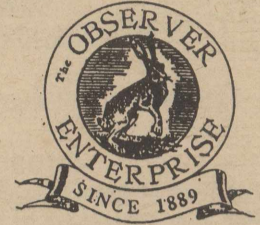


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West Coke County EMS receives TDH grant

Fran Lomas and Jeanette Jacobs recently attended a reception for the disbursement of grant funds by the Texas Department of Health. The event was held at the Central Fire Station in San Angelo Friday, Dec. 13.

Of the \$34,000 in grants allocated to local rural areas, West Coke County received \$1,740 for additional training equipment to be used by the EMS. The grant was the fourth received in four years from the TDH, stated Lomas, who is grants writer for the service. "It is very unusual to receive funding after three consecutive years. I was quite

Bronte merchants set drawing

The Bronte Merchants Association is sponsoring a Holiday Shopping Spree drawing which will be held Saturday, December 21, at 4:00 pm at the First National Bank parking lot. Shoppers are being encouraged to "shop at home" to increase their chances to win this drawing.

For each purchase of \$3.00 or more, shoppers get their name in the drawing. Do your shopping locally and increase your chances to win! YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN! See you the 21st.

Seven separate drawings will be held. The grand prize will be \$150 in Merchants Holiday Certificates; second will be \$100 in certificates; and five more winners will receive \$50 in certificates to be spent with participating merchants.

Holiday closings

Robert Lee City Hall will be closed Wednesday, December 25, and Thursday, December 26, in celebration of Christmas. The Bronte City offices will close on Christmas Eve and remain closed on Christmas Day. The offices will also be closed on January 1, New Year's Day.

The Coke County Courthouse will be closed on Tuesday, December 24, and Wednesday, December 25. They will also be closed on January 1, 1997.

Robert Lee and Bronte Post Offices will close for Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

surprised this year. We had submitted for twice the amount and are very pleased with this grant," she continued.

State Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo was a key figure in stressing to Dallas and Houston legislators the importance of well-equipped rural EMS teams, as people from large cities such as those often travel through small towns where they could be involved in a wreck.

Other local groups to receive grants include Carlsbad Volunteer Fire Dept., Grape Creek Volunteer Fire Dept., and the San Angelo Fire Dept.

County employees prepare to leave

Three employees of Coke County will leave their positions at the end of the year.

Marshall Millican has been with the county for twenty-two years in law enforcement. He has served as Sheriff since January 1, 1981. After the first of the new year, Marshall will be associated with Concho Realty in San Angelo. He will be working with farmers and ranchers and is looking forward to this new occupation.

Wayne Arrott will be retiring after serving the county as Constable for twenty-two years. He will retire to ranching.

