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Christmas contest winners

Prizes and winners of the Bronte Merchants Contest are: Color T.V., the Wayne Rhodes family; microwave, Turner & Evie Lee; Windberg Print, Terry & Donna Poehls; stereo, Johnnie & Sid Eubanks; 26" bicycle, J.A. & Brenda Tidwell; girls bicycle, The Stover Taylor family; \$100.00 gasoline, Joe & Glenda Draper; card table & chairs, Jimmy & Carolyn Lee; \$100.00 gift certificate to Cumbie's Mercantile, Hazel Percifull; 5 gallon propane bottle, L. W. & Mary Duncan. Gift certificates were awarded to: Fran Pierce, Hurley's Pharmacy; Bill & Diane Luckett, Joni Lyn Spotsweat; Fred & Mary Dodson, Sublett's Antiques; Royce Fancher, Red Barn Bar-b-que; Ronda Briley, First National Bank, Bronte; Christine Clark, Evie's Beauty Den; Phillip & Martha Ratliff, S

Home Decorating Contest

Winners of the Bronte Home Decorating Contest are: 1st place, Ed Martindale; 2nd, Donald Bailey; 3rd (tie), Raymond Sanchez and Mary Jo Scott; 4th (tie), Ricky Royall, Keith McCutchen, James Tidwell; Honorable Mention, Ron Thorn, Johnnie Andrewson, J. L. Alexander, J. R. Mixson.

& S Printing; Gorman Walker, U. S. Post Office; Carl & Pauline Blair, El Ranchero; Dora Gallaway, Highway Garage; Ron & Beverly Sims, Louise's Beauty Shop; Jerry & Pam Parker, Bronte Enterprise; Jerry Davis, Margaret's Flowers; Bruce & Fran Sonnenberg, Glenn-Bivins Insurance; Sonny Hurley, Askins Propane; Jasque Herold, Cumbie's Mercantile; Frances Moore, Hall's Super Save; Mack & Gwen Baker, Hometown Hardware, Joe & Jerry McCutchen, Chevron Service Station.

Make tax payments in Bronte

A representative of the Coke County Tax Office will be in the 1st National Bank in Bronte accepting tax payments and issuing vehicle registration from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on Friday, December 31. Both County taxes and taxes due at the Appraisal Office will be accepted. Payments will be posted December 31st.

Please bring tax statements and self-addressed stamped envelopes so tax receipts can be mailed to you. This service is being provided by the Coke County Tax Office and the First National Bank of Bronte.

Happy Yuletide



Hear the sounds of Christmas: festive chimes, carolers' songs, laughter and words of good fellowship. The spirit of Christmas is welcomed once more! Merry Christmas to one and to all!

Post Offices Closed

The Robert Lee and Bronte post offices will close at noon on Friday, Dec. 24. Anyone with packages still at the post office at 11 am will be called and given the opportunity to pick them up before 12 noon. The retail windows will close at 11 am but post office personnel will hand you your packages.

The Robert Lee post office will close at noon on Friday, Dec. 31.

Tuesday Dance

The Coke County Cavaliers will provide C/W music for the Tuesday Special Dance on December 28, at 7:30 pm. Held the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Rec Hall in Robert Lee.

Dance Lessons

Square dance lessons will be given starting Thursday, January 6, 1994 from 7-9 p.m. in the Bronte School cafeteria. For more details call 473-3161 or 473-3811.

Courthouse Closed

The Coke County courthouse will be closed on Monday, January 3, 1994, in observance of the New Year's holiday. Business will resume on Tuesday, January 4.

WCCCD

The general meeting of the West Coke County Community Development will be held at the Robert Lee State Bank in the board room Monday, Jan. 3, 1994, at 7 pm.



This male mountain lion was killed on the Schuch Ranch in East Coke County by a deer hunter on December 18. Doyle D. Jones of Midland was watching a feeder from his blind when the big tom spooked two deer. The cat weighed 125 lbs. and measured 81 inches from nose to the tip of his tail.

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Obituaries

Shook

Mrs. Lillian Marion Shook, 73, of De Leon and formerly of Robert Lee, died December 18 in Abilene Medical Center.

Services were conducted at 2 pm Tuesday, Dec. 21, in the De Leon First Baptist Church with the Rev. Tom Satterwhite and Jackie Auvenshine officiating. Burial was in Victor Cemetery, directed by Nowlin Funeral Home.

She was born in Comanche County December 22, 1919. She was married to Alfred Lee Shook in Dumas August 28, 1950. Mrs. Shook was a homemaker and a member of the Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Shook resided in Robert Lee from 1969 - 1983 when they moved to De Leon.

Survivors include her husband, Alfred Lee Shook of De Leon; two sons, Tommy Ray Shook of Robert Lee and Jerry Steven Shook of De Leon; one daughter, Leona Marline Morris of Coppers Center, Alaska; one brother, Henry Ford Carr of De Leon; four sisters, Lera Doggett of Green Briar, Ark., Wanda LeMaster and Jean Landreth, both of De Leon, and Naomi Lance of Sun City, Calif.; and five grandchildren, Kevin Johnson of San Angelo, Amy Johnson and Rachel Shook, both of Robert Lee, and Josh, Robert and Clarence Morris, all of Coppers Center, Alaska.

Mrs. Shook was preceded in death by two brothers, Eugene Carr and James Carr.

Grant

Funeral services for Kasha Kate Grant, 1, daughter of Bill and Kathy Grant of O'Donnell

HAPPY HOLIDAY TO YOU

May this day be the merriest yet!
 Coke County Treasurer's Office
 Phelan & Sheryl

and granddaughter of Gina Grant of Bronte were held Saturday, Dec. 18, 1993 at First Baptist Church in O'Donnell. Burial was in Lamesa Memorial Park directed by White Funeral Home.

She was born November 28, 1992 in Lubbock.

Survivors include her parents, Bill and Kathy Grant of O'Donnell; a sister, Portia Grant of O'Donnell; paternal grandparents, Bill Grant of Abilene and Gina Grant of Bronte; paternal great-grandparents Virginia Mullins of Novice and Minnie Grant of Lawn.

Harkins

Linda Sue Gaines Harkins, 37, died Saturday, Dec. 11, 1993 in Phoenix, Arizona.

Graveside service was at 2 pm Saturday, Dec. 18, in Robert Lee Cemetery, directed by Shaffer Funeral Home.

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The Rev. Bill Frisbie was the officiant.

She was born August 30, 1956, in Throckmorton. The family spent several years in Robert Lee where she and her sister attended school. Previously living in Odessa, she had been a resident of Phoenix for six years. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Harkins was the daughter of the late Jasper and Lee Gaines.

Survivors include her grandmother, Lillie Gaines of Robert Lee; a son, Justin Harkins of Odessa; a sister, Joyce Allen of Allen; a nephew; a niece; and several aunts and uncles including Willie and Jessie Eads of Robert Lee; and a number of cousins.

Copeland

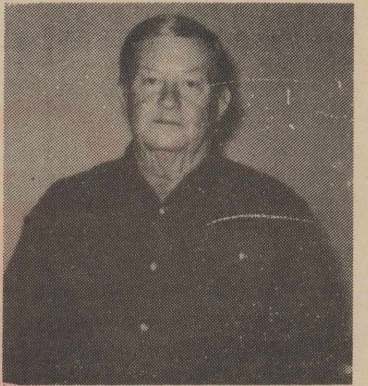
Robert Dale Copeland, 94, of Robert Lee and formerly of Coleman, died Sunday, Dec. 19, 1993, in West Coke County Nursing Home.

Service was held at 11 am Wednesday, Dec. 22, at the Stevens Funeral Home chapel with burial in Silver Valley Cemetery.

He was born January 21, 1899 in Coleman County. He was a veteran of World War I and a retired service station owner. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include two daughters, Dorothy Dale Mackey and Mildred Joyce Cary, both of San Angelo; a brother, A. W. Copeland, of Fort Worth; two sisters, Vonnie Stroud of Eugene, OR, and Barbara Taylor of Modesto, CA; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Reception honors Fields



Don Fields

A reception was held at the Coke County courthouse Tuesday morning honoring Don Fields on his retirement from the Agriculture Department of Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. A number of area producers and courthouse personnel attended to extend their congratulations and partake of the wide array of holiday foods. Among the guests were Tolbert Jaynes, district director, of Sweetwater and J. E. Quisenberry of Robert Lee, retired CED.

Don went to work for the service in January 1963 and worked part-time for the first 16 years. His retirement is effective at the end of the year. He observed that the office had gone from tablet and pencil to the computer age and instead of going into fields to measure acreage and survey, cameras and airplanes have taken over those tasks. He said that he has been in contact with some wonderful producers and friends over the years and in some cases, the office is dealing with third generation producers since he began work there.

He expects to continue ranching on a full time basis. Salt Creek Beefmasters is a member of Foundation Beef-

masters Association. He was born and raised in Coke County. His late father, Buster Fields, was a longtime foreman for the historic Sauls Ranch, now in the Lake E. V. Spence basin. His mother, Mrs. Zera Fields, still resides in Robert Lee.

Roping Club announces Drawing Winner

The Coke County Roping Club held their drawing for the .270 Winchester bolt action rifle, Monday, Dec. 20, 1993. The lucky winner was Larry McCraw of Abilene, Texas. The drawing was held to help defer expenses of the Roping Club's roping steers.

TO THE VOTERS OF COKE COUNTY PRECINCT 4:

I am announcing my candidacy for re-election as your commissioner.

I appreciate your support during my current term, and am asking you to re-elect me in the upcoming Democratic Primary Election.

James Tidwell

Pol. Adv. pd. for by James Tidwell, Rt. 1 Box 17 Bronte, TX 76933

THANKS!
 for clothing donations to benefit
MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME
 Donation boxes at Southside Church of Christ, Robert Lee
 Across from the Post Office
 Contact Benny Rogers 453-2779

MERRY CHRISTMAS And A Happy And Prosperous NEW YEAR From All Of Us At SUPER H

Dave Hughes
Betty Hughes
Michael Smith
Lee Clawson
Debbie Paul
Irma Torres
Jonathon Lovess
Sammy
Dont Hughes
Diane Hudry

Lions Donation

For the past several years the Bronte Evening Lions Club has delivered Christmas time "goodies" to several members of the community. This was done in order to let them know they are thought of and appreciated especially at this time of year.

This year the club decided to show our involvement in the community by donating \$300.00 to the Bronte Nursing Home. This money will be used to help fence an area that will provide the nursing home residents a safe and secure place to enjoy going out of doors.

Bronte Nursing Home

The Bronte Nursing Home's stocking stuffing project, in conjunction with the Salvation Army of San Angelo was a great success. The residents of BNH were able to stuff twenty stockings for needy children in the San Angelo area due to the wonderful generosity of BNH staff and citizens of Bronte. The stockings were filled with toys and candy for boys and girls between the ages of 3 and 8 years old. The special generosity of a few wonderful people who wished to remain anonymous allowed BNH to purchase toys to benefit a few children from here in Bronte also. The staff at Bronte Independent School District were kind enough to furnish BNH with the ages of children that needed a little extra help from Santa to brighten their Christmas this year.

Personal

Visiting Mrs. Daisy Sims on Saturday, Dec. 18 were her children, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Gann of Winters and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Shelburne and girls of San Angelo. They also attended the Scott-Sherwood Wedding.



Leslie Rolls, Lions Club Treasurer, presents a \$300.00 check to Bronte Nursing Home Director Pam Shaffer.

WTU teaches students to "Play It Safe Around Electricity"

An electrical safety program was presented to 4th grade students at Blackwell and Robert Lee Elementary School by West Texas Utilities Company representative Darolyn Moore. "Play It Safe Around Electricity" was the emphasis and title of WTU's Public Awareness program. Through video and other visuals, the students learned to

avoid flying kites or climbing trees near power lines, to stay away from electrical substations and downed lines, and to always observe overhead lines when working or playing.

Mrs. Moore also discussed the nature of electricity and what to do in case of accidents. WTU Area Manager Billy Kelly, was present at Robert Lee to meet the students and participated in the question and answer session following the program. Each student received a booklet of electrical safety tips and other materials to take home.

We Salute....

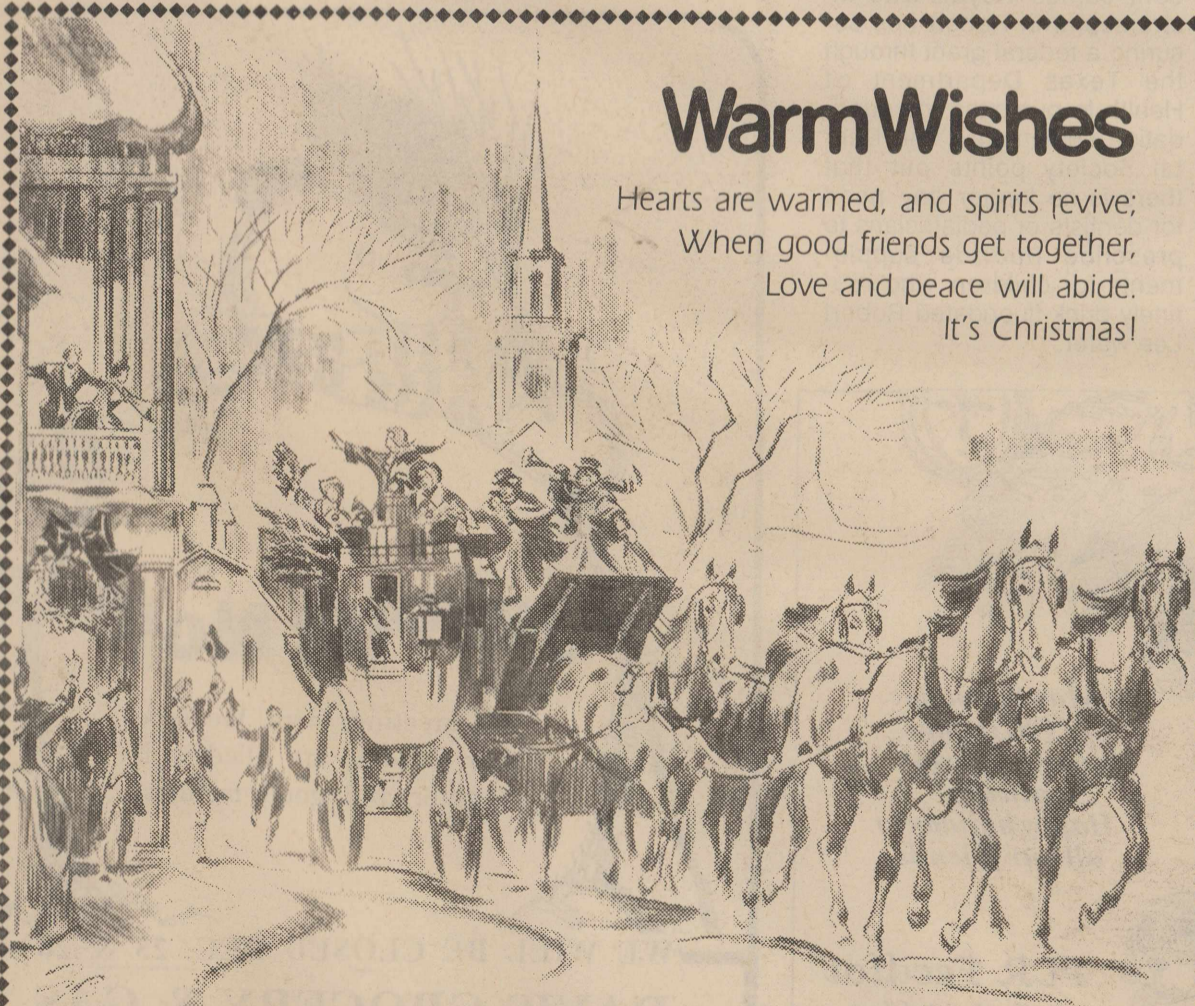
The "Pairs and Spares" class of the First Baptist Church, Bronte, for the dramatic nativity scene at the Bronte Mini-Park. Be sure and visit it at night!

