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Primary filings begin

December 4 was the opening date for the filing period for the March 12, 1996 Primary Election. Filing will continue until January 2, 1996.
According to Democratic

Party Chairman Patti Ivey of Robert Lee, four candidates

Bryans' Barn to be televised

In celebration of the Christmas season, KLST TV Channel 8, broadcast out of San Angelo, will feature a Christmas Special in which Bryans' Barn will be highlighted. Festively decorated areas of San Angelo and Ballinger will also be included in the special.

The Christmas program will be aired Saturday, December 9, at 5:30 pm. The special will run again Sunday, December 10, at 10:35 pm.

For those who are new to the community or have never visited Bryans' Barn at Christmas, don't miss it! This brightly-lit holiday wonderland is located on FM 1904. They will be open nightly, 6:00 -10:00 pm through New Year's Eve, December 31. The Bryan family and their friends encourage anyone already in the Christmas spirit or anyone who needs some Christmas cheer to come visit their six decorated acres this year!

declaring their candidacy. Lane Arthur announced his candidacy for Coke County Attorney. He and his wife, Nancy, are law partners in Arthur & Arthur, Attorneys at Law, in Robert Lee.

Tim Millican, Coke County have filed official papers - Commissioner, Precinct 3, has announced his bid for reelection also.

Coke County Sheriff Marshall Millican of Robert Lee declared his candidacy for his 5th term in that position. Opposing him will be Mike Harris of Tennyson, currently employed by the Tom Green County Sheriff's Office.

Christmas Newspaper

The Christmas issue of the Observer/Enterprise is scheduled for publication on December 22. The annual edition traditionally contains the children's Santa letters, businesses' greetings to their customers, and individuals' holiday best wishes. In the coming weeks, a newspaper representative will be calling on the businesses. You may come in the Robert Lee or Bronte office to select a greeting also. If you are inadvertently missed, please call our offices, 453-2433 or 473-



Kacee Roberts, 2 1/2 year old daughter of Douglas and Denise Roberts, converses with Santa Claus Dec. 1 in the Gazebo in downtown Robert Lee.

Area EMS units to receive funds

State Senators John Montford and Jeff Wentworth and State Representative Robert Junell announced today that six communities throughout the area have been awarded \$49,222 in Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Local Project grants by the Texas Department of Health.

Local agents receiving funding under this program include the Carlsbad Volunteer Fire Department (\$3026 for medical equipment), Grape Creek Volunteer Fire Department (\$3338 for an automatic external defibrillator), Mitchell County Ambulance Service (\$25,000 for a new ambulance), San Angelo Fire Department (\$10,097 for training in basic trauma, advanced cardiac and pediatric advanced life support), Sterling County Emergency Medical Service (\$3981 for rescue equipment) and West Coke County Emergency Medical Service (\$3780 for the "Jaws of Life").

The EMS grants are made available through transportation funds that have been set aside by the Texas Legislature for direct distribution to emergency workers who are saving the lives of ill and injured Texans. Grant recipients use the money for the purchase of much needed equipment, training, public education programs and sup-

During the six years the funds have been available, TDH has awarded 525 grants for a total of \$3.8 million. For FY '96, TDH received 274 grant proposals and funded 177 projects throughout the

RL Tour of Lights

Robert Lee Senior Citizens and anyone else interested in taking a driving tour of Robert Lee to look at the various Christmas light displays is invited to do so Thursday, December 14. Senior Citizen's coordinator Kelly Millican will pick up anyone wishing to go on the tour at their home or they may meet at the small rec hall at 6:00 pm. Refreshments will be served after the tour and table games will be played at the center. Anyone wishing to join in the fun is asked to call 453-4609 or 453-2314.



Honored Gazebo dedication guests (l. to r.): Mayor Martin Lee, State Senator Rob Junell, State Representative Bill Sims, and Chamber Citizen of the Year Royce Lee.

- ... Upcoming

RL Bapt. Church to present Christmas programs

Come discover the real meaning of love and giving at Christmas this year when the Robert Lee Baptist Church children's choir and children of the community present "The Little Christmas Lamb", directed by Sterling Myers and Cynthia Hill and written by Stephen Elkins.

The program will be presented Wednesday December 13, at 7:30 pm.

In addition to the children's program, the youth of Robert Lee Baptist Church and other youth of the community are preparing to present "A Homecoming Christmas", the story of a family struggling to be together at Christmas, directed by Bobby and Angie Cox and written by David and Laurie Miracle.

This powerful, modern-day Christmas drama will be presented Sunday, December 17, at 7:00 pm in the Robert Lee school auditorium. Admission is free.

FBC Bronte anticipates exciting Sunday

First Baptist Church of Bronte will be having two very special worship services this Sunday, December 10. The 10:55 am service will feature Keith Morris, Southern Baptist missionary to Panama.

The 7:00 pm service will feature the church's Adult Choir (along with help from the Youth Choir and children) in the presentation of A Son, A Savior!

Both of these services are open to the public, and everyone is invited and encouraged to participate in them. For more information, call 473-2331 or 473-5661.

Hayrick Cemetery Assoc. to meet

The Hayrick Cemetery Association will meet in the Robert Lee city hall on December 11 at 5:45 pm. The organization will elect officers, and everyone with interests in the cemetery is urged to attend and join in decision making.

First UMC of RL to present cantata

The choir of the First United Methodist Church of Robert Lee will present a Christmas Cantata on Sunday night, the 10th of December. The program, titled "The Promise Fulfilled", will begin at 7:00 pm. The public is invited to attend.

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Coke County arrests and charges filed

Coke County November arrests/charges filed are listed

Janelle Gaston Hale - Driving While Intoxicated - 1st (11-2-95)

John Thomas Bowen -Driving While Intoxicated - 1st (11-5-95)

Russell Stephen McDonald - Driving While Intoxicated -1st (11-11-95)

Billy Thad Metcalf - Theft -Posting of New Bond (11-17-

Rosalio Noe Suarez - Driving While Intoxicated - 3rd (11-17-95)

Gary Dale Bilbrey, Jr. - Driving While Intoxicated - 1st; No Liability Insurance; Failure to

CCJJCC meets

The monthly meeting of the Coke County Juvenile Justice Community Council met on Monday, December 4, at the First United Methodist Church in Bronte. There were 14 in attendance. A report was given about the Thanksgiving desserts that were provided at the facility and that we had plenty . . . the girls and staff were very appreciative. The December birthday parties will be on the 15th this month. Thursday, December 21st, is their Christmas party. Christmas trees have been donated, and the girls will make the decorations for their trees. The CCJJCC group will buy a small Christmas gift for each girl, and they will be given out on Christmas morning. Again, we are asking the community to bring refreshments. A table will be set out in the front lobby at the facility, and the refreshments are needed by 1:00 pm on the 21st. If you have any questions about what you can bring, call Debbie Wilkes in Robert Lee or Mary Percifull in Bronte. The CCJJCC will be doing the decorating of the gym for the Christmas party.

We are in need of new memberships. If you joined last year when the facility opened, this is a new year. Please contact Elmer Beck, R.T. Caperton, Mary Percifull, or Debbie Wilkes about becoming a member. We seem to be making a difference in some of these girls' lives. They are really amazed that the communities of Bronte and Robert Lee seem to care, so please join with us in helping make a difference. Our next meeting will be Monday, January 8th at 6:00 pm at the Bronte First United Methodist Church.

