A, H&TC Ry. Co. Survey, Coke

Bryan's Barn

Bryan's Barn, a mile west of Robert Lee on FM 1904, is even more aglow with Christmas lights than it was last year. Many more lights have been added with four spotlighted scenes on the west bank of Messbox Creek, all of which are reflected in the water. Multicolored lights looped along the bank reflect also, as well as a boat floating in the creek and lights from the mesquite trees along the east bank. The Barn, fences, silhouettes and fountains sparkle with infinite variety.

The entire Bryan family has worked to prepare the display which they completed last weekend.

The Barn opened Sunday, December 5. Wilson and Lucile plan to hold open house from 6 pm to 10 pm through Jan. 1, and they invite people to drive around the house, to park in the designated parking area, and to go into The Barn to register and visit.

Those who have been inside recently say it is a real museum and toy shop. The family likes to help children participate in the enjoyment of the toys.

Mrs. Bryan (Lucile) is offering a prize (a loaf of bread cooked in her 20-inch Pillsbury bread pan) to the person who brings the most guests during the scheduled visitation nights.

In 1992, almost 1,100 names were written in the visitors' registration book. The Bryan's hope to have many more in 1993 from December 5, through January 1, 1994.

As the old mailbox sign indicates: "Welcome to THE BARN!"

Personal

Holiday visitors in the home of Add and Barbara Davis were Mike, Cindy, and Kacy Ward of Joshua, David, Pam, Jarrod, and Emily of Perryville, Arkansas, John and Irma Blair of Sterling City, Bill Casey of Robert Lee, "Dub" Wallace of N. Richland Hills, Mike Davis and Nadine Davis, both of Abilene.

The group enjoyed good food, playing games, hunting, and lots of laughing and visiting. Everyone has been blessed in abundance this past year and had much to be thankful for.

Ratliff, Merritt exchange wedding vows

Elizabeth Kim Ratliff became the bride of Stetson Luke Merritt in a garden setting at 7 pm on August 7, 1993 at the Gazebo on the south side of the square in Snyder. The bride's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Phillip D. Ratliff of Bronte, formerly of Snyder. Parents of the groom are Dr. and Mrs. Sherman H. Merritt of Colorado City. The bride's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ezequiel Palma of Sweetwater and Mrs. Dixie Ratliff of Sweetwater.

Larry Fluit of the Lamar Street Church of Christ in Sweetwater officiated the double ring vows in front of the white gazebo that was draped with grapevine ivy and tied with large fuchsia and yellow bows. The center of the gazebo held a bouquet of tintz fuchsia, yellow and white rose buds with English ivy and baby's breath. Two white doves adorned in pearls nestled beneath greenery and a large fuchsia bow were hanging over the bridal couple. The doves symbolizing the Holy Spirit watching over and guiding the marriage of the couple. Two tall white wicker baskets set on either side of the center of the gazebo. They were filled with greenery, fuchsia and yellow roses, and tied with fuchsia bows. Two sections of white chairs forming an aisle were set up in half circles for the guests. The aisle chairs held fuchsia and yellow bows.

The acapella singers were Ross and D'Ann Preston and Arlie and Barbara Eicka all of Snyder. They sang "The Rose", "Friends", "Whither Thou Goest", "The Wedding Song", and "The Lord Bless You and Keep You".

Phillip Ratliff Jr., brother of the bride ushered the grandparents and the mothers.

The bride's father presented her in marriage as she wore an off-the-shoulder formal length gown of white satin, embellished with iridescent sequins and white pearls. The bodice was covered in appliques of venice lace with pearls and sequins. The sleeves were covered with lace, sequins, and pearls. Bows accented the sleeves and a large applique on the front. The train was a royal with cut out windows full of sequins. Bows along the train finished the windows with the look of love. The hemline was scalloped venice lace. The bride's headpiece was a scalloped tiara filled with pearls and rhinestones. In the center of the tiara was a cluster of dangling pearls. The back of the headpiece had a double roll pouf with two layers of netting cut just above the bow line of her gown.

She carried a cascading bouquet of a dozen rose buds with English ivy, baby's breath and pearls, entwined with fuchsia ribbon and gold pouf underlay with long streamers of iridescent lace,

pearls, fuchsia and yellow ribbon.

Something new was the bride's dress. Something borrowed was a string of pearls from the bride's aunt, Sandra Cupp of Garland, TX. Something blue was the bride's garter. Something old was a bracelet from her grandmother, Dixie Ratliff, and earrings from her grandmother, Angelita Palma.