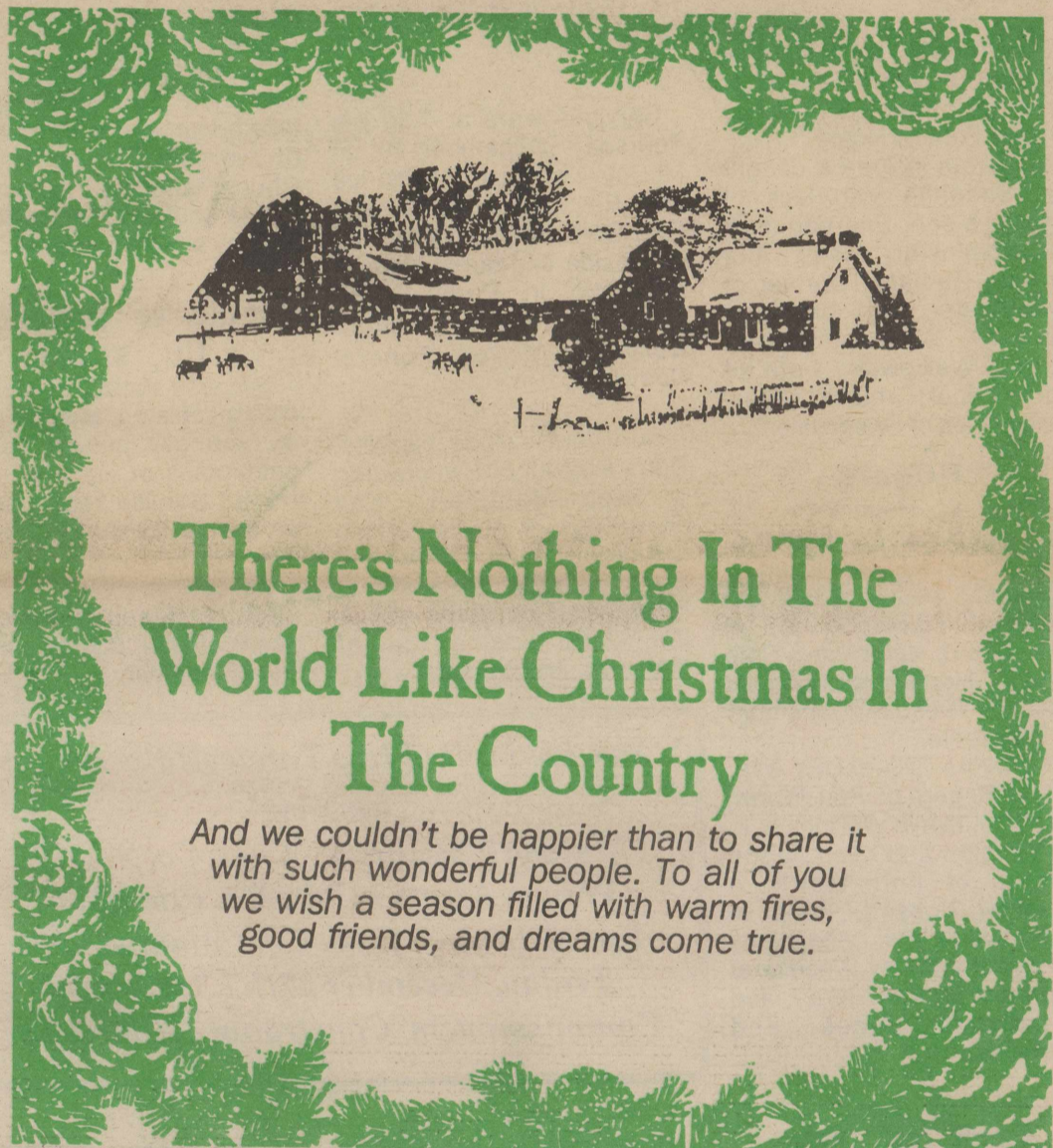
Tim Millican has served as County Commissioner for eight years. He also plans to resume his ranching interest.

These three men will be greatly missed. They will be honored with a farewell reception December 27 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at the courthouse.

Food for the needy

West Coke County Community Development is once again delivering food for the needy.

Baskets and boxes are located in all Robert Lee grocery stores to accept your donation. For those who would like to make cash contributions for the purchase of perishable items, an account has been established at Robert Lee State Bank. Donations should be received by 3:00 pm Monday, December 23.



There's Nothing In The
World Like Christmas In
The Country

And we couldn't be happier than to share it
with such wonderful people. To all of you
we wish a season filled with warm fires,
good friends, and dreams come true.

REHAB '97 set

West Texas Rehabilitation Center's REHAB '97 is once again scheduled to take place in January. The telethon will begin on the evening of January 11 and will be televised locally on KLST-TV (San Angelo).

Coke County volunteers are preparing to participate in the telethon by providing phone banks in both Bronte and Robert Lee where pledges may be made. Diane Luckett and Pat Martindale in Bronte and Leta Caston and the 64 Study Club in Robert Lee will be conducting the REHAB '97 phone banks. Look for details in future papers on phone bank locations and pledge times.

Br. curfew ordinance passed

The city of Bronte has passed an ordinance concerning curfew for minors. For details, see the notice on the Classified page of this paper.

Bryan's Barn

Bryan's Barn is once again lighting up the area just west of Robert Lee on Messbox Creek. Visitors are encouraged to come on out and view the grand display of Christmas lights. Due to the excessive usage of electricity to light up the Barn, last weekend a large group of lights simply quit working; however, the Bryans installed the new equipment needed to generate more power, and they continue to add lights to their displays.

The Barn is open every night in December from 6 to 10 pm. Wilson and Lucile Bryan had over 6,000 visitors last year and are hoping to top that number this season. Drive on out and take a look at this inspiring display.

Angel Tree Project

Angels have been placed in several Robert Lee businesses. If you would like to help make Christmas special for a child, go by The

Carousel, Robert Lee State Bank, or Ace Hardware and get your "angel." Each card is marked with the age, sex, clothing size, or toy desired by the child.

Schools have coats available

Bronte ISD and Robert Lee ISD have coats that were donated for the annual coat swap. If your child needs a coat, see the principal or secretary at either school for assistance.

Br. Happy Harts to meet

The Bronte Happy Harts will have their monthly square dance at the Bronte Community Center on Saturday, Dec. 21st, from 8:00 - 10:00 pm. There will be line dancing between tips. Bring your sweetie and join the fun.