Sponsored by: **Cumbie's Mercantile**
Downtown Bronte

Use your Visa card here... you could win \$1,000 for your holiday purchases! NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. Call 1-800-848-8477 for alternate entry information and how to receive complete official rules.

Warm Wishes

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When good friends get together,
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It's Christmas!



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Scott, Sherwood exchange wedding vows

Dorinda Lynn Scott and Richard Delane Sherwood were united in marriage at four o'clock in the afternoon on Saturday, December 18, 1993. The double ring ceremony was performed by John Driggers, Church of Christ minister.

Wedding music was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Thornton and soloist Melody Thornton.

Dorinda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Scott of Bronte. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Sowell of Bronte and Carolyn Macmanus of Mississippi, and the great-granddaughter of Daisy Sims of Bronte.

Richard is the son of Trudy Daniken and the late Louis Sherwood of Eagle Point, Oregon.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of enchanting white satin embellished with allover floral design. Handbeading accented the romanic scoop neckline and long sleeves and bodice of pearl-beaded soutache on lace. The basque waist descended to full satin skirt and chapel train trimmed with pearl beaded soutache.

Attending her sister as maid of honor was Darla Scott of Plainview. Bridesmaids were Kathy Wood of Lubbock,

Michelda Lenton of Portales, New Mexico, Misti Bedford of Denton, Michele Parker of Stephenville, all special friends of the bride. The bridal attendants wore burgandy velvet dresses with scalloped neckline, and carried a long stem rose dressed with teal ribbon. Flower girl was Rene Parkhurst of San Clemente, California, niece of the groom.

Serving as best man was Kevin House of Reno, Nevada. Groomsmen were Tom Davis of Jordan Valley, Oregon, Jeff Brown and Chris Gwin, both of Lubbock, Dustin Scott of Bronte, brother of the bride. Ring bearer was Jamie Parkhurst of San Clemente, California, nephew of the groom.

Ushers were Cody Anthony of Snyder and Dustin Scott.

Members of the houseparty were Anissa Gibbs, Kim Wyatt, both of San Angelo, Tina Hines of Stephenville, Jeanna Garvin of Abilene, Miranda Scott of Bronte. Sonja Garvin and Dee Garvin passed out

rice bags to the guests.

The reception followed in the church fellowship hall. The bride's table was a serpentine table and the bridal bouquet was used for the centerpiece which was made up of white roses, stephanotis and gardenias.

The groom's table was decorated with silver service and german chocolate cake filled with triple chocolate icing.

The bride is a 1989 graduate of Bronte High School and attended Lubbock Christian University and Texas Tech University. She is employed by NTS communication in Lubbock.

The groom is a 1984 graduate of Eagle Point High School in Eagle Point, Oregon. He received a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics from Oregon State University and a master's degree in agricultural economics from Texas Tech University. He is employed by First National Bank of West Texas in Lubbock.

The couple will live in Lubbock.



Mrs. Richard Delane Sherwood

RL adjusts fluoride levels

On December 20, Robert Lee joined with over 200 other cities in Texas that adjusted the level of naturally-occurring fluoride in their drinking water to the level that is ideal for prevention of tooth decay.

This is accomplished using special equipment designed to inject precisely controlled amounts of fluoride into the water supply near the point where it is chlorinated.

The ideal level of fluoride in drinking water is seven to eight tenths of one part per million, or slightly less than one gallon of fluoride in one million gallons of water.

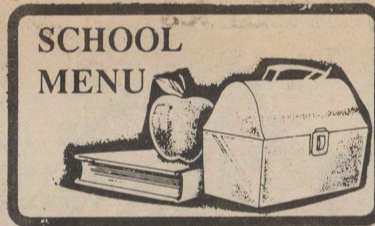
By comparison, this fluoride to water ratio is about the same one inch in sixteen miles, or one minute in two years!

Yet, according to the U. S. Surgeon General, the American and Texas Dental Associations, the Texas Department of Health, this tiny addition of fluoride to our water will have a major influence on our dental health.

The flouridation director of

the Flouridation Project for the Texas Department of Health, Don Crow D. D. S., stated that numerous carefully controlled scientific studies and over 40 years of nationwide community water fluoridation history demonstrate the benefits of fluoridation. He said that children who grow up drinking water which contains the ideal amount of fluoride have far fewer cavities than children with fluoride-deficient drinking water, and the teeth of adults who drink fluoridated water also become more decay resistant.

According to Mayor Jackie Walker, Water Superintendent James Royall was instrumental in Robert Lee securing a federal grant through the Texas Department of Health to purchase the fluoridation equipment. The Dental Society points out that there is no longer any need for dentists or pediatricians to prescribe fluoride supplements for children who routinely drink fluoridated Robert Lee water.



SCHOOL MENU

RL Lunch Menu
Monday, Jan. 2
 Holiday!
Tuesday, Jan. 3
 Corn Dogs w/mustard, Macaroni & Cheese, Blackeye Peas, Chocolate Cake w/icing, Milk
Wednesday, Jan. 4
 Tamale Pie, Ranch Beans, Salad, Applecrisp, Milk
Thursday, Jan. 5
 Chicken Nuggets w/gravy, Cream Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls - butter, Peach Slices, Milk
Friday, Jan. 6
 Barbecue Ribs, French Fries w/catsup, Sliced Pickles, Pineapple Tidbits, Milk

★
 Joy
 Love
 Faith
 Peace

May they be yours now
 and throughout the
 year.

Margaret Martin

*May the magic
 of Christmas
 stay with you
 always.
 Happy holiday to
 all our friends.*

PCR Feedlot
 Judy & Waldon
 Ashlee & Lance
 Millican

Personal
 On Wednesday, Dec. 15 there were nine residents, one volunteer and two staff members from the Bronte Nursing Home to take a trip to Sweetwater to see the Christmas lights. It was well worth the time it took. Everyone enjoyed the tour very much. The annual Christmas dinner and Christmas tree were held on Saturday night, Dec. 18. There were fifty family members to attend the party with their family residents.

**Merry
 Christmas**

May your holidays be bright, beautiful and bountiful. We thank you for your patronage.

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Jolly greetings to all! We hope your holidays are filled with laughter and good feelings.

WE WILL BE CLOSED DEC. 25 & 26

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 Robert Lee, Texas

Coke County natives win golf tourney

Four Coke County Rabbit Twisters went to play golf with the big boys and won! They won the Pepsi National PGA Pro-Am Championships, which was held at four golf courses from Dec. 8 - 12 in West Palm Beach, Florida.

The best ball tournament, which attracted teams from across the nation, was won by a Bentwood team headed up by Bentwood golf professional Jimmy Tidwell.

Medina Children's Home update

Donation boxes for Medina Children's Home, located on the back parking lot of Southside Church of Christ in Robert Lee, are still available for used clothing. Benny Rogers, who is coordinating this effort locally, reports that both boxes have been completely filled once, and that the contents have been picked up by a representative of Medina Home. Rogers says the response from the community has been excellent and the donation boxes will probably remain for some time.

Medina Children's Home sorts through donated items for possible use by residents of their facility. Items not needed there are sold by the pound to Texas Thrift Store in San Antonio -- these sales brought in over \$30,000 to help operate Medina Home in 1992. Anyone in the community with questions about this project may contact Benny Rogers at 453-2779.

Jimmy was raised in Bronte and is the son of Coke County Commissioner and Mrs. James Tidwell of Bronte. The team also included Ben Bessent, Wayne Coalson, and Mike Davis. Ben operates Ben Bessent Chevrolet in Robert Lee and is a Coke County native.

Wayne Coalson and his family reside Bronte where he is employed by Western Gas Resources. He is the son of the late Delbert Coalson and Charlotte Blackburn of Bronte.

Mike Davis was born and raised in Robert Lee and is the owner of a screen printing business, Your Ideas, in Abilene. He is the son of Joan Davis and Add Davis, both of Robert Lee.

The foursome made up a one-stroke deficit during the final round to win the tourney with a four-round total of 243.

The Bentwood team had rounds of 60, 60, 63, and 60 on four different courses - a consistency to which Tidwell attributed the victory.

"We didn't have the best round of the tournament, but we were the most consistent," said Tidwell. "There were teams that had 57's, 58's and 59's, but they would come back with a 65 or a 66 in another round. We just played consistent over all four days."

With the 243, the Bent-

wood team edged a team from Stonebridge Country Club from Chicago by one stroke.

In a story to warm the hearts of West Texans, the team showed up to tee off and the starter stopped them, saying Coalson couldn't play in jeans. Polite but firm, he said he hadn't seen anyone play in jeans before and Coalson allowed as how he hadn't been to Texas courses then. The golfer changed his clothes and the team began play and went on to win the tournament.

The group admitted they were awed by the course's facilities, the green beauty for the time of year, and the royal treatment they received. They stated that the courses were difficult, some in the top 10 in the nation, since the Senior Tour and other important tourneys are played there.

LOOK WHO'S NEW!

Jonathan G. Basquez

Joe and Anna Basquez of Austin, Texas are pleased to announce the birth of their son born Wednesday, Dec. 16, 1993 at 2:17 p.m. Jonathan Gilbert weighed 8 pounds 2 ounces and measured 20 inches long. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Mendez of Big Lake, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Basquez of Bronte, Texas.



Gen. Colen Powell (l) shakes hands with Spec E-4 Curtis Moore of Bronte.

Personal

Spec. E-4 Curtis Moore of Fort Drum, New York is home in Bronte to visit his parents Mr. and Mrs. Dean Moore and in the home of his wife's family, Johnnie Andrewson.

His wife, Ree, and daughter, Krista, have been in Bronte since Dec. 9 from Ft. Drum.

Ree and Krista haven't been home since Dec. 1992 and Curtis has not been home on leave for 2 years.

WISHING YOU A TREASURED SEASON

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HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Oh, The Sounds Of Christmas!

May the blessed voices of song and laughter echo through your hearts as we enter into this noteworthy season. This is a glorious time of year when feelings of brotherhood prevail and the spirit of peace on earth and harmony throughout the land prevails.

With a song in our hearts, we'd like to voice our expressions of good will and gratitude to our many fine customers and friends. Your kind support is always welcome and greatly appreciated.



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Jason Pierce
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Frank Sanders
SuJane Schoenfield
Beverly Sims



Relieving holiday stress

Holidays, although filled with joy, can be hectic, chaotic and stressful if families don't take the time to plan for them. According to Dr. Lillian Chenoweth, professor of family sciences at Texas Woman's University, one way to alleviate some holiday anxieties is planning -- no matter what the date.

"It's never too late to start planning," says Chenoweth.

Previous holiday pitfalls often can be avoided with pre-planning. A good way to start is by scheduling a family meeting where goals and timetables are discussed, she says. Decisions can be made based on the type of holiday events that are acceptable to everyone. For example: would it be better to plan a family vacation or to visit family members? Is Christmas caroling an option, or is there a favorite play for the family to attend? Family members may also choose to avoid commercialization and, instead, make gifts for loved ones or plan an outing where everyone can contribute to the shopping.

Fixed activities need to be considered when special events are planned -- for example, piano lessons that cannot be missed or company

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

During the past year and a half I have been a driver for the Bronte volunteer ambulance service. It's amazing to me how many drivers refuse to pull over to let an ambulance pass. The law is clear: Emergency vehicles have the right of way. Please consider the safety of the ambulance personnel, the patient being transferred and yourself. Pull over to the right and stop. The next ambulance could be carrying you or a member of your family.

Jim Badgett, Bronte

Personal

Justin Scott of Bronte, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Scott, returned home on Saturday, Dec. 11, from Cook's Children's Hospital in Fort Worth. He had undergone surgery on Monday, Dec. 6. He is enjoying his recovery at home.

parties that must be attended. "Many people overcommit for the holidays," says Chenoweth. They have to practice saying 'no'. People naturally want to do everything, but when they plan too much and experience extra stress, the events tend to become more of a chore than a celebration.

Chenoweth offers several suggestions to alleviate holiday stress:

*Special types of parties can help complete some holiday chores. Cookie exchange parties can help with baking needs. Guests are asked to bring large amounts of one kind of cookie, and those attending can then exchange cookies so that they have a variety to enjoy. Baking during the party can also add to the festivities.

*Parties scheduled close together (on consecutive nights) take less time since only one housecleaning session is necessary. Menu planning and grocery shopping can also be combined to save time.