Appear - Traffic Offenses (11-18-95)

Ronald B. Hicks - Possession of Altered Property (11-21-95)

Luke Cal Smith - Unlawfully Carrying a Weapon (11-25-95) Kevin Wood - Theft By Check (11-27-95)

Kathey Diane Cole - Possession of a Controlled Substance (11-27-95)

Lex Kent Cole - Possession of a Controlled Substance (11-27-95)

Jimmy Wayne Martin - Possession of Marijuana (11-27-

Rhonda Lunceford - Theft By Check (11-29-95)

Tommy Wayne Pettit - Public Intoxication (11-29-95)

James Bryan Baird - Burglary of a Habitation - Motion to Revoke Probation (11-29-

Jesse Wade Percifull -Theft, Class B (11-30-95) Out-of-county warrants:

Albert James Wilks - Evading Arrest - Surety Withdrawal

Happy Harts Dancers meet

The Happy Harts Square Dancers enjoyed their last monthly dance for 1995. Kathy Oliver from Abilene was there early to cue for the Round Dancers. Dancers from Abilene, San Angelo and Winters were in attendance. John Glenn and Frank Cockrell, callers from San Angelo, helped Ed Hart, due to his laryngitis.

Saturday afternoon, we were excited and a little nervous about dancing on a moving float for the parade. No one fell off, so we were very pleased.

We have changed our time for the monthly dances from the first Saturday night to the third Saturday night. Ed will be calling in Abilene on the first Saturdays. We invite you to come dance, visit and fellowship with us on January 20th at the Bronte Community

Christmas in Olde Bronte successful

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

Beautiful weather and a large shopping crowd filled the downtown area as the celebration began. Many food booths, bake sales, merchant open house events, and craft booths were available for local citizens and visitors to enjoy.

Dorris Sonnenberg and Jeanna Lee were in charge of the parade that began at Celia's Antiques parking lot at 3:00 pm and ended at the Gazebo area. Leading the parade was the Bronte Ambulance Service ambulance, followed by the award-winning Bronte Longhorn Marching Band under the direction of George Tomes. There were many entries in the parade, which was termed a big success by the sponsors, the Bronte Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber's Citizen of the Year, Royce Lee, was the special guest in the parade. Rob Junell and Bill Sims were warmly welcomed by parade watchers as were Mayor Martin Lee and his family as they waved from a colorful holiday float. The parade also included "Miss Bronte" contestants, an old tractor, several old vehicles, colorfully decorated bicycles, golf carts. decorated Christmas packages, the Happy Hearts Square Dance Club dancing on a float, horses, the Bronte football team, and many other various participants. Santa Claus was the grand finale for the parade on the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department's fire truck.

The parade concluded at the Gazebo where a large group gathered for the special gazebo dedication, sponsored by the Sorosis Study Club of Bronte. Royce Lee served as Master of Ceremonies. Representative Rob Junell and Bill Sims were special honored guests. The Sorosis Club members were seated under the Gazebo as special guests. Special recognition was given to the Bronte Longhorn volleyball team, band, and football team. Zada Denman was the winner of the \$25 cash drawing, which was donated by Royce Lee in honor of the many years of service to the local Sorosis Club by his wife, Betty Lee. The ceremony concluded with the Bronte Longhorn Band playing, "Texas, Our Texas.

The day's events concluded with the evening program



Santa (Tanner Corder) and his elf (Casev McKee) were first place winners in the "Christmas in Olde Bronte" parade on Saturday. They are pictured on their go-cart mode of transportation. Second place winner was Lacey Schoenfield, who was dressed as a Christmas package. Krista Moore, daughter of Curtis and Ree Moore, won third place in her little car. She is shown in the picture, accompanied by her mother, behind Santa's go-cart.



The Happy Harts Square Dance Club displayed their talent in the Christmas in Olde Bronte parade as they danced on their moving float.

Church (Old Texas Theatre) at 5:30 pm. All the "Miss Bronte" contestants were recognized, with the winners for each category being named. Little Miss Bronte winner was Casey Harris, daughter of Mike and Debbie Harris. Runner-up was Katie Cooper, daughter of Ron Cooper and Karen Cooper. Junior Miss Bronte winner was Michaela Arrott, daughter of Mike and Andra Arrott. Runner-up was Natalie Reed, daughter of Cliffy and Deeana Reed. Miss Bronte winner was Courtney Stokes, daughter of Pam Stokes. Runners-up (tied) were Brandye Rager, daughter of Joyce Green, and Angela willberg, daughter of Gary and Karen Huddleston. Sr. Mrs. Bronte winner was Helen Kirkland. Runner-up was Zada Denman.

The winners were crowned by last year's winners - Sr. Mrs.

Bronte Marie Arrott, Junior Miss Bronte Crissy Counts. and Little Miss Bronte co-winners Cali Johnson and Nicole Reed.

"A Christmas Carol Quiz," the story behind twelve Christmas carols, was presented by the youth of First United Methodist Church. The First Baptist Church Puppet Ministry performed "Joy to the World" and "Angels We Have Heard on High." The youth of Central Baptist Church presented "C-H-R-I-S-T-M-A-S" (Christmas poems) and "The Virgin Mary had a Baby Boy." A group of costumed angels from First Baptist Church, directed by Lisa Turner, presented the angel pantomime of "Away in a Manger" and "The Little Drummer Boy." The service concluded with a candlelight service, led by Pastor Eddie Sparks, River of Life Church.



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Blackwell CISD recognizes students

The following students maintained grades high enough to qualify them for the "A" or "A-B" honor roll at Blackwell Schools during the second six weeks:

All A's

1st Grade - Kellyn Airhart, Kelsy Duncan, Rachel Smith, Daniel Jones, Jarred Walker

2nd Grade - Philip Bucker, Jessica Chavez, Steve Henderson, Lynsey Matthews, Cody Morgan, Felica Murray, Jake Wilkinson

3rd Grade - Kinsey Airhart, Ambra Cole

4th Grade - Megan Busby, Heather Jones, Kayla Saunders

5th Grade - Chris Morgan, Lindy Wilson

6th Grade - Cody Blair, Mindy Boyd

7th Grade - Katrina Buckner, Steven Hayes, Ashley Ragland, Gayna Cantrell

8th Grade - Jennifer Boyd

9th Grade - Jimmy Holland, Lee Nault

10th Grade - Jimmy Loveday

11th Grade - Brandon Boyd, Chrissy Allen, Lucia Saavedra

12th Grade - Joe Blackburn, Mark McMaster, Kristy Loveday

<u>A - B</u>

1st Grade - Casey Eoff 2nd Grade - Kelly Dove, Lewis Hearn, Luis Morales, Yadira Padilla, Rikki Saunders,

Yadira Padilla, Rikki Saunders, Justin Thompson, Blake Williams

3rd Grade - Zach Daniel, Melenda Solis, Tana White

4th Grade - Sharla Holland, Kasey Matthews, Amy Nichols, Melissa Pate, Ryan Ragland, Angel Saavedra, Katie Wilkinson

5th Grade - Jenifer Breshers, John Allen Jones, Auston Parr, Colby Rideout, Kaitlyn Saunders

6th Grade - T.J. Holland, Christina Nichols, Kammie Lisso, Jennifer Dove, Jessica McIntire, Justin Roberson

7th Grade - Pascual Solis, Katie Driver, Clint Morgan, Latosha Roland, Viola Sims

8th Grade - Leticia Camarillo, April Fox, Lindsey Hamilton, Adam Wilkinson, Maria Rangel, Leman Saunders, Gloria Solis, Ștephanie Cantrell

9th Grade - Kristin Harvell, Roy Daughtrey

10th Grade - Elizabeth Camarillo, Kallie Lisso, Jennifer O'Malley

11th Grade - Carye Adkins, Rose Melton, Monica Escobar, Jessica Shafer, Judith Taylor, Nathan Hayes, Juan Morales

12th Grade - Clint Egger, Mariana Solis, Ted Tovias

Gower honored

Darlene Gower of Ballinger was recently recognized during Volunteer Appreciation Week for her service to the Runnels County Child Welfare Board. Mrs. Gower is chairperson of the board and was honored with a plaque and commendation by the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services.