Maid of honor was Leslie Melot of Lubbock, TX. Bridesmaids were Melissa Huddleston of Lubbock, TX, and Tobi Burt of Kilgore, TX. The attendants wore off-the-shoulder short fuchsia satin two piece dresses with large white satin collars and matching satin shoes. They wore tintz fuchsia and yellow rose buds with pearls in their hair. They each carried a round bouquet of tintz fuchsia, yellow and white rose buds with baby's breath and pearls with fuchsia ribbon entwined with English ivy. All bouquets and decorations were designed and made by Sallie Bailey of Snyder.

Bestman was Justin Derryberry of Lubbock, TX. Groomsmen were Phillip Ratliff, Jr., of Bronte, TX, and Coley Ramage of Colorado City, TX. All male attendants wore full dress tuxedos designed by Raffinati. The onyx tux was complete with fuchsia bow ties and cummerbunds. The groom wore a matching tuxedo to his attendants choosing a vest and fuchsia bow tie.

Guests registered at a round table covered with a white satin cloth with a crochet overlay. It held the wedding book, crystal and brass heart-pen holder and pen, and a brass candle holder, circled with matching flowers and crystal votive cup. Pictures of the bride in her gown sat on the table. Krystal Graham of Hermleigh, TX, registered the guests.

The reception was held at Reta's Cake Shop in the banquet room. The sixteen foot serpentine table was set in front of a natural color trellis, draped with white tulle and gold bows and centered with a large satin heart with lace, pearls and sequins appliques. The table was covered with a satin white skirt and lace overlay with pouf every 14 inches that held large gold bows.

The wedding cake was a five tiered assorted flavors of orange, spice, carrot and chocolate. The cake was frosted in a cream and butter frosting. The bottom two tiers



Mr. and Mrs. Merritt.

were separated from the next two tiers by three crystal champagne goblets. Fresh flowers were then cascaded between each layer. The top tier was uplifted by one goblet and complete with fresh flowers on top and between the cakes. The cake was designed by Reta Graham of Snyder.

The table was centered with the bride's bouquet that sat in a satin and lace bouquet holder with lace, pearls, and sequin appliques. Gold candle holders held white tapers. Fruit punch was served from a gold punch fountain. Nuts, mints, and trail mixes were served from gold dishes.

Their appointments were crystal and gold. Serving at the bride's table were Anita Parker of Slaton, TX, and Rhonda Saenz of Snyder, TX.

The groom's round table was covered with a white satin skirt with lace overlay and tied with gold bows. The groom's large strawberry sheetcake had his 1967 Camero drawn on it, designed by Sandra Hall of Snyder. Coffee was served from a gold coffee service. Nuts, mints, and gold almond kisses were served from crystal dishes. Gold candle holders held white tapers. Serving at the groom's table were JoAnne Tovar of Denver City, Lisa Rodriguez of Colorado City and LuLu Bryand of Snyder.

A large portrait of the bride in her gown sat between the two tables on an easel. A large fruit mound centered the buffet table. A variety of cheeses, vegetables with dip, fruit with dip, cheese logs, relish dishes, bread and crackers were served.

Guest tables were covered with white cloths and cen-

tered with tall goblets that held floating fuchsia carnations. The goblets were tied with fuchsia, yellow and gold bows with yellow rosebuds.

The gift table held a decorated rice basket that held their rose design rice bags.

Following their honeymoon trip to Ruidoso and Santa Fe, N. M., Mr. and Mrs. Merritt are home in Snyder. The bride is a 1990 graduate of Snyder High School and attends Western Texas College. She is currently employed at Dr. Sherman H. Merritt's office. The groom is a 1989 graduate of Snyder High School and a 1992 graduate of Western Texas College. He is employed at D & D Auto Supply.

The houseparty members were Reta Graham, Krystal Graham, Barbara Preston, Sallie Bailey and Carla Bradshaw.

A rehearsal dinner the night before the wedding was hosted by the groom's parents at the Golden Corral Restaurant.

Personal

Following the Robert Lee/Crawford football game in Brownwood last Friday, Nadine Davis of Abilene and Joan Davis of Robert Lee went on to Ft. Worth to spend the weekend. They were guests of Dubb and Billie Wallace. Saturday activities included a production of "Will Rogers Follies", starring Mac Davis, at the Will Rogers Theatre; dinner; and a little Christmas shopping.

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