*Activities as simple as getting the Christmas tree can become a problem when all aspects are not considered. People should look at options, such as having a tree shipped to the family every year, finding a Christmas tree farm that allows them to pick and chop down their own tree or visiting the corner tree lot.

*Gift giving is also a source of extra anxiety but, with a little planning and preparation, it can become a joyous occasion. Family gifts are always a possibility for large or hard-to-buy-for groups. Games such as croquet or "Pictionary" are good choices. Food items, such as a selection of cheeses or cookies, can be placed in holiday containers for the entire family to enjoy. Gift certificates can be purchased almost anywhere for meals or entertainment parks.

Holidays tend to prompt feelings of guilt when people do not have time for all of their plans. They often expect too much of themselves, Chenoweth explains. "We aren't florists or bakers or cake decorators, so we shouldn't try to be something we aren't the rest of the year," she says.

Bronte Nursing Home Resident Christmas Party

The Bronte Nursing Home residents' Christmas party was held on Saturday night, December 18th. They celebrated Christmas with a covered dish supper and Santa Claus.

The dining room was the setting for great food and fellowship. Families were with their loved ones and enjoyed Santa and opening presents. Santa's helpers were great grandchildren of several residents and children of the staff.

Along with the Christmas party, Jim Ed and Marifrances Mackey surprised J. B. and Georgia Mae Mackey with a 65th wedding anniversary party. The Mackeys were presented flower arrangements and gifts. Several members of the Mackey family were present. Fun was had by all.

Staff Christmas Party

On Friday, Dec. 17, 1993 at 7:00 p.m. the staff of Bronte Nursing Home celebrated Christmas with a catered supper provided by Southern Sea of San Angelo.

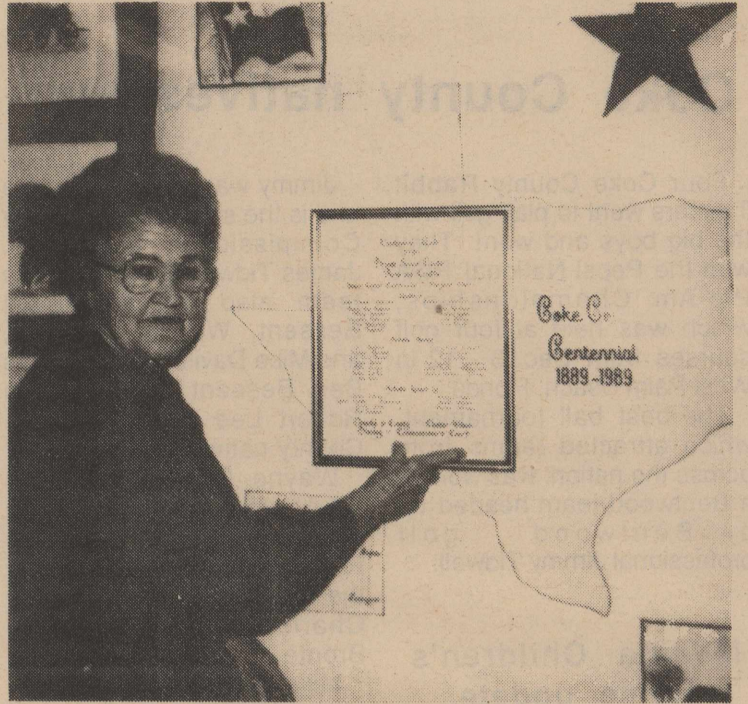
The program included introduction of Board of Directors, key staff members and consultants.

Employee of the Month was presented to Lydia Casares, Laundry supervisor.

Following a Trivia Quiz, and the Secret Santa gifts, Pam Shaffer, Administrator, presented Mary Jane Cooper with the Employee of the Year plaque. Mary Jane Cooper is the Food Service Supervisor and has worked for Bronte Nursing Home for four years.

Personal

Dick Skipworth is recuperating at his home in Robert Lee following recent open heart surgery. He has a history of heart problems and has had two pacemakers over the last 11 years. According to Mrs. Skipworth, he is making a good recovery and will be going to San Angelo regularly for rehab therapy.



Zada Denman of Bronte presents a plaque honoring all of those who contributed or participated in the 1989 Centennial Quilt project. The plaque notes in beautiful calligraphy script the names of all involved. The quilt originated with the Bronte Senior Center Arts and Crafts and hangs in the Coke County Commissioners' courtroom. It is a conversation piece to many of the visitors in the building.

May the blessings of Christmas be with you today and always.

George & Thelma Lomas

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

to the 49ers
and
to all our
family and
friends.

Les & Bonita Copeland

Joy and peace

Let us spread His message of peace and good will to all men.

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CHRISTMAS SALE

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30% Off Gift Shop Items

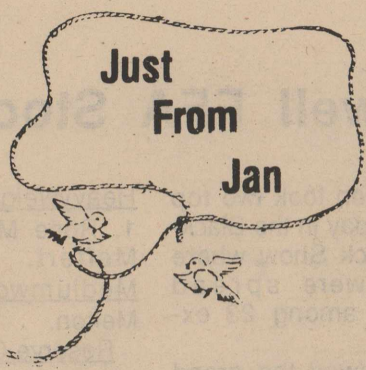
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416 COMMERCE - ROBERT LEE



by Jan Yanez
Coke County
Ext. Agent

Horns to preach in RL

Friends of Wes and Russ Horn, sons of Jerry and Mimzi Horn of Robert Lee, are invited to hear them preach the Sunday morning and Sunday evening sermons at the Southside Church of Christ on December 26. They will be preaching in place of Greg Fleming while the Fleming family is gone to Grand Junction, Colorado, to be with Cindy's parents during the holidays. Wes, a 1990 graduate of RLHS and currently a Sr. Liberal Arts major at Lubbock Christian University, will preach Sunday morning at 11:00 am. Russ a 1992 graduate of RLHS and now a Sophomore Math major at LCU will preach Sunday evening at 6:00 pm

Both Horn brothers are taking Bible courses as electives at LCU and plan to follow their undergraduate degrees with graduate degrees in Bible. Wes has also served as youth intern with Monterrey Church of Christ in Lubbock for the

past two summers, and had participated in a spring break campaign in Minnesota. Russ was a member of LCU's A Cappella Chorus last year, and traveled with that group to Hawaii in May. He worked as a counselor at Pine Springs Youth Camp in New Mexico this past summer.

As two members of LCU's eight member Christian Drama group, King's Heirs, Wes and Russ have had a part in presentations at a camp in Kansas and at youth rallies in Shawnee, Oklahoma and Ozona, Texas. King's Heirs has also performed at an inner-city mission seminar in Houston, Texas and at the Texas State Prison in Huntsville, Texas. King's Heirs will be in Robert Lee for a youth rally the first weekend in February.

I often quote myself. It adds spice to my conversation.
George Bernard Shaw

Enjoy the Holidays and eat too

Holidays are a time of year when the environment is often saturated with food. Events often center around food. For someone who is watching their calorie and fat consumption, it can be a difficult time. But it does not have to be.

Although holiday foods often include an abundance of high-fat choices, planning ahead for a healthy eating strategy can allow you to enjoy your holidays and eat too.

One of the most important ways to control food intake is preplanning. If a special food event is on the agenda, take this into consideration in planning other meals of the day. "Bank" some calories by eating light for other meals of the day.

If the event is a buffet, several strategies may work. Survey the buffet offerings. Decide to select only a few items, or fill your plate with mini-size portions only once. Walk away from the table and circulate. Standing, talking and eating near the serving table makes it too easy to lose track of what you are eating. If the lure of food is too great when it is nearby, find a place to settle that is some distance

Who of us is mature enough for offspring before the offspring themselves arrive? The value of marriage is not that adults produce children but that children produce adults.

Peter De Vries

from the table, so that it takes effort to grab another bite.

If a dinner party is being held at a later hour than your usual dinner hour, stave off hunger by eating a piece of fruit or something light at your normal eating time. This may help you avoid overeating at dinner or overindulging in hors d'oeuvres. If it seems that your host will be offended if you do not go for second servings, select second servings of the foods that are

'64 Study Club

The '64 Study Club of Robert Lee met at Coke County Recreational Hall on December 14 for its annual Christmas Dinner shared with husbands and guests. Twenty-four people enjoyed traditional turkey, dressing, and all the trimmings.

An interesting program was furnished by Bruce Deere, Coke County's Soil Conservation Service representative. His slide show of plants found on Coke County ranches astonished viewers because of their infinite variety and the beauty of wild flowers.

Those attending the dinner were: Winnie Pitcock, Club President; May Belle Stewart, Treasurer; Fay Roe; Opal Baker; Opal Jacoby; and Ettie Hubbard.

Couples attending were: Maxine and Perry Post; Linda Carole and Bruce Deere; Olene and Charlie Sims; Jo Ann and Robert Reese; Thelma Jo Hinnard and Loyd Sevier; Patti and Cumbie Ivey, Jr.; Leta and Carlton Caston and Reba and Jim Tabor.

lower in fat and calorie content.

If it is a potluck type of event, be sure that your contribution is a healthy one. If it's an event in a friend's home, call the host and offer to bring a low-fat menu item.

Office parties and the work situation may also be a source of extra food. If coworkers have holiday foods available and you want to enjoy but not overdo, make a contract with yourself only to eat at certain times of the day, or to only eat in designated places, not constantly in your office or at their desk.

If you are doing the entertaining, plan a menu that includes healthful choices. Your guests may be grateful.

And, to help burn up some of those extra calories that are impossible to resist, be sure to exercise. Taking a brisk walk or engaging in a light exercise session a few hours before the food event may help your resolve.

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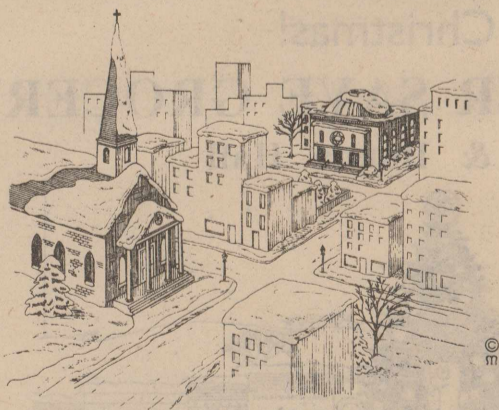
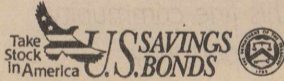
Commodity Recertification Butter & Cheese

Any resident of Coke County who thinks they may qualify for the Emergency Food Assistance Program should go by the Bronte or Robert Lee Senior Citizens Buildings from 8 am to 5 pm, Monday - Wednesday - Friday, Jan. 3-13, 1994, and make application. In Robert Lee, see Kelly Millican or Zola Hatley. In Bronte see Mary Percifull, Geneva Minnick, or Lois Wallace. Stover Taylor is also available in the courthouse. If you are handicapped, shut-in, or do not have transportation, arrangements will be made to help you by calling the following numbers: Bronte 473-6471; Robert Lee 453-2314 or 453-2922. If you do not speak English, a Spanish speaking person will be made available for you. If you are already receiving commodities, you must recertify if you want to receive commodities in 1994.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program was established by Public Law 98-8 and was amended by Public Law 98-92. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) administers the program on the federal level. The Department of Human Services Resources (DHR) administers the program in Texas. Through the Emergency Food Assistance Program, DHR provides needy people including low income and unemployed people with USDA food (commodities) to relieve situations of emergency stress.

If eligible and commodities are available, all people have the right to apply for and receive emergency food assistance without regard to race, religion, sex, political beliefs, age, national origin, or handicap. You also have the right to appeal the eligibility decision. All commodities are distributed on a first come - first serve basis.

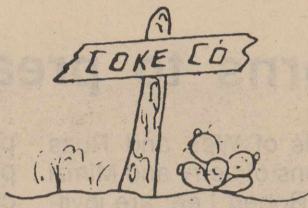
Why just give a present, when you can give a piece of the future.



Season's Greetings

Our thoughts, best wishes, and sincere thanks go to each and every one of our dear friends and neighbors.

West Coke County
Community Development



COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

by Tommy Antilley
Coke County Agent

Price Risk Management using Futures and Options

The financial rewards for making wise price risk management decisions are high, but perhaps more important, the consequences of ineffective marketing deci-

sions can be disastrous. A producer may not be able to control price, but can control how and when to price. Market information and price risk management tools can provide valuable assistance in the timing of pricing decisions and in marketing, production and financial planning. With potential for increased returns to improved marketing decisions, farmers and ranchers should consider more time and financial investment toward obtaining the analyzing short-term and long-term market trends.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service is offering an introductory level, Price Risk Management Workshop for grain, cotton and cattle producers. The 12-hour workshop will provide market updates as well as basic training in the various pricing alternatives available to farmers and ranchers with emphasis on the use of commodity futures and options.

The instructors will use regionalized data, and the participants will work through hedging examples to help them better understand the mechanics of pricing with futures and options.

This workshop will be held at Texas A & M University February 9-10, 1994. For more information and pre-registration contact the Coke County Extension office. Cost of the workshop will be \$75.00 (\$100.00 with spouse).

Br. Breakfast Menu Monday, Jan. 3

HOLIDAY

Tuesday, Jan. 4

Pancake & sausage, grape juice, milk.

Wednesday, Jan. 5

Scrambled eggs, apple juice, biscuit, milk.

Thursday, Jan. 6

Sausage, Orange juice, pancakes, milk.

Friday, Jan. 7

Cereal, diced pears, toast, milk.

Br. Lunch Menu Monday, Jan. 3

HOLIDAY

Tuesday, Jan. 4

Chicken fried steak w/gravy, creamed potatoes, rolls, fruit cup, milk.

Wednesday, Jan. 5

Tacos w/cheese, spanish rice, lettuce & tomatoes, taco shells, peanut butter bars, milk.

Thursday, Jan. 6

Pizza, buttered corn, tossed salad, pink panther cake, milk.

Friday, Jan. 7

Frito pie, chili & cheese, lettuce & tomatoes, ranch style beans, fritos, cornbread, juice bars, milk.

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Blackwell FFA Stock Show

Cyndi Carlton took two top awards Saturday in the Blackwell FFA Stock Show where the prizes were spread around well among 23 exhibitors.