Mrs. Gower is the daughter of Mrs. Bessie Brice of Robert Lee.



Wesley Brian Hood and Amy Michelle Powell announce their engagement and approaching wedding, which will take place January 6, 1996 at Richland Baptist Church in Richardson, Texas. Amy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Powell of Sachse, Texas. Wesley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hood of Robert Lee.



Christmas Party

Bronte Senior Citizens will be getting together for a "Christmas Party," Thursday, December 14, at 3:00 pm at The Bronte Senior Center. Games will be played, refreshments served, and "a fun time for all." Come join us! Menu for the Week

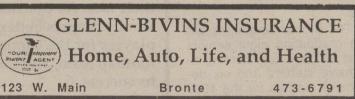
Monday, Dec. 11
Fried Catfish w/ Tartar Sauce,

French Baked Potatoes, Spanish Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Sweet Applesauce Wednesday, Dec. 13 Meatloaf, Blackeyed Peas, Turnip Greens, Wheat Bread, Pineapple

Friday, Dec. 15
Bar-B-Que Pork Sandwich,
Baked Potato Slices, Mixed
Vegetables, Oatmeal Cookies
w/ Raisins

RSVP Christmas Party

A large group will attend the RSVP Christmas Party Friday, December 15, at 2:30 pm. Refreshments, door prizes, and entertainment will be enjoyed by all. The party will be held at the Trinity Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 3536 YMCA Drive, San Angelo.





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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



Bronte Longhorn football players and coaches are pictured receiving good luck wishes from fans at the street pep rally held in front of the school Friday prior to their trip to Brownwood. The "Longhorn Express" bus that the team is boarding was a special treat from a local fan. The logo and signs on the bus were painted by the cheerleaders.

Horns say goodbye to successful season

Communications The Bronte Longhorns had



Breakfast Monday, Dec. 11 Cereal, Mixed Fruit, Milk Tuesday, Dec. 12 Scrambled Eggs, Biscuit, Orange Juice, Milk

Wednesday, Dec. 13 French Toast, Apple Juice, Milk

Thursday, Dec. 14 Sausage, Pancakes, Grape Juice, Milk

Friday, Dec. 15 Breakfast Pizza, Orange Juice, Milk

Lunch Monday, Dec. 11 Steak Fingers w/ Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Applesauce,

Tuesday, Dec. 12 Burritos, Chili & Cheese, Tossed Salad, Buttered Corn, Brownies, Milk

Wednesday, Dec. 13 Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Vegetable Soup, Carrot Sticks, Crackers or Cornbread, Pink Panther Cake,

Thursday, Dec. 14 Fajitas, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad, Spanish Rice, Jello w/ Mixed Fruit, Milk

Friday, Dec. 15 Pizza, Buttered Corn, Tossed Salad, Ice Cream Sandwich,

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by BHS Business a football season that most teams only dream about. They played three weeks in the playoffs, advancing to the

Highway employees to meet

Retired highway employees will gather for a dutch treat luncheon at 11:30 am on Monday, December 11, 1995, at Zentner's Daughter on Knickerbocker Road in San

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

Spouses are invited to attend the luncheon.

Retirees planning to attend the luncheon should contact Doc or Kitty Watson at 915-944-3968, or Glenda Rampy at 915-947-9202, by December 8 to make reservations.

Regional match-up game against Crawford. Longhorns were defeated by a very experienced Crawford team who has advanced to the playoffs for the past five years and the same team that has defeated Robert Lee the past two years in the playoffs. Crawford will play Roscoe, our 11-A District champions, at Stephenville this Friday.

This year the Longhorns were considered underdogs throughout the season because they lacked size and experience in the key positions. However, due to the Horns' determination, commitment, and unity, the Longhorns were able to emerge as the 11-A runnerup and area champs.

The Bronte Longhorns will be graduating eight seniors and will have five returning offensive starters and six defensive starters for the 1996 football season.

You are cordially invited to attend an Open House and Dedication of our new wing

Sunday, December 10, 1995 from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Bronte Nursing Home

900 South State Bronte, Texas

Bronte ISD receives report card

A state report card, The Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) Report, showed that Bronte Independent School District's performance was above the state average. The AEIS Report is issued annually by the Texas Education Agency to provide information on how well a school district and schools are performing in comparison to other districts and schools around the state.

The report shows the district's performance in comparison to state and region by as many as eight indicators, depending on the school's grade span. These eight current indicators are: Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS); TAAS Exempted; End-of-Course Exam; Attendance; Annual Dropout Rate; Completion of Advanced Courses; TAAS/TASP Equivalency; and College Admissions Tests (SAT & ACT).

In addition, individual campuses in the district are compared to a group of 100 schools with similar demographics as percent of economically disadvantaged students, minority students, limited English students, district wealth, and mobility.

Every school in the state has been assigned one of four accountability ratings: Exemplary, Recognized, Acceptable, and Low-Performing. Bronte ISD received a Recognized accountability rating and Exemplary in supplemental acknowledgment. Bronte Elementary received

an accountability rating of Exemplary, and Bronte Jr. High and High School received a Recognized accountability rating and Exemplary in supplemental acknowledgment.

In comparing state and district TAAS scores, Bronte Elementary ranks well above the state average. For grade 3, the breakdown is as follows: Reading - State: 79.5% as compared 100% for Bronte; and Math - State: 73.3% as compared to 100% for Bronte, which gives Bronte Elementary third grade a 100% passing all tests.

For grade 4, the breakdown is as follows: Reading - State: 80.1% as compared to 100% for Bronte; Writing (offered only in grades 4, 8, and 10th) -State: 85.0% as compared to 100% for Bronte; and Math -State: 71.1% as compared to 88.9% for Bronte, which gives fourth grade an 88.9% on all

For grade 5, the breakdown is as follows: Reading - State: 79.3% as compared to 100% for Bronte; and Math - State: 72.6% as compared to 100% for Bronte, which gives fifth

grade a 100% on all tests.

For grade 6, the breakdown is as follows: Reading - State: 78.9% as compared to 95.8% for Bronte; and Math - State: 64.6% as compared to 81.8% for Bronte, which gives sixth grade an 83.3% on all tests.

Bronte Junior High and High School also rank above the state averages. For grade 7, the breakdown is as follows: Reading - State: 78.7% as compared to 100% for Bronte; and Math - State: 62.3% as compared to 100%

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Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter to show my appreciation for all those who helped and supported our football team this year.

First, I would like to thank every player on the football team. I commend the J.V. players for coming to practice every day with a smile on their face, for practicing hard, and for making us varsity players better. I commend the varsity players for the commitment they made to this football team, and for the sacrifices that enabled us success.

Secondly, I would like to thank the coaches. I appreciate the long hours they put in to help our team. I truly believe our coaches are the best around. I learned a great deal about football, but I also learned a great deal about life. For this, I say - Thank You.

Third, I would like to thank the people of Bronte for supporting us. One of the most special things about this season was the way people were brought together. I appreciate the fans for never giving up on us, even when it seemed we were down.

Fourth, I would like to thank the band, the cheerleaders, and the mascot. The band was amazing this year. A referee at the Crawford game told me that our band was the best Class A band he had ever heard, and I believe he is right. I commend our cheerleaders and the mascot for their dedication to our football team, and putting together the best pep rallies this year.

I do not think this season could have been scripted any better, and I had a wonderful time being a part of it.