We will be square dancing at the Bronte Nursing Home on Thursday, Dec. 19th, from 7:00 - 9:00 pm.

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Bronte FBC to hold Christmas celebration

Bronte's First Baptist Church invites everyone to join in its celebration of Christmas this Sunday, December 22. Both the 10:55 am and the 7:00 pm worship services will be centered on the Christmas theme.

Special guest leaders for these services will be David and Karen Garrett of Mesquite, Texas. The Garrett's are evangelists who focus on sharing the message of Christ and encouraging believers. Using guitar and keyboard, David and Karen will be leading in these special times of Christmas worship.

The services will feature the singing of familiar Christmas carols, humor, and Scripture-based messages. The evening service will include members of the congregation joining the Garrett's in a time of candlelight Christmas prayer and praise.

Pastor Morris Johnson encourages the community to take advantage of these times of worship. First Baptist Church is located at the corner of South Washington and Barclay streets in Bronte.

New county officials to take office

Oaths will be taken by seven newly elected or re-elected county officials on Tuesday, December 31, at 3:00 pm. The ceremony will take place in the District Courtroom of the Coke County Courthouse in Robert Lee, where the following men will be sworn in:

- Commissioners** - Paul Burns and Pat Percifull
- Sheriff** - Mike Harris
- Constables** - Kenneth Rasco and Keith Fletcher
- County Attorney** - Lane Arthur
- Justice of the Peace** - Jack Moore

Terms will be effective beginning at 12:01 am on January 1, 1997.

again and again! The children at Medina Home for Children in Medina, Texas, are the beneficiaries of this large-heartedness.

Bronte Nursing Home News

There were four Birthday Honorees on December 6 at the Bronte Nursing Home. They were Edna Owens, Edith Hipp, Margaret White and Dink Beaver. The WMA Ladies of Central Baptist Church were sponsors of the party.

Are you superstitious? We, here at the Nursing Home aren't. The weather was nice and it was Friday the 13th when the Residents' Christmas was going on. There were about 150 that enjoyed turkey, dressing, ham and all the trimmings. The families furnished the vegetables, salads and desserts. Santa handed out the gifts and let them know that he thought they had been very good this year. Everyone enjoyed the evening of fun and fellowship.

We are still looking for volunteers in order to start our auxiliary. An auxiliary can be very helpful to our nursing home in ways other than helping with the activities. Please think about us and put the Nursing Home on your list of New Year's Resolutions.

Death Notices

VanVleck

Debra Jean VanVleck, 39, of Bronte died Friday, December 13, 1996, at her residence.

Graveside service was at 9:30 am Saturday, December 14, in Fairview Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include a daughter, Shannon VanVleck of Bronte; a son, Eric VanVleck of Leominster, Mass.; her mother, Barbara Fournier of Sweetwater; two brothers, Bernard Walkowiak and Dennis Walkowiak, both of Connecticut; and a sister, Elaine Haas of Sweetwater.

Rogers

Marlin W. Rogers Sr., 76, died Thursday, December 5, 1996, in a local care center.

Service was at 10:00 am Monday, December 9, at Thompson's Harveson & Cole Funeral Home with burial at 1:00 pm Tuesday, December 10, in Bronte.

Survivors include his wife, Melba Rogers of Fort Worth; two sons, Marlin W. Rogers Jr. of Arlington and Lynn Allison Rogers of Fort Worth; a daughter, Robyn L. Prater of Allen; two sisters, Irene Hardy of Snyder and Fay Wheeler of May; four grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Russell

Rankin M. Russell, 87, of Sweetwater and formerly of Robert Lee, died December 16, 1996, at Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital.

Services were at 1:30 pm Thursday, December 19, at McCoy Chapel of Memories with Rev. Willie Turner and Rev. Orvel Brantley officiating. Graveside and burial were at 4:00 pm in Paint Creek Cemetery. Arrangements were by McCoy Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Edna Russell of Sweetwater; a step daughter, Kay Cummings of Austin; a step son, Lee Varnador of Atlanta, Ga; one sister, Elsie Adams of Maryneal; 3 nephews, including John Adams, Jr. of Maryneal; and 3 nieces.

Medicare pays for flu shots

Because statistics show that older people are twice as likely as younger people to get pneumonia or flu, the Public Health Service recommends an annual flu shot for people over age 65, even if vaccinations and flu shots are covered by Medicare Part B (medical insurance) for those age 65 or older.