Carlton showed the grand champion lamb, but captured the showmanship award in the swine division. Brett Cyfert of Sweetwater, who worked nine years in the Texas A & M Extension Service, was judge of the show.

Cattle

Heifers - 1. and Champion - Scott Hirtzel (only entry). **Steers** - 1. and Champion - Tracy Smedley, 2. and Reserve Champion - Brandon Boyd (only entries).

Lambs

Lightweight Finewool Lambs - 1. Shane Meffert; 2. Marc Sanderson; 3. Jesus Solis. **Middleweight Finewool Lambs** - 1. and 2. Brandye McCarty; 3. Billy Peacock. **Heavyweight Finewool Lambs** - 1. and 2. Darrell Sorrells; 3. Billy Peacock. **Champion Finewool Lamb** - Shane Meffert. **Reserve Champion Finewool Lamb** - Marc Sanderson (Finewool Cross). **Lightweight Finewool Cross Lamb** - 1. Jim Sutton; 2. LaTosha Roland. **Heavyweight Finewool Cross Lamb** - 1. Cyndi Carlton; 2. Marc Sanderson; 3. LaTosha Roland.

Champion Finewool Cross Lamb - Cyndi Carlton. **Reserve Champion Finewool Cross Lamb** - Marc Sanderson.

Lightweight Mediumwool - 1. and 2. Chayne Roland.

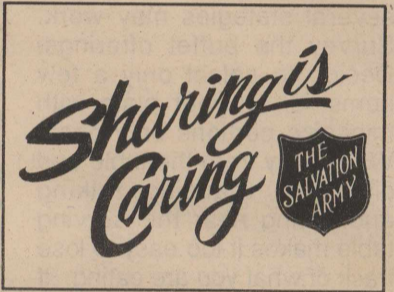
Heavyweight Mediumwool - 1. Rose Melton; 2. Shane Meffert. **Champion Mediumwool Lamb** - Rose Melton.

Reserve Champion Mediumwool - 2. Chayne Roland. **Grand Champion Lamb** - Cyndi Carlton; **Finewool Cross Reserve Grand Champion Lamb** - Rose Melton. **Lamb Showmanship** - Jim Sutton.

Swine

Prospects - 1. Shane Meffert; 2. Cyndi Carlton; 3. Shane Meffert. **Lightweight Hogs** - 1. Gayna Cantrell; 2. Kristy Love; 3. Robert Parson.

Heavy Lightweight Hogs - 1. Shane Meffert; 2. 2 also; 3. LaTosha Roland. **Middleweight Hogs** - Roseann Yarbrough; 2. Chayne Roland; 3. Shane Meffert. **Heavyweight Hogs** - 1. Jessica McIntire; 2. also; 3. Cyndi Carlton. **Grand Champion Hog** - Roseann Yarbrough. **Reserve Grand Champion Hog** - Shane Meffert. **Swine Showmanship** - Cyndi Carlton.



The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

(Philippians 4:7)

During this holy time, it is our wish for all mankind that peace prevail throughout the world and love and harmony bring us together in our hearts and spirits. We hope you enjoy a very special Christmastide, and accept our thanks for your kind support.

Tim & Pam
Millican
Scot, Heather, &
Matthew



Happy Holidays



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David & Alene
Joe & Dee Anna Harmon

RLHS Basketball

The Robert Lee Steers and Lady Steers traveled to Panther Creek Tuesday, Dec. 14. The **Varsity girls** defeated their opponent 46 to 26. Shalon Waldrop made a showing with 22 points. Jaclyn Waldrop put 8 points in hoop for the Lady Steers and Kizzie Howell had 5. Also scoring was Kim Carver with 4, Rachel Pentecost 3, Jennifer Scott 2 and Tiffany Bruning 2.

The **JV girls** team also beat Panther Creek 33 to 22. Kannan Millican was high scorer with 7 points. Close behind was Heather Nichols and Brandi Brosh who each had 6 points. Meagan Hill, Amanda Sanders and Cynthia Abalos all scored 4 points each. Sabrina Cowart scored 2 points for the team.

The **Varsity boys** kept up the pace for Robert Lee by defeating Panther Creek 86 to 41. Aaron Hood led the scoring with 17. Eric Hood followed with 14. Lee McCown put in 13 points while John Williams had 11, Jason Key 9, Joe Blair 8, Bart Goodman 7, Charles Hayes 4 and Jerrod Vincent 3.

The **JV boys** made the night complete by winning their game 42 to 27. Jerrod Copeland scored 8 points to lead the JV boys. Jason Wyatt and Anthony Wink each had 7 points. Keith Treadaway and Jerrod Pitcock each had 4 points. Freddy Wojtek scored 3 points as did Koby Howell. Each scoring 2 points for the JV boys was Donnie Edging, Kory Pitcock and Jason Tavaréz.



Personal

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Mixon on Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. David Mixon and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Mixon and children of Dimmitt; Mr. and Mrs. Terry Smotherman and children of Killeen and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Kirkland and children of Plainview. They attended the Scott-Sherwood wedding.

Personal

Visiting in the Roland Sowell home last weekend and attending the wedding of Dorinda Scott and Rick Sherwood, were their children and families, Mr. and Mrs. Dana Sowell and children of Buffalo Gap; Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Garvin, Jeanna, Sonja, and Dee Dee of Abilene and Rita and Joey Wilder of San Angelo.

Birthday Honorees

Two residents of Bronte Nursing Home were honored with a Birthday party Friday, December 10, at the Home. Edith Bryan and Esther Bradley were the honorees.

Hosting the party was the "Share and Grow" department of Bronte First United Methodist Church. Don Edmiaston provided music for the party.

Personal

Christine Clark of Bronte, a member of the Board of Directors of the Heart of Texas Baptist Encampment, was in Brownwood on Tuesday night, December 7. She attended the annual Banquet honoring all directors and friends of the camp. Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Barbee accompanied her to the event.

Personal

Bob Hatley from Goltry, OK, and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hatley from Enid, OK, visited in Robert Lee over the weekend with Zola Hatley.

Euterpean Club

The Euterpean Club of Blackwell held their December meeting the 16th in the lovely lake home of Sonny and Sue Sweet. The home was beautifully decorated in the Christmas motif and put the members in a fun and festive mood. A short business meeting was conducted by club president, Bobbie Varnadore. Noba Ware gave an interesting reading "A Cup of Tea". The program titled "Christmas Customs", was presented by Dona Sanderson. She was assisted by Myrle Thompson. It was informative and enjoyable. Laura Seale won the door prize. Hostess Sue Sweet and co-hostesses Myrle Thompson and Betty Cole served delicious Christmas treats.

Members attending were: Emma Lee Lanier, Elsie Harvell, Mary Lee, Juanita McRorey, Dona Sanderson, Laura Seale, Esther Smith, Gracie Spence, Margaret Stout, Sue Sweet, Myrle Thompson, Bobbie Varnadore, Noba Ware and Rosemary Ten Eyck.



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To Santa, With Love

**Kindergarten
Mrs. Bagwell's Class**
Dear Santa,
I left you some cookies on the table. Please leave me a race track.

Love,
John
(Griffin)

Dear Santa,
I want a new bear, a play table, a chalk board, and most of all a hamster.

Love,
Ashley Grim

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a baby doll, a Barbie, and a Barbie car.

Love,
Amanda
(Miller)

Dear Santa,
Please bring me Baby Alive and a Barbie swimming pool.

Love,
Kyla
(Millican)

Dear Santa,
I want a choo-choo train track.

Love,
Corey
(Keating)

Dear Santa,
I want a dump truck, a tractor, and a Barney toy.

(Christopher Kuhl)

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a cat and a Barbie and some skates.

Love,
Blanca Padron

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Baby Rock & Roll and a Barbie.

Love,
Amanda Miller

Dear Santa,

I want a Baby Wanta Talk. I want a Barbie swimming pool. I want some clothes.

Love,
Kyla Millican

Dear Santa,
I Love you Santa. Bring me a bike, please. That is all I want.

Love,
Heather Mitchel

Dear Santa,
Could I have a Robot? I want a dump truck.

Love,
Brandon Phillips

Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle with hand brakes and a sonic video game that you carry with you, and a dinosaur video game.

Mark
(Stephens)

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a play house, a toy cat and 3 real puppies.

Amanda
(Robinson)

Dear Santa,
I love Santa Claus. I want a football.

Love,
Jesse
(Eads)

Dear Santa,
I want a dinosaur, a game boy, and a Bart skate board. I love you, Santa.

Love,
Clay Antilley

Dear Santa,
I want a Baby Check-up and a Hollywood Hair Barbie.

Love,
Shawna
(Seals)

Dear Santa,
Please bring me "My Size" Barbie and a Barbie Fountain Pool.

Love,
Jennifer
(Smith)

Dear Santa,
I want a toy kitty cat and some dress-up clothes and a bike.

Love,
Oli
(Olivia Ybarra)

Dear Santa,
I want a little skate board. You are very kind to everybody. You are sweet.

Love,
Cody
(Martin)

Dear Santa,
I want a monster truck and a game boy and a trampoline. I am leaving cookies for you and some hay for Rudolph and the other deer.

Josh

Mrs. Payne's class

Dear Santa,
I want a tractor. I want a tent. I want a machine trencher because I don't have one. I want a Valentine heart. We live out

in the country in the sticks which will give you a hard time to find us. I want you to bring me a string of dolls and Santa Clauses, elves, erasers, and clowns, and igloos.

Love,
Clayton Austin

Dear Santa,
I will bring some feed for your reindeer. Will you bring me a football helmet? I want the suit, football shoes, and a football. I want a horn-like trumpet. I want a horse blanket and a saddle. That's all I want.

Love,
Lance Millican

Dear Santa,
I want a Baby Alive. Santa, please put it under my Christmas tree.

Love,
Cassidy Wink

Dear Santa,
I want a girl and boy Barbie. I want a Barbie car. I want a Newborn Baby Alive. That's all Santa.

Love,
Brittani Herring

Dear Santa,
Will you bring me a Baby Check-up? I want a play house. I also want some jewelry and make-up.

Love,
Rebecca Ann Rawlings

Dear Santa,
I want 2 dogs - little Pugs. I want a "Pooper Scooper". I want a new bike - a big one.

Will you bring me a big suitcase for Barbies? O yeah, a new swing set. I also want some skates.

Love,
Cara Eaton

Dear Santa,
I want a football. I want a car - not a big one - a little one. I want a watch. That's all.

Love,
John Eads

Dear Santa,
There is one thing that I want - a Totally Hair Barbie. I want that other Barbie that has the star and spray stuff. I do want another hamster cage. I want a new bicycle and I also want an aquarium with gold fish in it.

Love,
Tiffany Bagwell

Dear Santa,
Will you bring me a Nerf Off Arrow? I want the painting pin that you can plug in and paint on T.V. - kinda like the paint-

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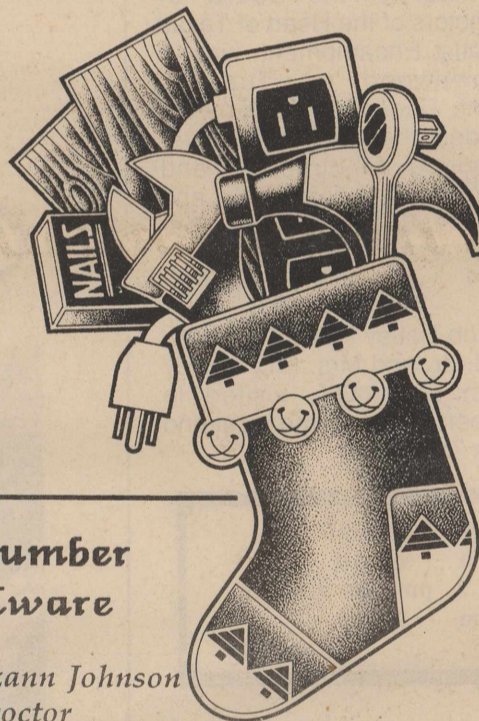
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Rhonda Hood
Judy Blair

To Santa, With Love

ing Mario. I want a remote control car. I want a Master Blaster. I want bow and arrows with suction cups.

Love,
Shannon Martin

Dear Santa,
I want some roller blades just like skates. I want a guitar. I can't remember what else I want.

Love,
Kyle Mayfield

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa - I want to see you - I want a big truck, a little car and a house and I love you so much. I like you Santa. I want some shirts and pants and some sweats.

Love,
Eric Ortega

Dear Santa,
I like the toys. I want a play refrigerator for my sister. I want a remote control helicopter. I like pocket knives.

Love,
Paden Wyatt

Dear Santa,
I want a doll. I don't need no clothes. I want some in-line skates. I think I want some shoes.

Love,
Vanessa Saucedo

Dear Santa,
If you can, can you brought a bike? Can you brought me a little Bible? I want to tell Santa I want to go see him but it's too cold.

Love,
Margarita Analy Gallegos
Dear Santa,
I want a Playful doll house and I want a troll and I want some new shoes. I want some new clothes.

Love,
Stephanie Trejo

Dear Santa,
I want a new bike and some new toys. And some crayons.

Love,
Jason Black

Dear Santa,
Can you bring me a Barbie Van that opens up into a Barbie House? There is a bear that if you rub his tummy with a heart it leaves a heart on its' tummy. Jake wants a Ken that looks very handsome - he's wearing black & white. I want 10 Barbie horses and 1 stallion. My little brother wants a little fire truck.

Love,
Janie Jo Whiteker

1st Grade Letters

Hi Santa,
I was wondering how your reindeer stay up in the sky? I would like a Barbie doll and a puzzle.

Love
Your friend,
Amy Bennett

Hi,
I like you. Will you bring me a Nintendo? That's all.

I love you,
Andy Mutkey

Dear Santa,
I would like a pair of pom-poms and a walking puppy. How does the rendeers fly?

Love,
Ashli Marie Seals

Dear Santa,
How are you? I like your elfs. For Christmas I would like a kitty surprize and Barbie folding funhouse.

Love,
Stacey Denton

Dear Santa,
I would like a My Size Barbie and the Pink Power car that is on TV.

I love you,
Felisha Clawson

Dear Santa,
I would like to know how your reindeer fly. Could you bring me a bike for Christmas?