> Sincerely, Nick Arrott Senior Football Player

...BISD

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for Bronte, which gives seventh grade a 100% on all tests.

For grade 8, the breakdown is as follows: Reading - State: 75.5% as compared to 93.3% for Bronte; Writing - State: 75.3% as compared to 93.3% for Bronte; Math - State: 57.3% as compared to 66.7% for Bronte; Science - State: 77.2% as compared to 66.7% for Bronte; and Social Studies - State: 65.9% as compared to 73.3% for Bronte.

For grade 10, EXIT level, the breakdown is as follows: Reading - State: 76.4% as compared to 95.8% for Bronte; Writing - State: 86.3% as compared to 95.8% for Bronte; and Math - State: 55.1% as compared to 91.7% for Bronte, which gives the tenth grade a 91.7% on all tests. Three of Bronte's tenth grade students scored high enough to be exempt from the Texas Academic Skills Program test, which is required of all students entering public colleges and some private. Students must pass all three areas of reading, writing, and math before completing nine semester hours.

Bronte Jr. High and High School's performance on attendance, dropout rate, advanced courses TAAS/TASP Equivalency, and SAT/ACT results were above the state average. Bronte Elementary's attendance was also above the state performance.

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on Thursday, December 14 at 8:00 pm in the board room in conjunction with the regular board meeting. If necessary, due to attendance, the meeting will move to the school library. The hearing's objective will be to discuss this report and provide a full explanation of its contents. The school received some additional funding as a result of the gains in student performance, which were allocated by the Texas Legislature.

New business in RL

Cafe Gourmet, located at 820 Commerce in Robert Lee, is now open for business Monday through Saturday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The coffee shop has recently been transplanted from Cloudcroft, New Mexico, as was the owner, Clovia Talley.

The sights, sounds, smells, and tastes of Cafe Gourmet are designed to provide a unique and enjoyable eating and shopping experience, and the staff welcomes all to come in and see.

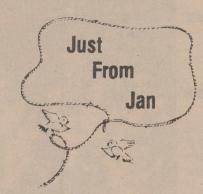
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by Jan Yanez Coke County Ext. Agent

Holiday hints for diabetics/dieters

Dieters gearing up for holiday gatherings may want to take a few tips from those with diabetes.

The American Diabetes Association estimates that more than 12 million people in the United States have diabetes, and half of them do not know it. More than 80,000 Texans are thought to have diabetes.

Weight control is something most diabetics are used to handling because it is crucial to their health. However, fighting the temptation of delicious treats can be a challenge to anyone when it comes to eating out.

Just like the average dieter, many people with diabetes panic when they are served so called forbidden foods. Parties, holidays and restaurant menus can ruin sincere efforts to follow a meal plan.

For diabetics, selecting appropriate foods that fit into their meal plans helps prevent wide blood sugar swings. For dieters, sticking to certain choices keeps them away from high calorie foods.

Nowadays, it is more acceptable to call the hostess or restaurant manager ahead of time to discuss the best way to prepare your food. A good idea is to make a dish using a diabetic or low calorie cookbook and take it to help out the hostess. A snack before festivities will reduce hunger and the temptation to overeat.

If you are diabetic, check with your doctor before drinking alcoholic beverages to prevent drug reaction with insulin or hypoglycemic agents.

Oral hypoglycemia agents combined with alcohol can cause dramatic reaction such as nausea, vomiting, flushing, a quicker heart beat and impaired speech.

Alcohol lowers the blood sugar. If you take insulin, drinking on an empty stomach can lower your blood sugar enough to bring on severe hypoglycemia.

With a little research and practice, eating away from home can be pleasant for everyone. Learn to substitute wisely, so occasionally you can enjoy special treats.

The following choices are better for diabetics than others:

* Appetizers: Low calorie vegetables, clear broths, consomme, bouillon, dill pickles, tomato juice, fruit juice without sugar and fresh fruit.

* Meat, Fish, Poultry: Broiled, baked, roasted, or boiled meat, poultry, and fish or seafood. Trim all fat. Broiled food may be available on request only. Ask that gravy be served on the side or left off and remove any breading or coating.

* Eggs: Boiled, poached, scrambled or baked.

* Potatoes and substitutes: Baked, mashed, steamed, boiled. Rice and noodles are a substitute for potatoes.

* Vegetables: Steamed, baked, boiled, or stewed.

* Salads: Tossed vegetables, lettuce or tomato. Request dressing be served on the side or use vinegar or lemon juice. As far as caloric content, count cottage cheese as part of your meat serving.

* Fruit: Fresh fruit, fruit salad, fruit juice without sugar.

* Breads: Whole wheat or enriched bread and toast, rolls, biscuits, unsalted or lightly salted crackers, muffins, popovers, English muffin, taco shell, hot dog bun, hamburger bun.

* Fats: Margarine, salad dressing, oil, unsalted nuts.

* Desserts: Fresh fruit, canned fruit without sugar. Or substitute a scoop of ice cream which is similar to the caloric content of one slice of bread and two servings of fat.

* Beverages: Coffee, decaffeinated coffee, tea without sugar, sugar free soft drinks, low fat or skim milk.

Br. Christmas Concert

The Bronte High School Longhorn band will perform in the Annual Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 14 at 7:00 pm in the school auditorium. The 4th, 5th, and 6th grade band will also perform. Admission is free.

Personal

Joe Brooks and children Margaret and Joseph of Albuquerque, New Mexico, visited his sisters, Emmagene Mitchell of Abilene and Mary Patterson and husband R.C. of Robert Lee, over the Thanksgiving holidays.



Thanksgiving weekend brought more than turkey for Jarrod Copeland (left) and Jarrod Pitcock (right). While hunting on some land owned by the Copeland family south of Robert Lee, the two killed this 5'6" rattler. The snake boasted 17 rattles and had to be put to death by shotgun!

Happy holidays are safe holidays

Grandma's purse, not the holly wreath, may be the most dangerous threat to children this holiday season, according to a pediatric emergency expert.

"Accidental poisonings are the main holiday-related emergency we see," said Dr. Marcus J. Hanfling, director of the Pediatric Injury Clinic at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "In all the hubbub of family visits, medications often are left out or within easy reach of young children."

Hanfling says, when visiting relatives, ask them to put all medications, toxic cleaning supplies and other potential hazards well out of reach of young ones.

Other hazards include the Christmas tree itself.

"Never leave young children around the tree unattended since they may see the brightly colored tree lights as toys," said Hanfling. "Each year we treat children for electrical injuries and burns on their mouths."

Buying a recently cut Christmas tree can help prevent tragedy since dry trees ignite more easily. An artificial tree is a practical option for those who don't want to worry about the maintenance and hazards of a real tree.

Hanfling says to pay close attention to the age specifications on the packages of toys when shopping. Before allowing the child to play with any toy, check for broken

pieces that could be swallowed or sharp edges that could cause injuries.

Also attractive to children are bright ornamental plants such as poinsettias or berries found on wreaths, which can be poisonous to toddlers. Keep them out of reach.

He advises being careful when preparing holiday meals or eating at others' homes. Leaving foods, such as turkey, unrefrigerated for long periods can cause food poisoning.

Other additional holiday safety tips include:

* Unplug all decorative lights when not at home. Advise everyone in the home of the fire extinguisher's location.

* Place tree lights and ornaments out of small children's reach.

* Wash and thoroughly cook fresh meats, fruits and vegetables to prevent salmonella poisoning.

* Learn cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) as a precautionary measure for emergencies.

* Keep handy the phone number of your local poison control center as well as that of emergency access for your area, if not 911.

* Be alert, belted and safe. Use safety belts and child safety seats even when not in your own car or when traveling short distances. Check your own alertness as well as travel conditions before setting our for your destination.