Benevolence Boxes provide needs for children

Behind the Southside Church of Christ across from the post office in Robert Lee stand eight large white boxes. These invite the residents of local communities to express their benevolent spirit through the giving of clothing and accessories. That spirit is alive and well, for those boxes have been filled again and

You are invited to a Farewell Reception
 honoring
Marshall Millican - Coke Co. Sheriff
Wayne Arrott - Coke Co. Constable
Tim Millican - Coke Co. Commissioner
 Friday, December 27th - 3:00 - 4:30
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Harmons celebrate 64th

The children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of Floyd and Jessie Harmon held a family dinner at Luby's cafeteria in San Angelo December 15, 1996, in honor of the Harmons' 64th wedding anniversary and Jessie's birthday.

Floyd Calloway Harmon and Jessie Dora Creech, both born and raised in Coke County, were married on Jessie's seventeenth birthday, December 18, 1932. The wedding took place in the home of D.K. Smith, a preacher and school teacher, in the Green Mountain Community in West Coke County near Robert Lee.

The Harmons have four children - Lawana M. Perry of Carlsbad, Texas; Dorene Mashburn and Jeffie Roberts of Robert Lee; and Jerry Harmon of Sand Springs. They also have 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Harmon have lived near Robert Lee 62 years and 2 years (1939 - 1941) in the Champion community near Roscoe, Texas. They are stockfarmers. Mr. Harmon was Coke County Commissioner of Precinct 3 for 12 years (1961 - 1972).

Floyd Harmon is the oldest of the 11 children of the late Thomas R. and the late Amanda (Sparks) Harmon, who celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary before their deaths in 1987 and 1992. By their 75th wedding anniversary, three of their sons and daughters-in-law had already celebrated their 50th anniversaries - Floyd and Jessie Harmon, the late Finis and LaRue Harmon, and the late Crowley and Nola Harmon. By 1996, three more sons and daughters-in-law have celebrated their 50th anniversaries - J.D. and Mary Jo Harmon, Alfred and Ethel Harmon, and Alf and Dorothy Harmon, making 6 Harmon brothers and wives to celebrate over 50 years together and their parents over 75 years together.



Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Harmon

Those present for the 64th celebration were the honorees - Floyd and Jessie Harmon, Dorene and Wayne Mashburn, Jeffie and Bobby Roberts, Marshall, Sheri, Kannan, and Stewart Millican, Douglas and Denise Roberts, all of Robert Lee; Lawana and Howard Perry of Carlsbad; Jerry and Janie Harmon of Sand Springs; Troy, Susan, and Cayla Millican of Sterling City; Steve, Rena, Jessica, and Brady Johnson of San Angelo; and a friend, Will Simpson of Robert Lee.

Rodriguez completes basic training

Navy Seaman Recruit Katrina L. Rodriguez, daughter of Josue L. and Susan G. Rodriguez of 5 E. Fourth, Robert Lee, Texas, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Rodriguez completed a variety of training which included classroom study and

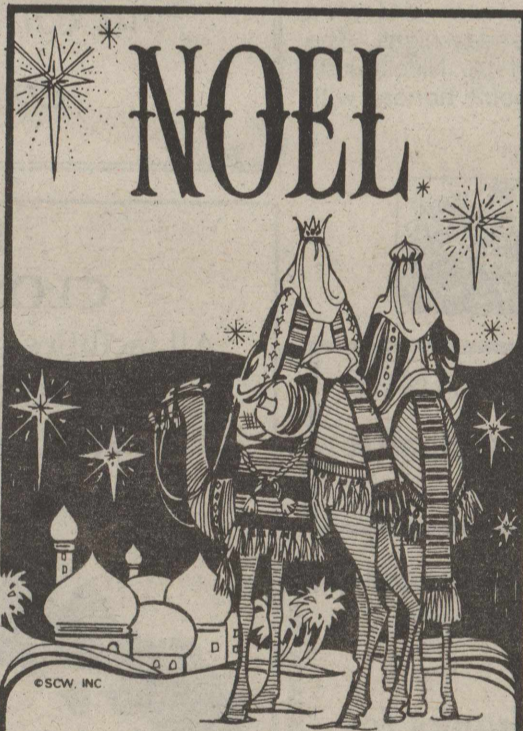
practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis is also placed on physical fitness.

Rodriguez and other recruits also received instruction on the Navy's core values - honor, courage and commitment - and how to apply them in their military performance and personal conduct. Rodriguez joins 55,000 men and women who will enter the Navy this year from all over the country.

Katrina is a 1996 graduate of Robert Lee High School.

Kim Hall honored

Kim Hall has been selected to the 1996 San Angelo Standard-Times All West Texas Volleyball first team. Kim also made the first ever San Angelo Standard-Times All West Texas first team last year. Kim had 171 kills for .174 attack percentage, 64 service aces, 184 digs and 76 block solos.