Your friend,
Yolanda Olguin

Dear Santa,
I would like to know how your reindeer fly? For Christmas I would like a Barbie car, and a My Size Barbie. How do you make all those presnts?

Love,
Kelsey Torres

Dear Santa,
Do your reindeer really fly? For Christmas I'll leave you some cookies and milk. I would like a Baby giggles and go and a Baby needs me.

Your friend,
Michele Sanchez

Dear Santa,
I would like to know how your reindeer fly? I would like to have a doll that talks, and a puppy surprize. What do you feed your reindeer?

Your friend,
Julie Riley

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I am fine. For Christmas I would like a twin bed, and furniture.

Your friend,
Lindsey Roe

Dear Santa,
How can you bring all those toys in one sleigh? I would like a My Size Barbie. Also a bear with heart buttouns and a pink bow around its neck and wearing shoes. I'll leave you some cookies and milk.

I Love you,
Casey Carper

Dear Santa,
I would like to know how your raindeer fly? Could you please bring me an Easy Bake oven.

Your friend,
Kayli Dickey

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer doing? I would like a box of legos for Christmas. I would also like a playhouse.

Your friend,
Ruben Torres

Dear Santa,
How do you carry all your toys in one sled? Could you bring me a Ninja Turtle truck that shoots pizzas.

Your friend,
Jake McCabe

Dear Santa,
I would like to tell you that you are my best friend. Could you bring me a Creepy Crawler Bug Workshop.

Your friend,
Erik Lowery

Dear Santa,
I would like to know how you fly? I would like a Sonic Hedge Hog game for Christmas.

Your friend,
Ryan Paul

Dear Santa,
How have you been Santa? Could you please bring me game gear and a Game Boy?

Your friend,
Cisco Moreno

Dear Santa,
I would like to know how raindeer fly. Could you bring me some Legos and a set of walky-talky.

Love,
Collin Fleming

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Merry Christmas
Best wishes to you for a season of laughter, love, and lasting treasures.
Kenneth & Nancy Rasco

Happy Holidays

In the spirit of Yule, may you enjoy a healthy, happy and safe holiday.

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To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa,
I would like to know how your reindeer fly? I would also like for you to bring me a remote control car.

Your friend,
Omar Saucedo

Dear Santa,
Santa how does your rain deer fly? Will you please bring me an electric train set.

Your friend,
Abrahan Flores

2nd Grade Letters Mrs. Horn's class

Dear Santa,
Can you please bring me a good puppy dog?

And I hope you and your elves and Mrs. Santa Claus and also your reindeer are very happy together.

Love,
Monica Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I hope that this year you will come because I want a doll for Christmas and I hope that your reindeers are healthy to take you to the peoples houses then after you go to somebody's house you will zoom through the air.

Love,
Shalee Griffin

Dear Santa,
I want a pony for Christmas and I hope the elves are getting ready for Christmas and I hope you and Mrs. Claus are happy and we will save our pony because we will get it from you.

Love,
Kayla Eads

Dear Santa
All I want is love and peace in the world and I wish you a Merry Christmas.

Love,
Preston Francis

Dear Santa,
I will like a baby toy for Christmas and I Love you santa and I hope you have a good Christmas Mrs. Santa and I wish you a merry Christ-

mas and I Love you very much.

I Love you very much,
Angelica Navarra

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a very merry merry Christmas and this letter is to say what I want for Christmas and I want a bike.

Love,
Melissa Long

Dear Santa,
I hope you give me a Game Boy and I hope you give me a dog for my whole family and please give me a V.C.R. for my mom and dad.

Love,
Tress White

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a nice Christmas. Thank you for the present you gave me. I hope no elves get sick and I hope Mrs. Santa Claus does not get sick. I like one of you reindeer. I want My Size Bairbe. I wish you a Merry Christmas.

Love,
Jessica Fluhmann

Dear Santa,
I Love you. Know why? Because you give good boys and girls toys. And you work too hard. I want Love.

Love,
R.J. Service

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is a new bike and I hope your elves and your reindeer and you come on top of my house.

Love,
Brian Abalos

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is a V.C.R. for my mom and dad so they can give me a V.C.R. and put theirs in the living room. Dear Mrs. Claus I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Your friend,
Amber Perez

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a good Christmas and I hope I have a good Christmas too and I want a basketball puzzle and I saw one in Brownwood and I hope the elves make lots of toys for me and the other children want lots of toys too.

Love,
Tyler White

Dear Santa,
I hope you can give me a doll named Baby Giggles N Go and give my brother John a present too.

Love,
Jennifer Fluhmann

Dear Santa,
I like your Deer. I want some dresses. Santa Claus you are nice. Merry Christmas Ho Ho Ho Ho

Love,
Veronica Cerritos

Dear Santa Claus,
I Love you very much. Thank you very very much for the jacket that you gave me last year. This year I would like a 12 speeder if you can.

Love,
Monica Navarro

Dear Santa,
This year I want a Mighty Max.

Love,
Dalan Miller

Santa,
can you give me a Saga and some games with it? Thank you Santa. I hope you can get to me and the other children too.

Love,
Chris Carmichel

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want the video game Motal Combat and I wish you a Merry Cristmas.

Love,
Juan Galvan

Dear Santa Claua,
I what a baby doll from you and I want a basket ball from Mrs. Claus and I want some baby doll clothes.

And I like your reindeer.
I Love you Santa Claus

Love,
Shannon Raye Honse

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a rabbit, a red stuffed one. I like Santa Claus. Merry Christmas

Love,
Ana Laura Padron

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I want a six millimeter and shells for it. I hope that Rudolph can stay at my house two weeks.

Love,
Christopher Eubanks

3rd grade letters Mrs. McCown's class

Dear Santa,
I want to have a happy Christmas. I wish I had my own play helicopter that really flies. I want to have new skates and a new bike. I wish you would help my dad fix my playhouse, I wish I could really see you, Santa Claus. I am going to leave some cookies out and a glass of milk. Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus, I want you to have a great Christmas.

Your friend,
Christopher Clawson

Dear Santa:
How is the north pole? I would like a master blaster, Sega genesis, a snow storm!

Your friend,
Matthew Boone

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Magic and Merriment

Wishing you a memorable and merry Christmas. Thanks for the opportunity to know and serve you.

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Mike & Kathy Varnadore
& Betty



We're glad to say, now that the season is here, that to know and serve you has been a joy this past year. Have a wonderful day!

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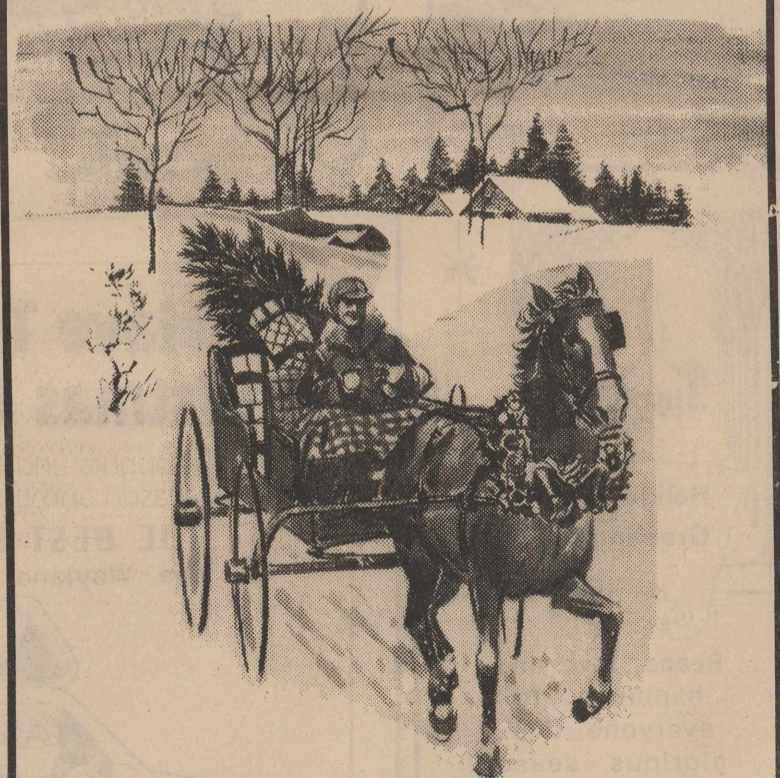
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To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa:
I want a key force and I want a remote controle race track. The last thing I want is a twentytwo. How is rodolph? if you want my adress it is Box 465. and my phone number is 453-4615.

Your friend,
Phillip Rangel

Dear Santa:
I would like a puppy and a little sister. I also want a Troll kid and a bicycle and a bigger room with a Barbie house inside would be nice. Last I want a doll that is 3 feet tall.

Your friend,
Becky Welch

Dear Santa:
How is Rudolph and Donner, Blitzen, Dasher, Vixen, Prancer, Comet, Dancer, Cupid? What I would like to have is a Walk and roll baby doll, a super nintendo, a big trampoline, and for my sister Amanda, a new doll and for my other sister Megan jumpin mokeys. But there is one more thing I would like to have, skates.

Your friend,
Amber Robinson

Dear Santa:
I want a TRANSFORMER Octopus Prime, a Vortron, a big radio with some speakers that come off and dual cassette. I also want a Slime-anator.

Your friend,
Adam Blake Caston

Dear Santa:
I want a batman, nintendo, six wheel remote control car, dinosaur to red ranger outlaw. How is rudolph, Blitzen, Vixn, Dasher, Comet, Prancer, Donner, Cupid, Dancer? You are my friend Santa. Do you want to come to my play?

Your friend,
Jake Whiteker

Dear Santa:
I would like a bike. Do your elfs make ropes? I will leave a glass of milk and cookies.

Your friend,
Cooper Riley

Dear Santa:
How is Mrs. Claus and Rudolph? For Christmas I would want Roller skates and a trampoline and two candy canes. Over the Holiday Im going to be in Lubbock over with my granparents.

Your friend,
Amber Kendall

Dear Santa:
I want some skates please. I would like to know how your raindeer are. Oh! Can I have a paint and dazzle Barbie? How are you Santa? How is Rudolph? See you later Santa. By raindeer! See you soon!

Your friend,
Amber Brosh

Dear Santa:
I would like to have a Game boy with a game with it and a c.d. player. How is Mrs. Clase and Rudolph, and Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Commet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen, and Vixen? I'm fine. How are you? I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Your friend,
Ashlee Millican

Dear Santa:
I don't want very much. All I want is a sega genesis, and a new bike, and a brand new pair of roller skates, and a horse, and the snardvark game. That is all I want.

Your friend,
Justin

Dear Santa:
Dear Santa, how are you? I only want 3 thangs. I would like a pellet gun and a pellet gun pistol. I would like a game-boy light and a game-boy game. I hope you have a happy Christmas. Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Travis Pitcock

Dear Santa:
I want a walkmen and a ring for Christmas. I also want a pair of skates, a new bike, a VCR, and a TV. I want a video camera, and a camera.

Your friend,
Cristina Saucedo

Mrs. Gibbs 3rd grade
Dear Santa,
I want a supersoaker 300 and a 22-250 rifle.

Your friend,
Jeffrey

Dear Santa,
I want a walkmen and a TV and puppy. I want a dress. I want a picture of the moon.

Love,
April Cowart

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is a New dog.

Your friend,
Sean Edging

Dear Santa,
I would like some American Girls cloths for my Samantha doll. I also would like a phone. I want a Talk-Boy too.

from,
Whitney Fleming

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a BB gun and a 22 shot gun. I want a pictures of all the reindeers. I think you like Rudolph's red nose. I think you like it at the north pole better. We all think Christmas is better then anything.

Your friend,
Moses Flores

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is a walkman and a Dallas cap with a shirt that matches the cap. Thank you.

Your friend,
Jaziel Gallegos

Dear Santa,
I wanta bike to rideto school. It needs to be a mountin bike with shocks. And a race track that runs on electric.

Your friend,
Jamie Hendrix

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the things you do. Will you please bring me a Michael Crawford tape and a Nat king Cole tape plus ballet lessons? Thank you

Love,
Kindra Johnson

Dear Santa,
I want a walk man and some wind suits and other clothes. I hope you have a pleasant trip and don't forget to bring my little brother something.


Your friend,
Kimberly

Dear Santa,
I want a walkman and an Aladdin movie and a trampoline. That what I want.

Love,
Christina

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Merry Christmas



May all good things come your way as you revel in the festivities of this special holiday. Thanks for your valued support!

Ettie Hubbard



It's Only Natural To Say
"Merry Christmas."

Especially when you're blessed with so many dear friends. Our thanks to one and all for making our year so bright.

**BRONTE NURSING HOME
RESIDENTS, STAFF, &
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Seated (l-r) J.B. and Georgia Mae Mackey (back row, l-r) Gladys Baker, Mamie Parker, and Ernestine Powell

SHANNON HEALTH NOTES

Food Safety

In the wake of the fast-food hamburger illness in several western states, the federal government stepped up food inspection actions to reduce such tragic consequences in the future. An industry group, the National Live Stock and Meat Board, has issued reminders about safe and proper handling of foods, including hamburgers. They include cooking beef burgers to at least medium doneness, with an internal temperature of 160 degrees farenheit, or until the center is light grey and the juices run clear.

The Live Stock and Meat Board says the bacteria involved in the fast-food illnesses is completely destroyed by thorough cooking. Do not eat raw ground beef. Never refreeze defrosted ground beef and cook ground beef as soon as possible after thawing. The reminders also include washing hands thoroughly with hot, soapy water before and after handling fresh meat, vegetables, and fruit, and avoid cross-contamination of raw foods with cooked foods. Another very simple reminder is to keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold, to minimize the opportunities for bacteria to grow.

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Lee Associates
Elaine Lee
Laura Crenshaw

To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa,
I would like a 22-230 and a new 18 speed. I would also like a walkman.

Your friend,
Stewart Millican

Dear Santa,
I want a new bicy for christmas I want some markers I want a new ball I want a remot conteroll car for christmas

Your friend,
Juan Olguin

Dear Santa,
I would like a bedroom suit and twin beds. I also want a Samantha doll. How are you Santa?

Love,
Shelby Roe

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I would like a computer, a Precious Moments doll, and a radio. Bring my sister a baby giggles and go. And please bring my parents something.