A safe holiday season is one of the best "gifts" your child can receive, Hanfling

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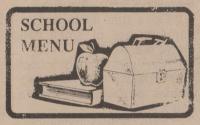
Steers take Championship in Tourney

The Robert Lee Steers came home with a Championship win from the Ballinger Tourney Saturday night. The Steers not only took first place in the tournament, but also had two players named to the All-Tournament team and the MVP of the tourney. Aaron Hood and Jason Key were named All-Tourney, while Eric Hood received the MVP nod.

RL faced off against Eldorado for their first game of the tourney Thursday. Steers downed the Eagles with relative ease, walking away with a 64-37 win. High point man was Aaron Hood with 25 points. Eric Hood was good for 16, Rocky Coates 7, Koby Howell 4, Jerrod Pitcock, Jerrod Copeland, and Jason Tavarez each tipped in

The Steers took on a tough opponent in the Lake View Chiefs Saturday in the second game of the tourney. The end of the first quarter saw an 11-11 tie between the teams; the half ended with Lake View up by 2, but it was still anyone's game. Robert Lee came back to take a 41-34 lead in the third and held on to defeat the Chiefs 58-50. Aaron Hood was again high pointer with 26. Eric Hood added 18, Jerrod Pitcock 4, Jason Key and Rocky Coates 3 each, Koby Howell and Kory Pitcock 2 each.

Saturday night the Steers were pitted against the Reagan County Owls in the Championship battle. Robert



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Monday, Dec. 11 Breakfast Pizza, Orange Juice, Milk

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Lunch Monday, Dec. 11 Salisbury Steak, Cheesy Potatoes, Buttered Peas,

Buttered Rolls, Pears, Milk Tuesday, Dec. 12 Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Vegetable Soup, Pickles, Peaches, Milk

Wednesday, Dec. 13 Spaghetti, Tossed Salad, Green Beans, Crackers, Applesauce, Milk

Thursday, Dec. 14 Chicken A La King w/ Rice, Buttered Corn, Buttered Rolls, Pineapple Tidbits, Milk Friday, Dec. 15

Sloppy Joes, Pickles, Tator Tots, Fruit Cocktail, Milk

Lee took a 20-13 lead in the first quarter and never looked back, coming out with a 75-54 win. High pointer was Aaron Hood with 22, while Eric Hood tipped in 20 points. Jason Key hit for 14, Donny Edging 4, Jerrod Pitcock and Rocky Coates were also good for 4, Kory Pitcock 3, Koby Howell 2, and Matthew Millican 2.

Lady Steers take 2nd in Ballinger Tourney

The Lady Steers took on some tough opponents to take second place in the Ballinger Tournament held November 30 - December 2. The Ladies not only barely missed taking first in the tourney, they also placed sisters Shalon and Jaclyn Waldrop on the All-Tournament team.

Thursday saw Robert Lee go up against Eldorado. The girls hung on to win the battle against the Lady Eagles 46-40. High pointer was Shalon Waldrop with 15. Jaclyn Waldrop put 12 on the board, Heather Millican 4, Bree Bolding 3, and Maranda Wo-

Saturday morning the Lady Steers faced off against a really tough Wall team. They played two overtimes before finally pulling out a 45-40 win. Jaclyn Waldrop lit the board up for 24 points to take high point honors. Shalon Waldrop added 13 to the score, Bree Bolding, Jennifer Scott and Kizzie Howell each put up 2; Kannan Millican and Tiffany Bruning 1 each.

Saturday night in the Championship game the Ladies were paired up against the host team the Ballinger Lady Cats. RL fell behind in the first quarter 7-11 and were behind 13-15 at the end of the first half. The second half was more of the same with the Ladies coming up just one basket short, losing to Ballinger 38-40. Jaclyn Waldrop was again high pointer

with 15. Shalon Waldrop tipped in 7, Bree Bolding 6, Maranda Wojtek and Heather Millican added 4 each, and Jennifer Scott 2.

Lady Steers defeat Eden

The Lady Steers and JV girls ran over the Lady Bulldogs from Eden in games held here November 28.

The JV girls took the floor first and held the JV girls from Eden to only 2 points in the first half. Robert Lee took the win with a final score of 44-10. Jessica Key was high pointer with 10 points. Stacey Hendry and Brandi Brosh each put up 8 points, Kannan Millican, Melissa Smith, and Meagan Hill added 4 to the total, Digby and Gloria added 2

The varsity girls were equally successful in their hunt for a win defeating the Lady Dogs 79-25. RL had a 18-2 lead at the end of the first quarter and maintained a large lead until the final buzzer. High point honor went to Shalon Waldrop with 25. Jennifer Scott had a good night hitting for 14. Jaclyn Waldrop and Tiffany Bruning added 8 each to the board, Bree Bolding 7, Kizzie Howell 6, Maranda Wojtek 4, Kannan Millican 3, and Patricia Minjarez 2.

Steers defeat Eden

Tuesday, November 28 the Steers added another one to their win column defeating the visiting Eden Bulldogs 74-52. The Steers played a good offensive and defensive game holding the 'Dogs to only 27 points in the first half.

High point man was Eric Hood with 29 points. Rocky Coates added 18 to the board, Aaron Hood 13, Koby Howell 8, Jerrod Pitcock 4, and Matthew Millican 2.

Phones

grade classes ended their Thanksgiving units with a Tasting Feast. The parents provided food that might have been available at the first Thanksgiving.

HSU news The Hardin Simmons University's moot court team won top honors in the recent state moot court tournament sponsored by the Texas Undergraduate Moot Court Association (TUMCA) and hosted by HSU and the Abilene Bar Association.

Lamar makes

HSU's senior team, composed of Sam Mehaffey from Abilene and Wendy Lamar of Robert Lee, won preliminary, quarter-final, and semi-final matches to advance to the championship round. They won second place in the tournament, losing first place to a Howard Payne team by only 2/3 of a point

Simulating a U.S. Supreme Court hearing, the TUMCA competitors argued the constitutionality of a minor curfew ordinance in Polecat Hollow, Tennessee.

The HSU team is coached by Dr. Virginia Armstrong, director of legal studies and professor of political science

The next TUMCA tournament will be hosted by the Baylor School of Law in early March. HSU is the state headquarters for TUMCA, which is chaired by Dr. Armstrong.

Take a ride on the Polar Express

Mrs. Horn's and Mrs. Randolph's second

Take a ride on the Polar Express to the North Pole with the sixth grade. The class will be presenting a Christmas play, The Polar Express, by Chris Van Allsburg, on Monday, December 18th at 7:00 pm in the Robert Lee School Auditorium. All aboard!

RL JV Basketball

Robert Lee JV boys traveled to Coleman November 14 and were defeated 14-32 by the hosting team. The JV boys just couldn't seem to get an offensive attack going in the game, but did play well de-

Matthew Millican was high point man in the game with 5, with Chad Helwig and Fred Wojtek close behind with 4 each. Eli Boxell hit for 1 point.

The JV boys played a much better offensive game and held close in the next game when they hosted Eden JV November 28. They were defeated in a close contest by Eden's JV team 44-50. Chad Helwig was high point man with 9. Michael Pentecost added 6 to the score, Polo Arellano 3, Jamie Olguin, Andrew Talley, Eli Boxell, and Fred Wojtek each hit for 2.

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RLJH Basketball

Robert Lee Junior High basketball teams have had a busy schedule in the last week; hosting one game at home and hitting the road to Sterling City for another. All four teams were on the court at home when they hosted the Garden City Bearkats Thursday, November 30.