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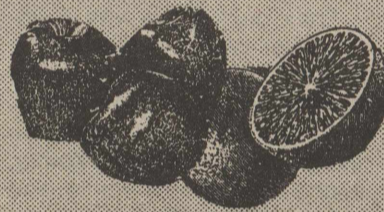
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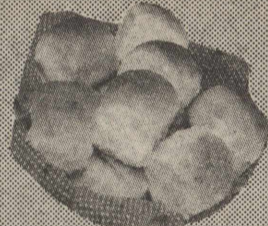
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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Br. class of '97 kidnapped

The senior class of '97 was kidnapped Sunday, Nov. 17, 1996. The parents of class members kidnapped their child and took him to a special surprise breakfast. On or about 7:00 am, parents started arriving at the El Ranchero Restaurant with their kidnapped, sleepy-eyed kid. Most of them were very surprised! All who attended enjoyed a relaxing breakfast. After breakfast, awards were given to the seniors for certain honors. They are as follows:

- Larry Graves** - Last one to take a bath
- Lane Parker** - Singing in the shower
- Scott Thompson** - Last one to eat the biggest meal
- Danielle Parker** - Last one to drink milk
- Kim Hall** - Last one to lose keys
- Keith Treadaway** - Last one to play a game
- Kim McCorkle** - Last one to babysit
- Jodie Hilliard** - The most normal
- Jason Martinez** - The loudest whistle
- Olivia Guzman** - Last one to have a wreck
- Shea Kelton** - Longest person to do dishes
- David Wilson** - Most jewelry on
- Shelly Sims** - Happiest person
- Kale Beck** - The one who needs a brush the most
- Tandy Bilbrey** - Last person to miss a deer
- Gail Hilliard** - Honor of making Orange Julius (Boy, was it good!)

Br. ISD School Board minutes

The Bronte Independent School Board held its regularly scheduled board meeting on December 12, 1996, at 7:00 pm. A public hearing for the 1995-96 Academic Indicators/School Report Card was held, and the following business was conducted by the school board.

- Program reports were given by several secondary teachers and the principals.
- A change was made in the off-campus policy.
- Accepted the proposal by Vibra-Whirl for the all-weather surface for the track.
- Adopted TEA Policies for special populations from Small Schools Coop.
- Amended budget for Title I, Part D, Sub-Part 2.
- Approved the purchase of a Grasshopper mower.

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- Discussed purchase of a flatbed trailer and a school automobile.
- Discussed the report from the Texas Department of Health.
- Changed January Board Meeting to the 23rd.
- Heard superintendent's report on various facility and program items.
- Discussed superintendent's evaluation.
- The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 pm.

Longhorn basketball scores posted

The Bronte Longhorn Varsity competed in the Robert Lee tournament recently. In their first game, they faced Clyde and were handed a 83-36 loss. High scorer for the game was Kale Beck with 16 points. He was followed by Keith Treadaway with 7, Michael Martinez with 6, Trey Holland with 4, Lane Parker with 2, and Scott Graves with 1.

Their next game was a victory over Water Valley, 40-32. Keith Treadaway took top scoring honors with 11 points. Michael Blair put 10 points on the board, Kale Beck 9 points, Michael Martinez 4 points, and Casey Gibbs, Scott Graves, and Michael Sallee each had 2 points.

In the Horns' final game of the tournament, they lost a heartbreaker to Robert Lee 43-45. Keith Treadaway was again high point with 15. Michael Martinez added 13, Michael Blair 6, Casey Gibbs 5, and Kale Beck 4.

In regular play, the Longhorns met the Miles Bulldogs and came away with a 49-43 win. Keith Treadaway was high point with 21. Casey Gibbs put in 11, Michael Blair 8, Kale Beck 4, Scott Graves 3, and Michael Martinez 2.

Lady Shorthorns basketball results

The Bronte Jr. High 8th grade girls basketball team played in the Sterling City Tournament on December 5 winning their first game against Garden City with a score of 24-16. Tessie McMullan had 8 points, Brooke McCutchen had 6 points, Kala Arrott and Crystal Moore had 4 points each, and Angie Harrell had 2 points.

On Saturday morning they met Robert Lee and lost 43-16. Kala Arrott had 8 points, Brooke McCutchen, Crystal Moore, Tessie McMullan, and Natalie Hamm all had 2 each. The girls turned around and played Robert Lee for a regular game on Monday night, December 9, and lost with a much better score and effort of 32-21. Brooke McCutchen had 12 points, Kala Arrott had 5 points, Angie Harrell had 3 points, and Crystal Moore had 1 point. The next game will be Thursday, January 9, at Sterling City.