Thank you,
Love,
Nicole Sanchez

Howdy Saint Nick,
What's shaking?? (get it?) I hope you are staying well and warm this winter and that you're not frizzled and frazzled from all the holiday doings. All I want for Christmas is to have one chance to make a snowman, with real snow from the sky. O.K.? And please remember all the Bronte school kids. They are good kiddos.

Love always,
Millicent Morgenstern, 204 W. 1st #8, San Angelo P.S. Hopefully you have been good all year so the elves will make a present for you too.

Dear Santa,
How have you been this year? How are the elves and reindeer this year? Santa I am going to put cookies and milk on the fireplace this year. I want a 10 speed bike and a game boy to. And a football. I want a Emmitt Smith card and poster to. I want a remoet car with batteries. And a Nerf slingshot.

Love,
Garrett

Dear Santa,
How have the reindeer been doing Santa are you geting ready for Christmas and some milk and cookies we will leave them by the Christmas tree and I want a synthesizer drums and a trampoline and some games for my gameboy and i thank that will be all i need.

Love
Casey McKee

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa how have you been this year. How have your reindeer been Are they all rite and I hope you are I would like a mini motorcycle and a bell from your reindeer and a street fighter gijoe.

Love,
Roy Lee

Dear Santa,
How have you been! Are the reindeer and the elves ready for Christmas? I hope so because I'm very excited! This year I would like a bell off your sleigh? I would lik a reindeer hoon off the reindeer.

Love,
Sheena

Dear Santa,
How have you been? Are the reindeer and the elves ready for Christmas this year? I hope so because I'm very excited. This year I would like a 3 feet barbie doll for Christmas. I want a dog. I want a thing that makes hamburgers and I want one that makes driks.

Love,
Brittany

Dear Santa,
How have you been? Are the reindeer and the elves ready for Christmas this year? I hope so because I'm very excited! This year I would like to have lots of cars this year. My brothers want the same thing. I want Troy Aikman soot.

Love,
Jesse

Dear Santa,
How have you been? Are the reindeer and the elves ready for Christmas this year? I hope so because I'm very excited! This year I would like a Trampoline fof Christmas and a sagsis for Christmas. the game i want is a vidio game.

Love,
Josh

Dear Santa,
How have you been. Are the reindeer and the elves ready for Christmas this year? I hope so because I'm very excited! This year I would like a sega and a sega cd. I would like a mini bike.

Love,
Brandon

Dear Santa,
How have you been? Are the reindeer and elves ready for Christmas this year? i hope so because I'm very excited! This year I would like a baby doll and a set of the manger but make them big. I hope you fill my stocking. Thank you Santa Claus.

Love,
Jennifer. S.

Dear Santa,
How have you been? Are the reindeer and the elves ready for Christmas this year? I hope so because I'm very excited! This year I would like... A gameboy and a segagenesis a basck ball crot now I'm going to wish thefrth on I hope it works. Instedof cookies and milk how about a candy cane. Will some dr peper work. I wold like a bayanquil parrot please.

Love,
Tyson

Dear Santa,
I want a small radio and a Nintendo game and a bow and arrow set with sucktion cups on it. I would also like to get some new pots and pans for my mom. A new super NES for my big brother. A tricycle for my little brother. How are you doing, Mr. Claus? I would like a pet raindeer. I would like to get a new fishing rod for my dad.

Your friend,
Zachary White

Dear Santa,
I love Santa. I want a reindeer for Christmas. Get my little brother a reindeer for Christmas. I also want a boy dog for Christmas and some power wheels. Merry Christmas Santa! How are your reindeer doing? Can you please get me some goldfish? Thank you Santa!

Sincerely,
Desiree

Dear Santa,
I want a new guitar for his dad, I want my mom to have a beach ball. I want sister to have a holly hair barby doll, and I want a rope for myself, Santa how is Roudalph and how are you and Mrs. Claus. How are the elves and how are the other reindeer. I hope you, have lots of letters and have a good Christmas.


Your friend
Jaylon Saunders

Dear Santa,
I would like a new bike, barbie doll, and a new jacket. I would also like a new teddy bear, a Giant Barne, a new baby, a new dress and new Barne shoes, new roller skates, an extremely big bird. A Barbie costume, Ice skates, new barbie T-shirt, and for my baby sister Jessica get her some barbie shoes, and a new kitten for me and a doggy surprise, and that's all.

Love,
Linsey Matthews

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To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa,
Joel would like a Super Nintendo set. I want to know how you are doing. How are your reindeer doing? I am doing just fine. I would also like a new doll with blonde hair and blue eyes. I also want the movie, Aladdin and Snow White. I really like you, are you cold?

Sincerely
Cheyenne Webb

Dear Santa,
I want a Stampede barbie doll. I want to get my mom a new jewelry box and I want one to. I want to get a pair of pants for my dad and Tessie. I want to get Arless a cowboy shirt and a jacket. Another thing I want is a Nintendo and a troll barbie. I want to say Hi to Mr and Mrs Claus. Be sure to give Rudolph and the other reindeer lots of hay. I also want a power wheel barbie car, a sparkle barbie doll. I want to get my papa a new cowboy hat. I want to get my teacher Mrs White some new boots and a new ring.

Sincerely,
Lillian McMullan

Dear Santa,
Please give me skates, a tent, a radio, and a rabbit. Rudolph is my favorite reindeer I like his red nose. How are you and your family doing? When you come I have cookies and milk for you. Santa Clause please get my sister some skates. Thanks.

Love,
Christan Kelly

Dear Santa,
How have you been? Are the reindeer for Christmas this year? I hope so because I'm very excited. This year I would like a real dog and a real cat and a trampoline.

Love,
Kendra

Dear Santa,
How have you been? Are the reindeer and leves ready for Christmas this year? This is what I want. I want a game boy. and a ten speed bike. And a Nintendo game.

Love,
Joseph

Dear Santa,
How have you been? Are the reindeer and the elves ready for Christmas this year? I hope so because I'm very excited. This year I would like a ten speed. So I can have a big bike like my friends and a new barbie doll. I will leave you some cookies and I want a new bedsprad. And a minicar. And I want the movie the muppet Christmas carols and Aladdin the movie and a dictionary. and a babby doll. and some dog and horse folders. And some cat ones to. I cannot wait until you see are lights on are houes. And are tree to. We have pretty light's on are tree to. And lot's of presents. My dog even has a present. And I want I new radio.

Love,
Ashley Torres



Kindergarten
The 6th Grade wrote letters for the Kindergarteners.

Dear Santa,
I want to get my brother a batmobile. I want a toy car, I want Jurassic park diosuer, a Jurassic park game, I want to get my mom a necklace, I want to get my dad a belt. Santa how are you doing, and your raindeers. I really like you. I want to get my cousin John a big gun.

Sincerely,
Curtis Moore

Dear Santa,
I want a big ninja turtle, I also want a bow and an flag for my mom. I want to get my dog a squeaky toy and a little ball. How are you doing, Santa. I like you so much I'd like a toy that looks like you. I want to get my dad a dog bone and some little toys. I'd also like a little bear. My dad needs a saw. I would like a treehouse. I want to get you a new bag for toys. I also want a new lightbulb for Rudolph's nose. I want a bird too.

Your friend,
Jamie Vivan

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Back Row (l-r), Ronda Briley, Wanda Gibbs, Christine Corley, Shirley Denton, Sue Caudle, Front Row (l-r), Joyce Broadstreet, Pam Randazzo, Lucretia Arrott, Dana Robinson

Happy Holidays

Abundant and beautiful good wishes for the merriest of holidays to all our good friends and patrons.

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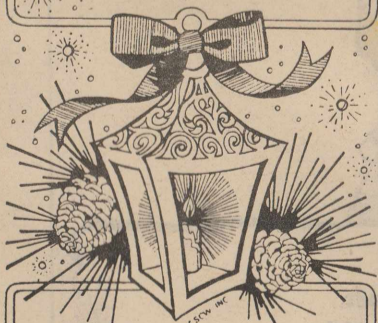
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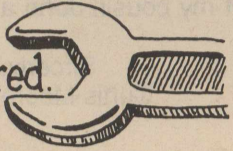
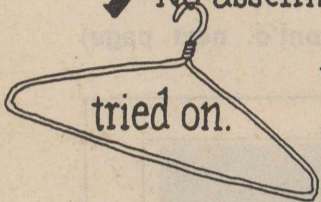





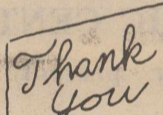




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Tips for Dashing Dinners During the Ho-Ho-Holidays

Amidst the holiday hustle and bustle it's a wonder how Santa can travel the world in an evening when many people can't even find time to cook a week-night dinner. While most of us don't have an army of elves to help in the kitchen, there are many practical shortcuts busy cooks can follow to get dinner on the table and still keep up with the frantic holiday pace.

"When all my efforts are focused on whipping up special treats for holiday parties, I have no energy left to cook dinner," says Michele Urvater, professional chef and author of *The Monday To Friday Cookbook*. "But, a little planning and prioritizing means you won't have to resort to leftover fruitcake or sugar cookies when the hurry-up habits of the holidays overcome your dinner hour."

Urvater suggests some simple resolutions that will help even the busiest cooks beat the bah humbug blues.

Save your cooking energy for special occasions. "Too much time in the kitchen can turn anyone into a scrooge. Plan easy-to-prepare dinners on those nights you are cooking ahead for an upcoming holiday event," says Urvater. "When I'm pressed for time, products such as Birds Eye® Easy Recipe™ For Chicken or Beef help me get a tasty meal on the table quickly. All I do is brown fresh chicken or beef, add the Birds Eye combination of vegetables and sauce, and dinner is ready in 15 minutes."

Make a list and check it twice. "The holidays don't have to mean endless last-minute trips to the grocery store for that missing ingredient. To save time when preparing week-night meals and when entertaining,

shop smart and keep the pantry well-stocked. Look at the recipes you'll be preparing in the weeks ahead and make a list of ingredients you'll need to have on hand. You may also want to buy some out-of-the-ordinary foods such as special breads, meats and cheeses to create a festive mealtime atmosphere with no work on your part."

Dashing through the snow? During the holidays it seems like we are always racing to get somewhere — whether it's a trip to the mall, school pageant or one of the many gatherings with friends and family. According to Urvater, one of the best ways to stay organized is to keep a family activity and meal calendar. "On weekends, I check the schedule for events in the week ahead, then plan my meals and shop accordingly."

Recruit your elves! "Enlist the kids to help prepare meals and holiday goodies," says Urvater. "This is not only a great way to save time — it's also an opportunity to establish some special family traditions. Divvy up some of the not-so-fun kitchen tasks such as cleaning and setting the table so you'll have more time to celebrate!"

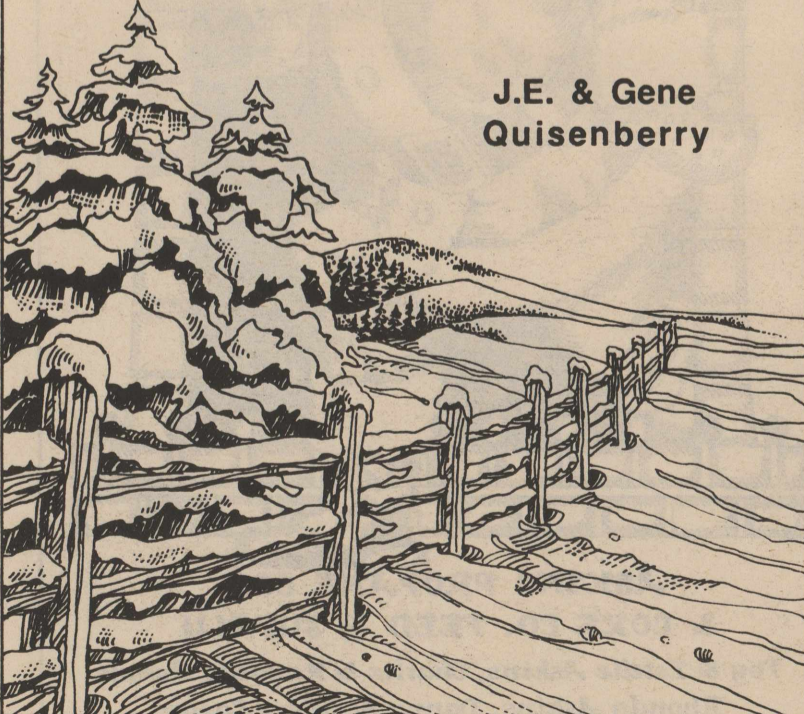
Cooks looking for ways to streamline their kitchen chores, both during the holidays and after, can turn to a new free booklet from Birds Eye. The booklet includes coupons, time-saving advice from Michele Urvater, plus cooking and clean-up tips from people across the country.

For a free booklet, write to: Birds Eye® "Recipes For Easy Living," 211 East Ontario Street, Suite 1300, Chicago, IL 60611. Please include a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope. Limit one booklet per household, while quantities last.

Peace On Earth

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Dear Santa,
I would like to have a big nija turtale, my dog a big dog, my brother a turtel van, and the nintendo's turtle game. I would like a new saddle, a real dog, my dad would want a new dog dish, I would asole want a new Troll watch, and my cousints a new watch, my mom would like a new com-poter I would asole want a new doll house, my mom asole wants a cat, I would like you to get a new sack to carry your toys in, I would asole like the tape Aladdin I would asole like a Christmas tape.

sircerly,
Bailey Sauners

Dear Santa,
I want a crimp-in-curl doll, a nintendo, a horse, a barbie doll, my moma dress, tell Mrs. Claus and Mr. Claus hi, sister Jennifer a play baby crib, sister Crissy some pants, my day a key chain, Be sure to feed the reindeer a lot of hay. My brother Jarrod a real car, and Santa Claus a new sleigh. Mrs. Claus a brand new necklace. Rudolph a bell necklace that will go around his neck. All the reindeer bells. Mrs. White a shiny ring. Rudy a beautiful keychain. Santa Claus is the best.

Your friend,
Kayla

Dear Santa,
Please send me a pair of roller skates, and a new pair of shoes, and a reath for my bedroom door, also send me a new radio and a television, also please send me a baby walker, and a Kitty surprize. I hope you send me a coat, and a new Barbie bike without training wheels. However, I would like a pair of pink mittens, and a new set of markers. I also need a new lunchbox.