The "B" team girls hit the floor first playing against the Garden City "B" girls. The teams were evenly matched and played a tough game. Garden City hit for a bucket in the final second to pull out a 15-17 win over the RL bunch. Erin Millican was high point lady in the game with 5. DeShira Dickey and Dee Van Huss each put 4 on the board, while Amber Freeman hit for

The "A" team girls faced off against a very good Garden City "A" team and came out on the short end with a 9-25 defeat. Dixie Simpson was high pointer with 4. Gina Torres and Melanie Johnson each added 2 to the total, while Cecilia Ortega hit for 1.

The boys teams met with more success with both teams handing the visiting Bearkats sound defeats.

The RL "B" boys downed Garden City's "B" boys 38-13. Beau Boxell was high point man with 16. Beau Blair lit the board up with 10 points, James Gallegos 4; John Burdett, Robert Barrett, Clifton Bohannon and Zeke Montgomery each pitched in for 2.

The "A" boys were also hot defeating the 'Kats 28-13 High pointer was Andrew Mc-Cabe with 10 points. Daniel Cates added 6 to the score, Jeremy Eaton and Joel Gallegos 4 each; while Dan Mc-Cown and B.J. Bessent were good for 2 each.

Monday, December 4 the junior high teams hit the road for the first time this season traveling to Sterling City to meet up with the Eagles. The night was not good to the teams with only one group managing to bring home a

The "B" girls were outgunned by taller girls in Sterling City and lost 14-26 to the hosting team. Erin Millican was high pointer with 8, DeShira Dickey added 4, and Lettie Olguin 2.

The "A" girls faced a tough, quick Sterling City "A" team and they too came up short at the final buzzer, losing 8-27. Scoring was evenly distributed with Melanie Johnson, Shyla Cole, Cayla Jeffrey, and Dixie Simpson each

The "B" boys brought home the only victory of the night for Robert Lee outshooting the Sterling City "B" boys 27-18. High point man for Robert Lee was Beau Boxell with 14. Lewis Samaniego hit for 5, while Beau Blair and James Gallegos added 4 each to the total.

The Dogies lost a heartbreaker at the final buzzer to Sterling City's "A" team. The Dogies played a good game, but came up on the short end when the buzzer sounded, losing by a 32-33 score. Jeremy Eaton had the hot hand for Robert Lee hitting for 10 points. B.J. Bessent hit for 6, Andrew McCabe, Dan Mc-Cown, and Daniel Cates each for 4 and Matthew Pitcock 2.

No guest is so welcome in a friend's house that he will not become a nuisance after three days.

-Titus Maccius Plautus



Santa waves to the large crowd of children in Ronnie Waggonner Robert Lee last Friday. piloted his vehicle, which landed at the West Coke County Nursing Home.

RL and Stompin' Steer Band welcome Santa

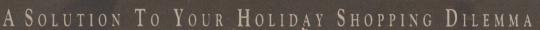
The Stompin' Steer Band struck up "Here Comes Santa Claus" as he arrived on board the fire truck and made about 125 little children ecstatically happy in downtown Robert Lee last Friday.

About 25 local businesses hosted Open House and gave door prizes and special sales. It was food, food, food. What wonderful spreads - everything from chips & dips, sweets, punch, fajitas, to hot dogs and tamales.

Jack Moore from Bronte was the lucky winner of the microwave at WTU; Johnny Carver won the poinsettia at City Hall; Lane Arthur's name was drawn for WTU's poinsettia; Gary Williams was pleased with a box of Turtles candy at Ben Bessent's Chevrolet; Ranchland Restaurant awarded KC dinners for two to Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Service, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Otho Long; Craig Bates and Arlea Parks won a \$50 gift certificate each from Ace Hardware; and Key Feed Store drew Irma Wink's

name for a pecan sheller, Jeff Barnes, rose food, and Richard Seals, dog food.

Lighting is going up rapidly in Robert Lee; Bryan's Barn is open each evening from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm until New Year's. It's brighter and bigger than ever. West Coke County Community Development will provide any Robert Lee business with strings of clear lights if the business will install them and then return them to WC-CCD after Christmas. Please contact Billy Kelly at 453-





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CCJJC holds blood drive for Comstock

The Coke County Juvenile Justice Center is sponsoring a blood drive at the facility on Highway 277 for the benefit of Scott L. Comstock, a warden at a Wackenhut Corrections facility in Texas, who is battling Leukemia. Debra Reed, the Facility Administrator, is encouraging all Wackenhut employees and the residents of Coke County to participate in this blood drive coordinated by United Blood Services of San Angelo, to take place on

November contributions

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Regular donors who wish to participate in the Pheresis Program to donate platelets to Mr. Comstock's account can call the United Blood Services office at 653-1307 for an appointment in San Angelo. Walk-ins are welcome and appointments will be honored for those on tight schedules. Appointments may be made by calling 915-473-5700.

LOOK WHO'S NEW Kenzie Leigh Herring

Kenzie Lee Herring was born in Bryan, Texas, on December 2, 1995 at 12:30 am. She weighed 7 pounds, 6 1/2 ounces and was 20 inches long. Her parents are Lisa and Jason Herring of College Station. Grandparents are Louise and Jerry Bower of Water Valley, Marie Robertson of Seattle, Washington, and Jerry Herring of Robert Lee.

Personal

Mrs. Opal Baker of Robert Lee spent Thanksgiving with her daughter and husband, Kay and Dick Denman, in Corpus Christi. The plane trip was her Christmas gift from the Denmans. While in Corpus Christi, she also visited with her grandson, Michael Denman and family, and her granddaughter, Melinda Heflin, husband Charlie and family.



Voting delegates representing Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau at the 62nd annual Texas Farm Bureau convention in Corpus Christi November 26-29 were (I. to r.): Robert Brown of Bronte, Jeffie Roberts and Bobby Roberts - president of Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts reside in Robert Lee.

Texas Farm Bureau holds annual convention

Three voting delegates from Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau recently participated in the 62nd annual Texas Farm Bureau convention November 26-November 29 in Corpus Christi. They were Robert Brown of Bronte, Bobby Roberts (President), and Jeffie Roberts, both of Robert Lee.

Policies directing the state's largest farm organization were adopted by more than 1,300 delegates from 211 organized Farm Bureaus. Approved

recommendations on national policies will advance to the American Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting to be held in January in Reno, Nevada.

Speakers featured at the convention included Wayne Ates, the "Minister of Mirth" from Jesup, Georgia, who used humor to challenge people to overlook the unbecoming, understand the unconventional, tolerate the unpleasant and outlast the unbearable. Also addressing the delegates were Bob Stallman of Columbus, TFB president; David R. Krebs of Portland, TFB secretary-trea-

surer; and Vernie Glasson, TFB executive director.

The business session covered the final two days of the meeting. The last order of business was the election of the president, Bob Stallman of Columbus, Texas.

This year's youth winners were Ann Leslie of Hood-Somervell, Miss Farm Bureau; Oriana Huron of San Saba, Talent Find winner; and Taylor Bledsoe of Live Oak County, Free Enterprise Speech winner.

Named "Outstanding Young Farmer/Rancher of 1995" was Brian Betts and wife, Velda, of Titus County.