The Bronte 7th grade girls played Monday, December 16, against Robert Lee and lost with a score of 20-8. Natasha Reed had 4 points, Cassandra Casares, Lacy Schoenfield, and Kelly Cooper all had 2 points. Their next game is Thursday, January 9, at Sterling City with the 7th girls games beginning at 5:00.

Lady Horns JV post wins

The Lady Longhorn JV basketball team defeated Miles on Monday night. The score was 21-16. Nicole Butts took high point honors with 16 points.



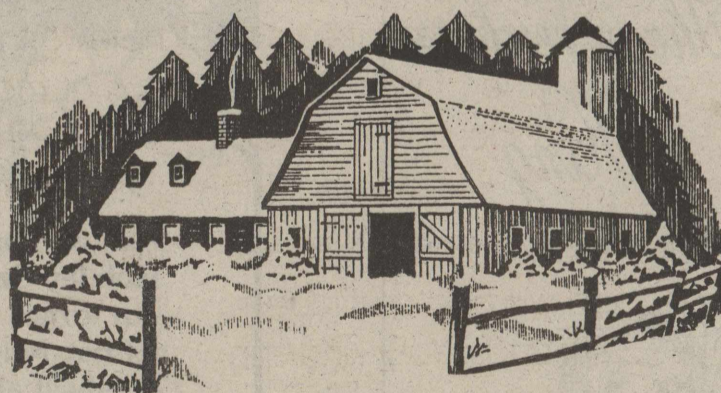
Steve Kersh presented "The Science Lab" from KTXS Channel 12. He is the meteorologist with "Live Doppler 12 Radar" weather information. The students have been asked by Steve to call in the moisture amounts that occur in Bronte.

The spice known as cloves is named for the French word for nail, because of the shape of the flower buds.

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contributions of money will always
be remembered.*

*Please continue to keep us in your
prayers.*

*Judy & Alram Rodriguez & family
Wayne, Joy & Walter King
Dayton, Nell & Mickie Harper*

November arrests/charges filed

The following arrests and charges have been filed during the month of November in Coke County:

Susan Holland - Theft: Property by Check (11-1-96); Jose Luis Ramos - Driving While License Suspended (11-1-96); Radon Wright Foster - Driving While Intoxicated (11-3-96); Ruth Luna - Possession of a Controlled Substance (11-9-96); Catarino Pedroza Luna - Possession of a Controlled Substance (11-9-96); Luis Antonio Lerma - Theft: Property by Check (11-14-96); Bruce David Williams - Theft of Firearm, Motion to Revoke (11-15-96); Jerry Wayne Carr - Public Intoxication; Making Alcohol Available to a Minor (11-30-96); Willie Brown, III - Minor in Possession of Alcohol (11-30-96).

51st District Court convenes

The following dispositions were handed down by the 51st District Court recently:

State of Texas vs. James Baird - Burglary of a Habitation, Motion to Revoke Probation; Plea: 6 years TDCJ-ID (boot camp).

State of Texas vs. Dennis Schubert - Burglary of a Habitation; Plea: Deferred Adjudication, 6 years Community Supervision, \$750 fine, \$350 restitution, \$149.50 court costs.

State of Texas vs. Raymond Cody Sizemore - Burglary of a Building; Plea: Two years state jail, probated two years, \$265 restitution.

Cooking for the holidays

Time gets incredibly tight during the holidays, especially if you're playing both cook and hostess. These tips will help squeeze a bit more time out of this busy season:

- Cooking the turkey and the stuffing separately can save time and energy since an unstuffed bird cooks in less time and guarantees even cooking.

- Design a cooking timetable to avoid a last-minute rush. Don't do it all yourself, either. When guests offer to bring a dish - let them! But be specific about what you really need. Adding one more stuffing dish to a table already stuffed full isn't going to make either you or the guest bringing the unneeded dish feel very festive.

- Holiday dinners usually mean lots of mashed potatoes so get your crockery cooker to help with the party. Prepare your potatoes a few hours in advance and add a little extra milk before transferring the fluffed vegetable to your crock pot. Set on low, dot with butter or margarine and cover.



Chilly, sleepy Bronte seniors pause outside El Rancho Restaurant where they were taken for breakfast after being kidnapped by their own parents early Sunday morning, Nov. 17.

- An easy way to clean the glass pans encrusted with burnt-on food is to cover the mess with a damp sponge or wet paper towels. Come back in an hour and wipe clean.