Your Friend,
Jessica

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? For Christmas I want a pony and so does my sister. How are you doing Santa? I want a fish for Christmas too. Can you bring my brother a rifle. My mom might want some jewelry. I want a Nintendo too. My dad wants a watch.

Thank you
Jordon Champion
Dear Santa,

I would like some Jeeps and a horse. Ariel would like candy and I want a basketball goal. Santa how are your reindeer doing. Santa how are you doing to. Kanah would like a barbe doll. Santa how are the elf doing. My mom would like pots and my Dad would like a new rope.

Riley Coalson

Dear Santa,
Will santa will bring my little brother a truck, toy box, a hat, and a bed that folds. If I saw Santa's Reindeer fly over the moon! I want to know how you're doing.

Your friend,
Sarah, Basquez

Dear Santa,
I would really like a new bike. I also want a new puppy too! I also want a new pony. My sister would like a new barbie doll, Santa how are you doing at home. I want a hamster for my sister and I. I also want a new motorcycle. Santa I hope you have a safe trip.

Your friend,
Shayla

First Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a bike. I want some markers. I want a crayola. I want an orange crayola. I would like some yellow crayolas. Merry Christmas!

Love,
Romana Hoover

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolf the Reindeer? I am in first grade this year. I live in Bronte. I like first grade. Would you please bring me a bike, a helmet, and a bat. I don't want you to fall off your sled. Santa, please don't get cold. I will leave you a cookie.

Your friend,
Salvador Sanchez

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolf? I am six years old. Would you please give me a Sega, a poster an animal book and a rabbit? Please don't get cold.

Love,
Nicholas Flores

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? I am in first grade. Thank you for the toys. Please bring me a hamster and a cat. I hope you don't get cold.

Your friend,
Ashley Wilcox

Dear Santa,
We have seen your cartoon movies. Please, would you bring me a robot, a Sega Genesis and a game. You are nice.

Your friend,
Stephen Tomes

Dear Santa,
How are you and your elves? I would like a pair of bell ear rings. I hope you have a merry Christmas.

Love,
Victoria Ridgway

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolf? I am learning to read. Would you please bring me a ray gun, a horse, and a gold fish? Don't get cold, Santa. I like you Santa.

Your friend,
Cody Moore

Dear Santa,
How are you today? I am six. I'm in first grade. Thank you for the presents last year. Santa, would you please bring me a Barbie Corvette, a three feet Barbie, skates and money--5 dollars? I hope you don't get cold.

Love,
Ashley McCutchen

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? I am learning to read. Thank you for the toys you brought me last year. Would you please give me some skates, a bike, a Barbie car, a baby that goes to the bathroom and a toy rabbit?

Your friend,
Ryan Martinez

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolf? I am a good girl. Would you please bring me a Barbie?


Your friend,
Vanessa Lange

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolf the Red-nosed Reindeer? I am in first grade. Would you please bring a Barbie Corvette, skates, a three feet Barbie, and roller blades? Thank you for the presents this year. I hope you don't get cold.


Your friend,
Ashleigh Kelly

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Merry Christmas & Warmest Wishes for a Happy New Year!



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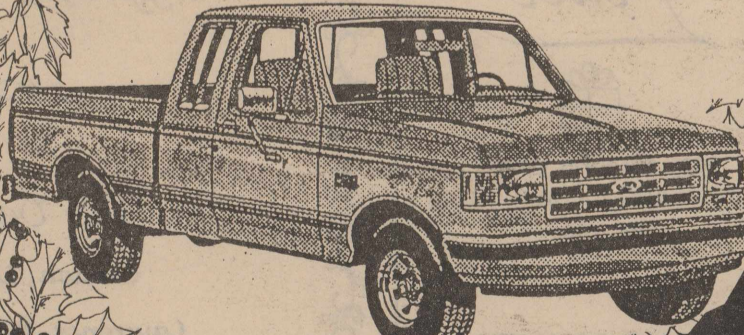
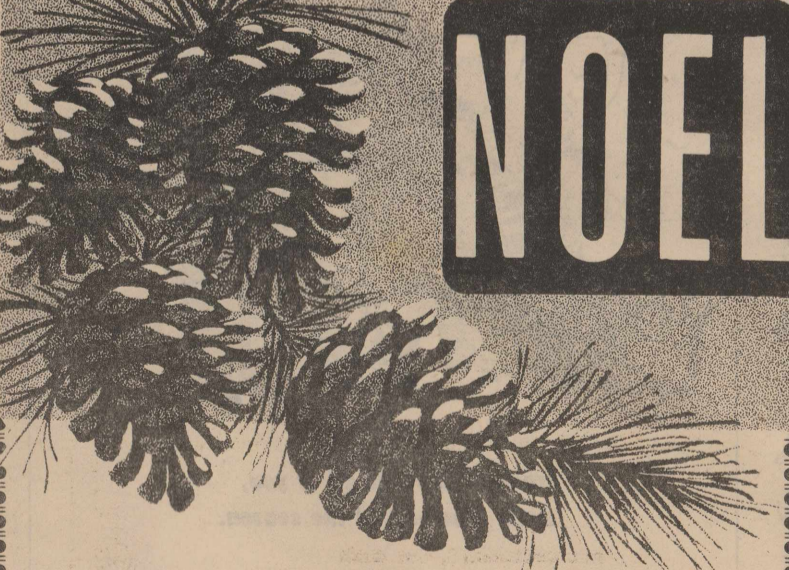


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Greetings

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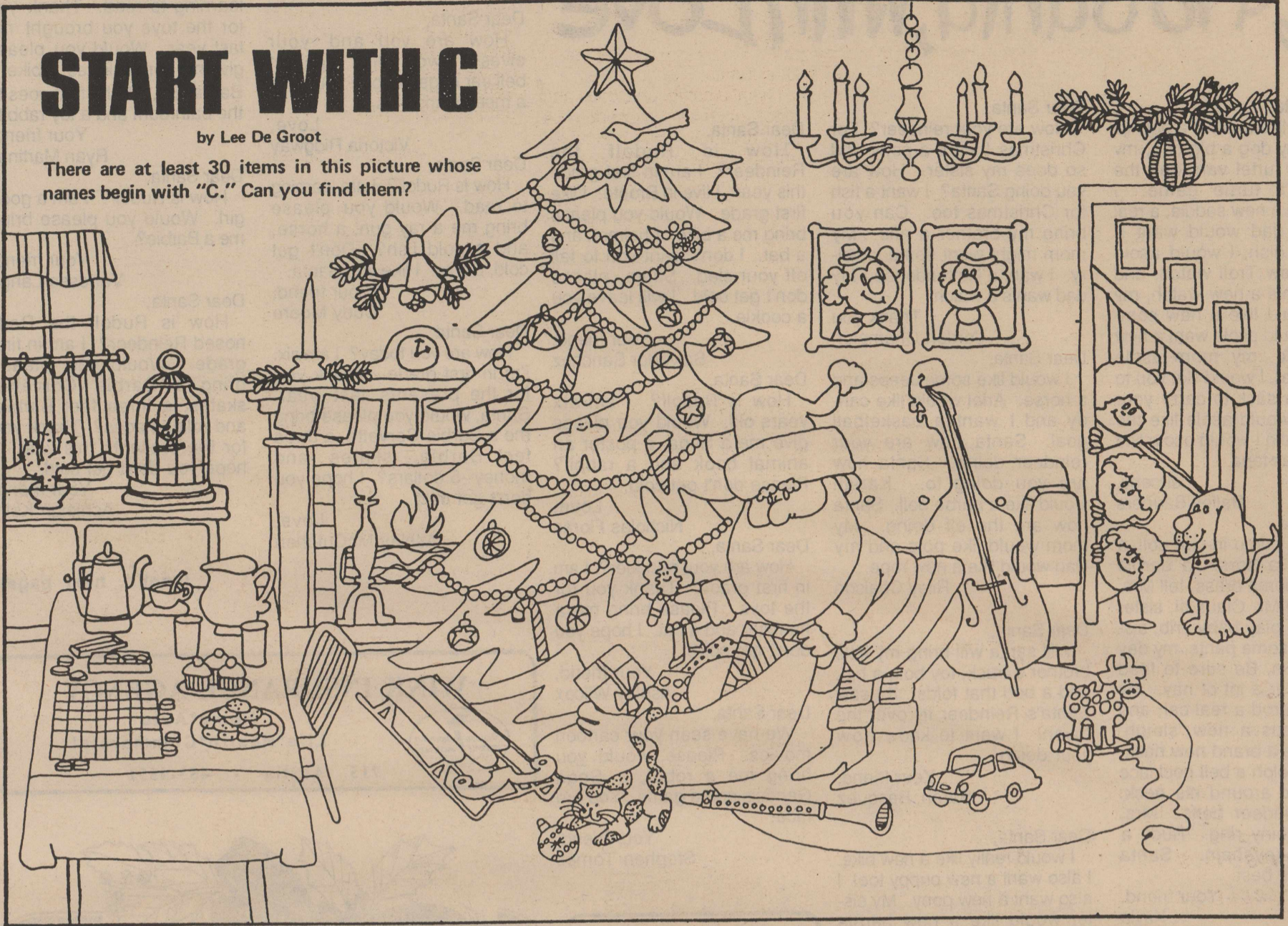
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START WITH C

by Lee De Groot

There are at least 30 items in this picture whose names begin with "C." Can you find them?



Hope...the best Christmas Present of all



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To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa,
How are Dasher and Vixen? I like you. I liked your presents last year. Would you please bring me a BB gun and a little motorcycle? I will leave some cookies and milk.

Love,
Jeff Jones

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am six years old now. Would you please bring me a Barbie doll that is a Troll doll, a brand new play horse that is named Jo, and a skateboard? Don't crash on a roof.

Your friend,
Callie Jo. Johnson

Dear Santa,
How is Prancer? I know how to read. Would you please bring me a Nintendo game and a skateboard? I'll leave you a new reindeer.

Your friend,
Jesse Herold

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolf? I am six and nearly seven. Thank you for the presents last year. Please bring a Sega, a watch with a game on it and a new bike? I hope you don't get cold.

Your friend,
Blaine Dyess

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? I am a good girl. Would you please bring me a Barbie car, a nice brother, a nice cousin named Rudy, and a nice sister? I hope you don't get cold. I like Santa a lot.

Your friend,
Monica DeLaGarza

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? I have worked hard. Thanks for the toys. I know how to read. Would you bring me a pig, a new hamster, a dog, and a cat? I hope you don't fall off the sleigh. I love you, Santa!

Your friend,
Christy Casares

Dear Santa,
I want a cat for christmas and a boll for christmas i want a doll for christmas i want a tv for christmas and a teddybear for christmas.

Love,
Salena Soto

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? I am fine. How is all your reindeers? I want lots of great championing horses. I want 11 of them. I want a giant candy cane. Also a jingle bell and a reindeer that sings. A play cat and a dress for my baby doll and a horse ament woubl beniwl a big play horse and a diary and a folder.

Natalee Reed

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a baribe and a hose and baby bop.

loveSalnea,
Gracie Garcia

Dear Santa,
How has your family been doing? I hope they have been doing fine. Santa I want two different kinds of horse sets and a crimp n curl pony and I want a bell on one of Santa's raindeer and I want a barbie doll and with that Barbie I want a horse.

Love,
Britney McCutchen

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a doll also a teddy bear and a play pony. Barbee doll I want a toy sant.

Your friend,
Kannah Coalson

Dear Santa,
Say hiy to Miss Claus! I would like to have a teddy, and a skate board.

Love,
Cody Lee

Dear Santa,
I want a batman Please can I get a radio. Bring me a game. I want a mointro car. Can I see Rudolph this red nose reindeer I want Jurassic Park toys. I want a bell. I want a cremismstree.

Michael

Dear Santa,
I want a fancy radeo and a gameboy with ten games and a deer rifol

Love,
Tyler

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GREETINGS

Christmas is time for thanks-giving, love, and remembering. We hold dear the true blessings of Christmas and the Holiday Season. We know the birth of Christ and a New Year means sacred and special things to all of us.

Herein expressed is our appreciation for the past and best wishes for the Holiday Season and New Year.



The County Judge's Office
Royce & Betty Lee
Janet & Bobby Baker

Season's Greetings

May your holiday season be filled with the light of joy and peace.



Jr. & Mary Prine

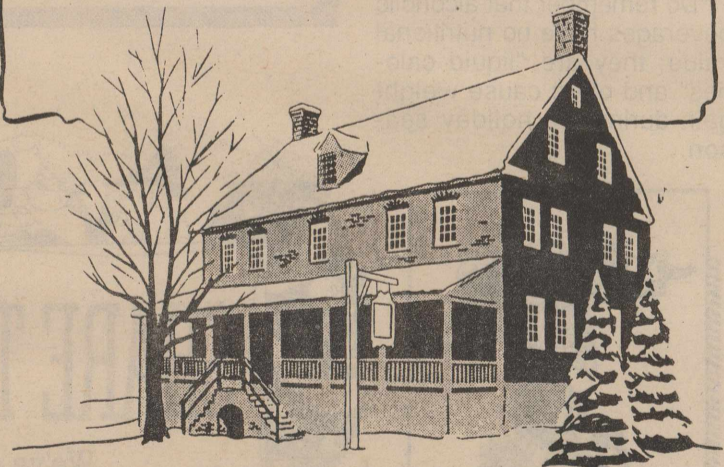
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Like the Wise Men of old, let us worship the new-born Prince of Peace — may He bless you and yours.

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To Eat or Not to Eat? ...That Is the Holiday Season Dilemma

Christmas, New Year's, Office parties, Family gatherings...While the holidays brings pleasure to the soul, the season also brings 6 to 7 extra pounds of weight to each person who faces plate after plate of rich desserts, delicious feasts and special alcoholic concoctions. However, most people can run the gauntlet of traditional foods and drink without gaining additional weight if they follow some common-sense rules for eating, says Dr. Betty Alford, professor of nutrition and food sciences at Texas Woman's University.

"No one single food is good or bad -- it's food *habits* that are good and bad," explains Alford, who has many tips for holiday eating.