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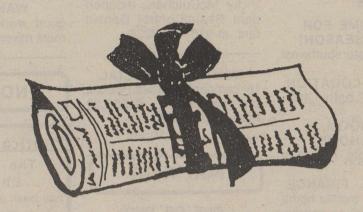
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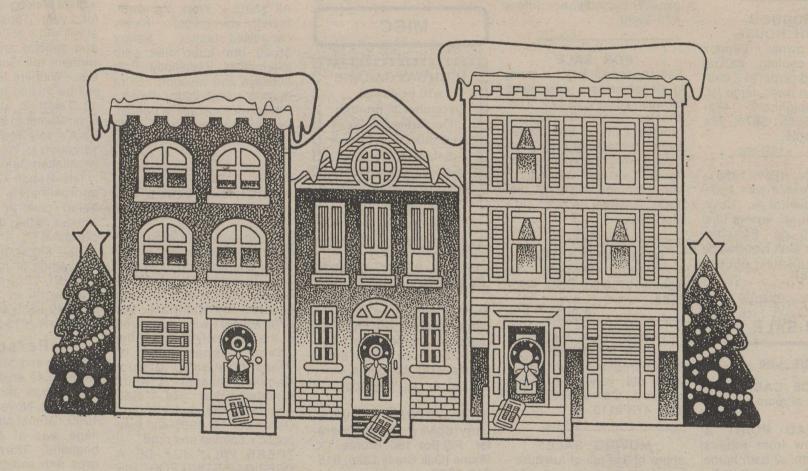
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West Texas Rehab. to host annual Rockathon

West Texas Rehabilitation · Center's annual Rockathon announced a number of changes for the 1996 event, held in conjunction with the Rehab Telethon. Chick-Fil-A has volunteered to sponsor Rockathon and will host the event on January 6, 1996, from 12:00 noon until 4:00 pm in three area malls: Heartland Mall - Brownwood, Mall of Abilene, and Sunset Mall -San Angelo. Registration will begin at 11:15 am and is open to all area youth groups accompanied by an adult spon-

Participants will solicit donations based on the time they plan to rock. San Angelo's Chick-Fil-A operator, Billy Roberson, said, "Chick-Fil-A operators in all three cities are excited about sponsoring the Rockathon. We'll have lots of food, great door prizes and special entertainment for the rockers." Roberson also encouraged groups to sign up early since space is limited.

The Rockathon offers youth groups an opportunity to work together on a worthwhile project and have fun at the same time. For the last several years, the top dollar group has been the Roscoe High School Student Council, and last year they brought in \$3,275. Their sponsor, Autry Hardy, said, "Competing in the annual Chick-Fil-A Rockathon for Rehab is an event where everyone is a winner, where everyone can feel that they have given something to someone else in the most unselfish way.'

The top dollar group will win a giant rocking chair to display for a year. Top dollar individual will win a \$500 scholarship, and second and third place winners will receive CD players. Winners from each city will be invited to the January 13 Telethon at the Abilene Civic Center to share in Chick-Fil-A's televised check presentation to West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

The Rehab Center serves approximately 14,000 disabled children and adults without regard for their financial status.

To sign up for the Rockathon or for more inforcontact Wadsworth in San Angelo, 915-949-9535 or Pat Clayton in Abilene, 915-691-7290.

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Bobby and Jeffie Roberts of Robert Lee enjoyed a tour of East Texas and Shreveport, Louisiana, November 17 - 20. 1995. At that time the Fall foliage was at its peak and beautiful. They visited relatives Ann and Dan McClanahan of Van. The couple accompanied them to Winnsboro, Jefferson, Marshall, Longview, Shreveport, Nacogdoches, Lake Palestine, Tyler and the surrounding areas. Each town was preparing for their Christmas lightings on Wednesday. They visited the Marshall Pottery Factory and toured the trail for the famous Marshall Christmas Lights Festival.

'Tis the season to be careful

The holiday buffet table is a wonderland: elegant foods served with the best china, sparkling crystal and all highlighted with an elaborate centerpiece of mistletoe, pine branches, holly leaves and berries. Mom, dad, the children and grandparents are ready for their annual feast.

What's wrong with this pic-

This could be the scene of a potential accidental poisoning. "The Consumer Products Safety Commission estimates that each year 4,000 people will be treated in hospital emergency departments for injuries associated with holiday hazards. Many seasonal plants, decorations and products have the potential to seriously injure people if they are eaten or used improperly," said Doug Borys, managing director of the Central Texas Poison Center. He is also a registered pharmacist, certified specialist in poison information and a member of the American Board of Applied Technology.

If eaten by adults or children, the mistletoe and holly berries, for example, could cause vomiting and diarrhea. Although pine needles won't make someone sick if they are eaten, your young children could choke on them. If that turkey sat out too long before being served, it could give the family food poisoning.

The Central Texas Poison Center, located at Scott & White, is part of the Texas Poison Center Network that operates centers in Temple, Dallas, Galveston, El Paso, San Antonio, and Amarillo. The Central Texas Poison Center is located on the Scott & White main campus in Temple. The Central Texas Poison Center serves 1.8 million Central Texans and encompasses the 30 counties in Texas Public Health Region 7, an area bounded by Hillsboro to the north, San Marcos to the south, San Saba and Llano to the west and Madisonville to the east. Scott & White is one of the nation's largest multispecialty group medical practices with about 450 physicians and 15 regional clinics throughout Central Texas.

The Texas Poison Center Network's phones, staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, are operated by nurses and pharmacists who have specialized training in poison information and toxicology. The center maintains a computer database of more than 900,000 commercial products listed by common and brand names to help callers identify dangerous substances.

Persons may get free information by making a free phone call from anywhere in Texas: 1(800) POISON1, or 1(800) 764-7661.

To make the holiday season merry and bright, Mr. Borys makes these suggestions for a safe and healthy holiday:

* Alcohol, even in small amounts, can be dangerous to small children. That is why adults should remember that alcohol comes in many forms, such as liquor, perfumes, mouthwash and colognes. Beverages can contain as much as 40 percent alcohol. "Glasses of alcoholic drinks

left out overnight can be an irresistible temptation to small children," Mr. Borys said. "Even though melted ice has watered the drink, the alcohol is still present. That is why you should empty all glasses and move all bottles away from curious children. It takes only a little to seriously harm a child. For example, drinking 1 tablespoon (1 ounce) of perfume is very dangerous to an 18-month-old child. Just two tablespoons of hard liquor such as vodka can harm a child. It only takes two ounces of mouthwash to cause serious illness in a toddler."

* Food poisoning is a significant hazard during the holiday season, particularly when families leave out large meals at room temperature. Turkeys must be refrigerated before and after cooking. After meals, package all leftovers in airtight containers and refrigerate as soon as possible. Keep all kitchen work areas and utensils clean by using soap and water to prevent contamination. That also includes keeping your hands clean with frequent washing. "If you are uncertain about whether a food is safe to eat, call the Central Texas Poison Center," Mr. Borys said. "But, when in doubt, throw it out."

* Plants look beautiful, but some can be very toxic to children and pets. "Christmas tree needles and pine cones are a choking hazard," Mr. Borys added. "Mistletoe, holly, azalea and oleander leaves and berries may cause vomiting and diarrhea." Poinsettias and Christmas cactus are essentially harmless. The Central Texas Poison Center urges everyone to know the names of all plants in their home. The center provides a free list of poisonous plants by calling its toll-free line.

* Ornaments and decorations are lovely to look at but can also pose hidden hazards. For example, snow sprays and lamp oils contain hydrocarbons which are dangerous if eaten or inhaled. Essential oils used as flavorings for baking or fragrance can be hazardous and may cause vomiting and diarrhea in children. Homemade ornaments usually have a high concentration of salt, which can harm adults and children. Electric bubble lights contain methylene chloride that can cause serious illness in children. Tinsel, needles from artificial trees and glass ornaments can pose choking hazards for youngsters.

* Some gifts under the tree can be harmful, too. Perfumes and colognes, likewise, should be stored away from exploring little hands because they may contain up to 90 percent ethanol. Bubble baths could cause serious upset stomachs if consumed. Regular and disk batteries can burn children's lips and mouths when chewed. Be sure Santa delivers crayons, watercolor markers, paints and pencils that are labeled nontoxic and safe for children.