The following Bronte Merchants invite you to attend the Holiday Shopping Spree drawing

December 21st in Bronte:

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <i>El Rancho Restaurant</i> | <i>Red Barn Barbecue</i> |
| <i>Joni-Lyn Sportswear</i> | <i>Hall's Super Save</i> |
| <i>Margaret's Flowers</i> | <i>D's Total E. Clipse</i> |
| <i>Glenn-Bivins Insurance</i> | <i>B&K Deer Processing</i> |
| <i>Hometown Hardware</i> | <i>Shaffer Funeral Home</i> |
| <i>West Texas Utilities</i> | <i>Main Street Market</i> |
| <i>S&S Printing</i> | <i>Ways Company</i> |
| <i>Longhorn Corral Cafe</i> | <i>Country Inn</i> |
| <i>First National Bank</i> | <i>Bronte Chiropractic Center</i> |
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Frances Crumpler
Frank Sanders
Sujane Schoenfield
Beverly Sims
Dorris Sonnenberg



ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

RL takes Consolation

Robert Lee's varsity squads suffered some losses early on during the tourney hosted here last weekend. Both teams recovered to take the Consolation prize for Robert Lee.

The JV girls gained some valuable experience as they played some tough varsity squads in the tournament. The girls went up against Water Valley in the first game of the tourney and lost to that squad 68-24. Shyla Cole and Melanie Johnson tied for high point honors with 6 points each. Angela Abalos, Kim Gloria, Melissa Sanders, Samantha Padgett, Whitney Montgomery, and Kendra Bohannon each hit for 2.

The girls faced Clyde's varsity team and lost to that team 63-20. Kim Gloria was high pointer in the game with 6. Holly Copeland and Samantha Padgett each added 4 to the board. Macy Hill, Shyla Cole and Kendra Bohannon each scored 2 points.

Robert Lee's Lady Steers took on Winters in the first round of the tourney and lost a nail biter to that squad 44-48. Jennifer Scott was high pointer in the game with 12 points. Shalon Waldrop hit for 11, Kannan Millican 8, Bree Bolding 7, Kizzie Howell 3, Melissa Smith 2, and Jessica Key 1.

In the second round RL was up against Miles. The Ladies won the game 60-43. Shalon Waldrop was the high pointer with 24 points. Jennifer Scott hit for 16, Brandi Brosh 6, Melissa Smith 4, Kannan Millican 4, Tonya Gardner 2, Kizzie Howell 2, and Bree Bolding 2.

Saturday the Ladies were

Steers fall to Cougars

Robert Lee's varsity and junior varsity squads traveled to Christoval Tuesday, December 10th to take on the Cougars. None of the boys teams were able to come home with wins.

The JV squad was split up into two teams for the night. The JV II team fell to Christoval in a close contest 33-34. Daniel Cates was high pointer for RL with 15. Matthew Pitcock hit for 8, Deric Brothers 4, Joey Barrett 4, and Dan McCown 2.

The JV I team lost to the host team 39-45. High pointer for Robert Lee was Andrew McCabe with 17 points. Will Simpson and Joel Gallegos each added 5 to the score. Chris Gill hit for 4, Michael Munoz 4, Jeremy Eaton and B.J. Bessent 2 each.

The Steers also fell victim to the Cougars as they lost their contest 50-61. Jerrod Pitcock was high point man for the night with 24 points. Rocky Coates tipped in 11, Chad Helwig 5, Fred Wojtek 3, Jerrod Copeland, Jason Tavarez and Eli Boxell 2 each, and Polo Arellano 1.

up against a tough Clyde team. The Ladies took the Consolation game 53-37. High pointer for RL was Shalon Waldrop with 23. Bree Bolding hit for 16, Jennifer Scott 8, Jessica Key 3, Brandi Brosh 2, and Kannan Millican 1.

The Steers were also up against Winters in the first round. They fell to that team 51-63. Jerrod Pitcock was high point man for Robert Lee with 15. Rocky Coates hit for 10, Matthew Millican 8, Jerrod Copeland 6, Andrew McCabe 6, Chad Helwig 3, and Eli Boxell 3.

During Friday's second round play the Steers faced the Miles Bulldogs. RL won that game 55-47. High point man for RL was once again Jerrod Pitcock with 14. Rocky Coates was close behind with 13. Eli Boxell hit for 10 points, Jerrod Copeland 7, Jason Tavarez 6, Chad Helwig 3, and Fred Wojtek 2.

Saturday's Consolation game saw RL faced off against Bronte. The game couldn't have been much closer as the Steers pulled out a 45-43 win. Rocky Coates was high point man for the Steers with 12. Jerrod Pitcock hit for 8, Jerrod Copeland 6, Chad Helwig 6, Eli Boxell 6, Jason Tavarez 3, Polo Arellano 3, and Matthew Millican 1.