*Don't begin a new diet (except for medical reasons); try to maintain your weight.

*Don't deprive yourself before a party or arrive hungry. Before you go, drink a half a cup of skim milk or eat a few crackers or some fresh fruit to stem hunger.

*Don't let anyone push food on you; say "No, thank you."

*Don't be a member of the "clean plate club"; leave food when you are full.

*Don't focus on food at parties or receptions; focus on people instead.

*Don't forget to eat regularly and to choose wholesome foods every day.


*Do look over the entire food table before making your selections; get an idea of what the low-fat, healthy calorie choices are. Your first choices should be fruits and vegetables with light dressings, party sandwiches, slices of lean meats and light breads. If you taste a particular food and get a "feel" in your mouth that is fatty, eat one bite and leave the rest.

*Don't let stress dictate your eating habits.

*Do avoid whipped toppings, nuts, pecan pie, shortbread cookies and similar foods that are high in fat.

*Do exercise and remember your daily food requirements.

*Do remember that alcoholic beverages have no nutritional value; they are "liquid calories" and often cause weight gain during the holiday season.



A COWBOY'S CHRISTMAS PRAYER
 "I ain't much good at prayin' and You may not know me, Lord —
 I ain't much seen in churches where they preach Thy holy word.

But You may have observed me out here on the lonely plains;
 A lookin' after cattle, feelin' thankful when it rains;
 Admirin' Thy great handiwork, the miracle of grass,
 Aware of Thy kind spirit in the way it comes to pass

That hired men on horseback and the livestock that we tend
 Can look up at the stars at night and know we've got a friend.

So here's Ol' Christmas coming on, reminding us again
 Of him whose comin' brought good will unto the hearts of men.

A cowboy ain't no preacher, Lord, but if You'll hear my prayer
 I'll ask as good as we have got for all men everywhere.
 Don't let no hearts be bitter, Lord, don't let no child be cold,

Make easy beds for them that's sick, and them that's weak and old.
 Let kindness bless the trail we ride, no matter what we're after,
 And sorter keep us on your side, in tears as well as laughter.
 I've seen old cows a starvin', Lord, and it ain't no happy sight,
 Please, don't leave no one hungry, Lord, on Thy good Christmas night.
 No man, no child, no woman, and no critter on four feet;
 I'll aim to do my best to help You find 'em chuck to eat.
 I'm just a sinful cowpoke, Lord, ain't got no business prayin',
 But still I hope you'll ketch a word or two of what I'm saying:
 There ain't no Merry Christmas for nobody that ain't free,
 So one thing more I'll ask you, Lord; just help us what you can
 To save some seeds of freedom for the future sons of man."

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Christmas Thoughts

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To Santa, With Love

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Your friend,
Kinlee Hoyt

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? I am fixing to be seven. Would you please bring me a bike and a skateboard? Look on the chimney. I left you some Oreos. Thank you, Santa.

Love,
Terence Scott

Dear Santa,
How are you? I know how to read. I am seven years old. I want a motorcycle, I want a bike. I want a Game Boy. I want Sega Genesis. You are very nice. I love Santa Claus.

Brenton Bilbrey

Dear Santa,
I love you and never forget that I'm thinking about you. I want to have a fine time and I want to have fun.

Love,
Dustin Thomason

Dear Santa,
I want a police car of a batman automobile and a racecar car I want new house. My Dad needs a tractor and my mom needs lots of jewels. and Curtis would like a Tyror that grouwls and moves.

Justin Moore

Dear Santa,
How are you. And how is Mrs. Claus. All I want for Christmas is for my Dad to get the new job he wants. I will ask for one more thing and that is a radio. I might want one thing more and that is a trampoline.

Love,
Heidi Randazzo

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a Aladdin Doll and a jasmine Doll. I would also like a new Baby doll.

Love,
Nicole Reed
P.S. I have been a nice girl.

Dear Santa,
I want a new toy bear. I hope I get a radio. I also want a toy horse. Please get me a toy Santa. if you get it I will give you some cup cakes.

Love, Ashley
Jo Denton

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a nice flight this year. None of my grades were below 90 in my packet of papers. Would you please bring a Sega, a bike, and a Game Boy game? I hope Christmas night is clear. I hope you see Frosty the Snowman.

Your friend,
Garrett Jackson



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Dual inspections combined

A new law that goes into effect January 1, 1994, will eliminate the need for commercial vehicle operators to have their commercial vehicles undergo dual inspections. The new inspection program, to be overseen by the Texas Department of Public Safety, will combine the U.S. Department of Transportation inspection with the State of Texas Safety inspection.

Beginning January 1, inspections obtained at other than an official commercial Texas State Inspection Station will not be accepted.

Commercial motor vehicle means any self-propelled or towed vehicle except a farm vehicle with a gross weight, registered weight or gross weight rating of less than

48,000 pounds used on a public highway to transport passengers or property when: the vehicle or combination of vehicle has a gross weight, registered or gross weight rating in excess of 26,000 pounds; or the vehicle is designed to transport more than 15 people including the driver; or the vehicle is used to transport an amount of hazardous materials requiring placarding under the federal Hazardous Materials Transportation Act.

**Gratitude is riches.
Complaining is poverty.
Instead of complaining
about what's wrong, be
grateful for what's right.**

Quoted by
Zachary Fisher

On the First Day of Christmas...



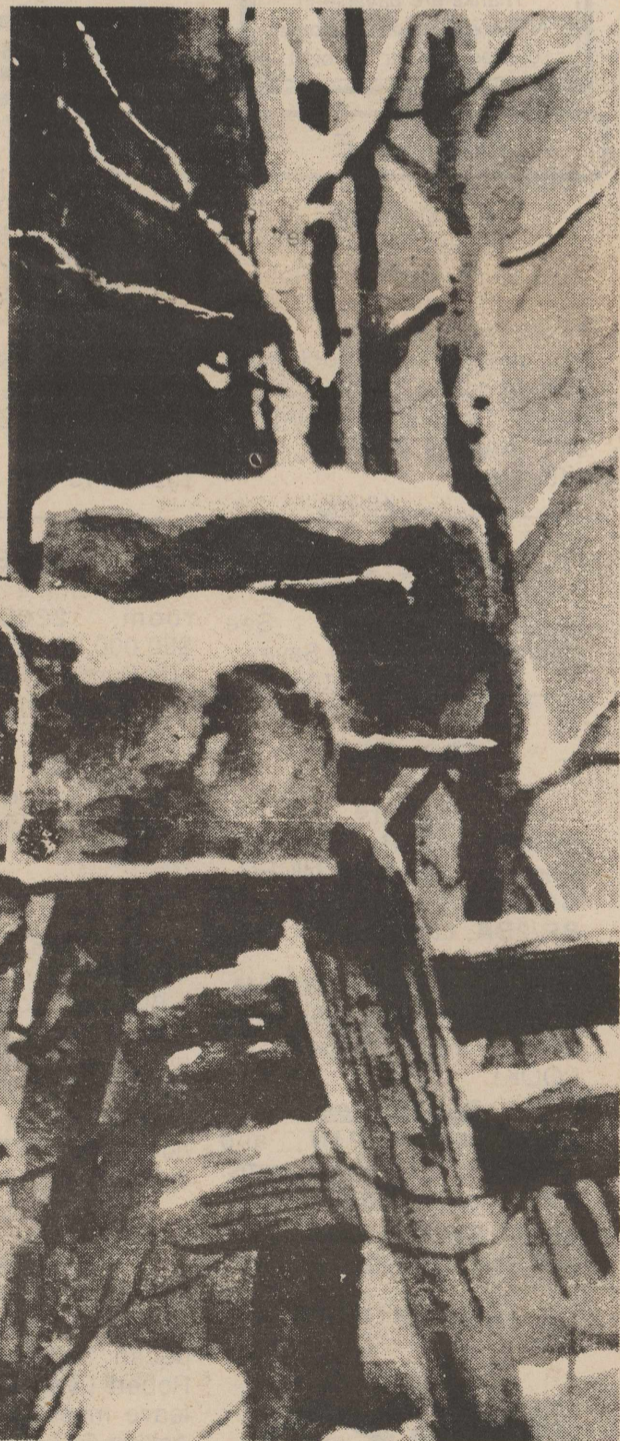
Warmest thanks for your patronage.
To all, we wish a joyous holiday season.

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Season's Greetings

Wishing all our good friends
a holiday filled with love and
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NOTICES

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Royce Fancher, President;
Noah Pruitt, Jr., Secretary.

AVISO DE ELECCION DE DIRECTORES DE COKE COUNTY KICKAPOO WATER CONTROL & IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #1

Ahora, por ecc para la virtud de la revestido do autoridad de los directores de Coke County Kickapoo Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, dichos directores mandan que en el once de Enero, 1994, en el edificio Publico De La Ciudad en la ciudad de Bronte, el condado de Coke, El estado de Texas ena eleccion se tendra para el proposito de elegir dos (2) directores de dicho distrito.

No persona se votara en esta eleccion excepto si es un votante registrado de dicho distrito y tambien es un votante cualificando debajo la constitucion y los leyes del estado de Texas.

En o antes del quinto dia despues de la eleccion los funcionarios que tienen la eleccion hara los resultados en triplicado, de todas de las directores de dicho distrito y can uno (1) el Presidente del distrito y uno (1) al Secretario.

Testigo el mano del Presi-

dente y el Secretario do los Directores de Coke County Kickapoo Water Control and Improvement District No. 1.

Royce Fancher, Presidente
Noah Pruitt, Jr., Secretario
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Poems Wanted

Poems are now being accepted for entry in Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum's new "Awards of Poetic Excellence" poetry contest. Cash prizes totaling \$1,000 will be awarded, including a \$500 grand prize. The contest is free to enter.

Poets may enter one poem only, 20 lines or less, on any subject, in any style. Contest closes March 31, 1994, but poets are encouraged to send their work as soon as possible. Poems entered in the contest also will be considered for publication in the Fall 1994 Edition of Poetic Voices of America, a hardcover anthology to be published in October 1994. Anthology purchase may be required to ensure publication, but is not required to enter or win the contest. Prize winners will be notified by May 31, 1994.

"Our contest is especially for new and unpublished poets and offers a public forum that enables them to share their work," says Jerome P. Welch, Publisher. "We look for originality of ideas and welcome poetry of all styles and themes. Many of our contest winners are new poets with new ideas."

Poem should be sent to Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum, Inc., Dept. C, 203 Diamond St., Sistrerville, WV 26175.

When kids say "No No" to Mr. Ho Ho

You remember them well, those childhood visits to Santa Claus. The jolly man with the beard and red suit held you in his lap and listened intently to your toy-filled wish list. Photograph taken, you left a happy child, secure in the knowledge that Santa knew what you most wanted to find under the Christmas tree.

You're a parent now, standing in line at the mall, waiting for your son or daughter to enjoy one of your fondest memories. As the line moves forward, however, your child grows less eager to come face-to-face with the bearded stranger in the red suit. Reluctance eventually becomes outright refusal.

What's a disappointed parent to do? Chill out, says Dr. Linda Sluder, assistant professor of early childhood education at Texas Woman's University, and remember it's more important to do what's best for your child than to try to recreate your childhood experience.

"Parents have to remember that what children see is not always what we see as adults," Sluder says. "We have to step outside our ideal and ask ourselves what is really best for the child."

If your child doesn't want to visit Santa, don't force the issue. And be supportive, never critical, of his or her decision, Sluder says. "It's important to tell them, 'It's your decision and whatever you decide is OK.'"

Sluder offers the following tips on handling the Santa Claus predicament:

*Be accepting if your child initially says no to a visit with Santa, but also leave room for a change of heart. Say something such as "It's okay if you don't want to see Santa, but I'll be going to the mall later if you change your mind."

*Talk to your child about

what to expect, that Santa may seem large or that his beard may be scratchy, but he's a nice person. If your child enjoys reading about or watching videos of Santa, make the comparison to the "live" version.

*Schedule the visit to coincide with your child's peak time -- if he or she is a morning person, don't plan the trip for the evening. Also avoid times when your child is hungry, tired or just seems out of sorts.

*If possible, avoid week-

ends when the lines are long, the crowds are noisy and confusion reigns. It may be that your child is more frightened of all the commotion than of Santa himself.

*Say hello and talk briefly to Santa before putting your child in his lap.

*If your child is adamant about not visiting Santa, suggest other activities. Children who dread a personal encounter still can enjoy writing a letter to Santa or leaving milk and cookies out for him on Christmas Eve.

Tree needs plenty of water

by Marty Hair
Knight-Ridder
Newspapers

A fresh-cut tree is a holiday tradition that links Christmases past with the present for many families.

It's also a big business in Michigan, where Christmas trees are a \$100 million-a-year industry.

This year, Michigan growers will harvest about 6 million Christmas trees. One million trees will stay in state; the rest will be shipped all over North America. Michigan has 150,000 acres in Christmas tree plantations.

Demand used to start after Thanksgiving, but the season keeps growing. Now people are asking for trees as early as mid-November, says Laurie Dornbush, executive director of the Michigan Christmas Tree Association in Okemos.

She puts up her Fraser fir - Dornbush calls it the "tree of the future" for its esthetic appeal and needle retention - at Thanksgiving and leaves it up through New Year's Day. In Washington, the Clinton family's main tree in the White House is a Fraser fir.

At Michigan State University,

researchers are breeding Scotch pine to increase its desirable traits. Other work in progress is to document fertility and other growing requirements of Fraser, balsam and con-color firs, which are favored for fragrance and needle retention. This information will help growers meet increasing demand for these trees.

Here are some tips for keeping a fresh cut tree in good condition:

When you buy it, the outer foliage of fresh-cut trees should be green.

At home cut off 1/4 inch of the base before taking the tree indoors. That opens the trunk to water.

Check the water every day. Use plain water; no studies show an advantage to adding sugar or other additives, Dornbush says. Large trees can absorb as much as several quarts of water a day. Never let the tree dry out. If it does, a seal will form over the trunk and the only recourse is to take it down and make a new cut.

Keep Christmas trees as well as evergreen decorations away from heat, sunlight, candles and fireplaces.

Generally, Scotch pine trees are lowest priced, then spruce and firs with the trendy Fraser firs the most expensive.



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