* Remember to anticipate children's curiosity. "The whirlwind of activities sometimes means parents become distracted from supervising children and youngsters have more opportunities to explore and consume things they shouldn't," he added. "In ad-

dition, the excitement of the seasons cause families to neglect the usual potentially dangerous products in the home. For example, house guests may not be accustomed to having children around. They may bring with them medicines and other products that could be harmful if eaten by a young child. Remember to keep your medications and household cleaning products away from young hands."

Cold weather brings the threat of carbon monoxide poisoning. "Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless deadly gas that is produced by all flame-burning appliances," Mr. Borys said. "In the winter, we spend more time inside tight homes, which can cause the carbon monoxide levels to increase to dangerous levels." Symptoms of poisoning include headache, dizziness, confusion, nausea and vomiting. The Central Texas Poison Center urges everyone to make sure gas appliances are working properly and to provide adequate ventilation in homes. Install carbon monoxide detectors in your home to give you proper warning. "If you think you may be exposed, call the Central Texas Poison Center," he added.

The staff of the Central Texas Poison Center urges everyone to have a healthy holiday season. "The simplest injury-prevention steps are actually the most important," Mr. Borys emphasized. "Remember to wear your seat belt and to use child car safety seats. Don't mix drinking and driving. Most of all, supervise children at all times and don't let them out of your sight. It only takes a couple of seconds for accidents to happen."

The Central Texas Poison Center distributes free educational materials such as pamphlets and a poison prevention guide. To request these items, call the hotline and give your name and address. Call the Central Texas Poison Center from any where in Texas: 1 (800) POISON1, or 1 (800) 764-7661. The phones are staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Volunteers needed

Persons with mild to moderate Alzheimer's disease are needed for a study of the drug, milameline. This drug, which has been in preliminary testing for more than two years, is thought to have a beneficial effect on brain function.

Volunteers, age 50 or older, must have a firm diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease according to established criteria, must not be taking any other medication for memory and must have stable general health. Female volunteers must have reached menopause.

The study involves a screening visit followed by five outpatient clinic visits in a 26-week period. Visits may include a brief physical exam and eye exam, a blood test and tests of memory and behavior.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Lisa Lipscomb at 713-798-7431.



Accelerated Readers pose in front of the festive, "snow-covered" Christmas tree at Robert Lee State Bank with the bills they received for their efforts. Winners are as follows:

1st grade (Byrne) - 1. Becca Skinner, 2. Tracey Randolph

2nd grade (Horn) - 1. Cassidy Wink, 2. Eric Ortega

2nd grade (Randolph) - 1. Stephanie Trejo, 2. Josh Conner, Manual Alcantar, and Kyla Millican

3rd grade (Devoll) - 1. Drew Schultz, 2. Ashli Seals and Brittney Soliz

3rd grade (McCown) - 1. Kayli Dickey, 2. Julie Riley

4th grade (Davis) - 1. Brian Abalos, 2. Preston Francis
5th grade (Wilson) - 1. Ashlee Millican, 2.

Jaziel Gallegos
5th grade (Bessent) - 1. Christina Middleton,

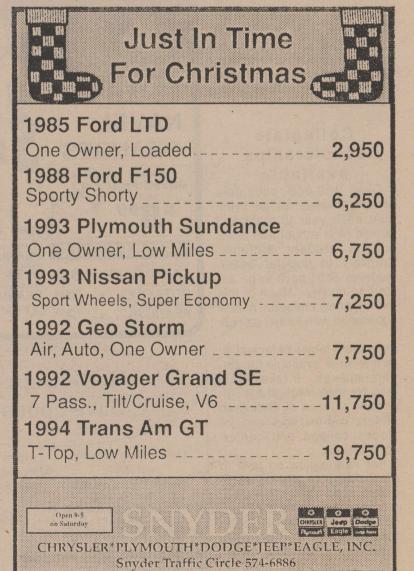
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2. Adam Caston

Visitors in the home of Bobby and Jeffie Roberts, of Robert Lee, enjoying Thanksgiving dinner were Floyd and Jessie Harmon; Dorene Mashburn; Douglas, Denise, and Kacee Roberts; Marshall, Sheri, Kannan, and Stewart Millican, all of Robert Lee; Lawana Perry of Carlsbad; Troy Millican and Cayla of Sterling City; Jimmy and

Madelle Griffith and Ericka of Lubbock; Darwin and Joanie Harmon of Big Spring; Jim and Sheila Farrar, Crystal and Lauren Hammerton, all of Houston.

Others joining the group during the holiday weekend were Tim and Debbie Meyers, Dustin, Clayton, and Kelsy of Victoria; Kendall and Lee Billings, John Wesley and Stephanie of Sanderson; and Voleta Dixon of San Antonio.



Part-time jobs boost SS benefits

Millions of people work parttime jobs. Some people work only a few hours a week just to have extra money for themselves or their families. Others work part-time to fill what would otherwise be lonely hours. More and more people today feel the need to work a part-time job in addition to their full-time job to help them make ends meet.

Regardless of the reason, if you're working a part-time job, you're boosting the amount of the monthly benefit you'll receive when you retire. If your part-time work is your only job -- as is often true for homemakers -- you're also making sure you have Social Security protection that could pay monthly benefits to you, your spouse, and any dependent children if you become disabled or die before you're eligible to retire.

In many families, the parttime worker is the mother who holds a job for a few hours during the day while the children are at school. Her job may not seem that important to her and her family if it's a two-parent household. But what if she became disabled and could not work? That's where Social Security comes in. The mother and her family could be eligible for Social Security benefits based on the earnings from her parttime job. Or if the mother died, her survivors could be eligible for benefits. benefits derived from the mother's part-time work would provide full-time benefits in helping the family survive the hardship.

But Social Security protection won't be there for you if your earnings aren't reported to Social Security and the taxes paid on them. We recommend that you check your earnings record at least every three years. It's easy to do. Call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, anytime (including weekends and holidays) and ask for a Form 7004 (Request for Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement). should receive your statement within four to six weeks after Social Security receives your completed form.

Collegiate scholarships available

Over 100,000 collegiate athletic scholarships are available each year to male and female high school and junior college student athletes. Contrary to popular belief, students don't have to be allstate to qualify. Much of this money goes unused. A new publication with forms, sample

letters and tables of factual information is available for student athletes. It takes them step by step through the important process of getting an athletic scholarship and includes college and conference listings.

For information on how to get a collegiate athletic scholarship, send a self-addressed, stamped business size envelope to the National Sports Foundation, P.O. Box 940, Oakhurst, NJ 07755.

Euterpean Club meets

The Euterpean Club of Blackwell met November 16 in the fellowship hall of the United Methodist Church.

Bobbie Varnadore, president, conducted the meeting. She led members in the club

The hostess was Lillie Burwick with co-hostess Hulene

Conradt. Members attending: Esther Smith, Rosie Ten Eyck, Margaret Stout, Mary Lee, Tommie Lucas, Noba Ware, Linda Watts, Jean Bell, Dona Sanderson. Guests: Cassi Parvin, Geneva Zarafonetis.

The next meeting will be December 14 at the Lucas Ranch; Dona Sanderson will give a Christmas program.

Personal

Visiting Helen Murtishaw on Thanksgiving Day and enjoying a big turkey dinner and watching football games all afternoon were: Joy and A.J. McDaniel of San Angelo; Dewey Luckett, Bill and Diane Luckett and Joey Luckett, all of Bronte; Connie and Tim Bozarth of San Angelo; Bo and Peggy Bozarth of San Angelo; and Jim and Lois Dunklin of Robert Lee.



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