Norwood to perform at RLISD

Country music singer Daron Norwood will perform for students at Robert Lee school Friday, December 20. The concert will begin at 10:00 am and last approximately one hour. The event is sponsored by the student council. There will be no admission charge to attend, and the concert is open to the public.

Mr. Norwood is the nephew of RLISD principal Cliff Gardner. The two grew up together in Tahoka, Texas.

RL ISD school board minutes posted

The Robert ISD school board met in regular session on December 16, 1996, at 6:30 pm in the High School Library. All members were present. The following business was conducted:

- Minutes and bills were approved.
- The resignations of Lane and Donna Jackson were approved effective January 16, 1997, in order for Mr. Jackson to become superintendent of Wilson ISD.
- A recommendation for the revision of the school district's honors policy from the district site-based committee was approved.
- A recommendation from the district's attendance committee concerning excessive absences of students was approved.
- Mr. Hood presented the school report card from TEA. The information will be distributed to parents in January.
- The Athena Library automation systems were approved for both the high school and elementary libraries.
- TEA Special Education Confidentiality policies were accepted.
- A recommendation from Mr. Gardner that the board waive the graduation requirements of 25 credits for an AEP student with extenuating circumstances to be granted on this individual basis was approved.

• Mr. Gardner and Mr. Hood gave reports concerning the school district.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held on January 20, 1997. The public is invited.



Robert Lee Elementary students display one dollar bills they received from Robert Lee State Bank for their accomplishments in the Accelerated Reading program.

Accelerated Readers receive rewards

Accelerated Readers from Robert Lee Elementary were recently recognized by Robert Lee State Bank for their achievements in reading during the month of November. They are:

- First Grade -**
- Byrne:** 1. Allison Millican; 2. Michael Smith
- Payne:** 1. Chase Roe; 2. Molly Burns
- Second Grade -**
- Horn:** 1. Kelsy Duncan; 2. Bretnie Reed
- Duncan:** 1. Becca Skinner; 2. Sarah Phillely
- Third Grade -**
- Devoll:** 1. Shannon Martin; 2. Eric Ortega
- McCown:** 1. Stephanie

Trejo; 2. Vanessa Saucedo

Fourth Grade -

Bessent: 1. Drew Schultz

Fifth Grade -

Wilson: 1. Chris Eubanks;

2. Jessica Fluhmann

Sixth Grade -

Gardner: 1. Justin Sexton;

2. Sean Edging

Burns: 1. Jaziel Gallegos; 2.

Kindra Johnson

RL students to present Christmas program

Robert Lee students from Kindergarten through high school will perform favorite traditional Christmas carols in concert on Thursday evening, December 19, at 7:00 pm. The Coke County Brass Choir will also be performing.

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Lady Steers down Reagan Co.

The Lady Steers hosted Reagan County's varsity squad here Monday night, December 16. The Ladies defeated the visitors 63-45, bringing their record for the season to 10-4.

Shalon Waldrop hit for 23 points to take high point honors for the night. She also had 6 blocked shots and 9 rebounds to her credit. Jennifer Scott added 18 points to the board and had 3 blocked shots, 6 assists, 5 steals and 5 rebounds. Kizzie Howell was good for 8 points. Bree Bolding 6 points and 9 rebounds. Kannan Millican added 4 points to the board, Tonya Gardner 2 and Jessica Key 2.

"The girls played well considering Reagan County has beaten two quality 4A schools, and played Ozona and only lost to them by 6 points. The girls are beginning to execute their offense and press-breaker, which will allow us to play with ball clubs like Reagan County," stated Coach Langley.

Personal

Visitors at Sondra Hester's home over the weekend were Sondra's daughter and granddaughter, Mindy and Danya Wright, of Gardendale. To celebrate Mindy's birthday, the three attended "The Nutcracker" ballet and later enjoyed a great Mexican dinner at Henry's Diner. They attended the Saturday evening performance of "The Nutcracker." This has become a tradition of many years and is always a memorable occasion for Mindy's birthday.

Coping with illness during the holidays

It's the holiday season and you know what that means - there is shopping to do, presents to wrap, decorations to hang, cookies to bake and family gatherings to plan. So much to be done, it can seem overwhelming. When the holiday spirit fills the air and it seems like everyone else is celebrating, how do you cope when your loved one is suffering from a serious illness? How do you manage the stress normally associated with the holidays?

Dealing with the illness of a loved one is never an easy task, and it can be particularly overwhelming during the holidays. "Feelings of grief may overcome the family, especially near the holidays, as they realize a loved one is no longer healthy," said Fran Greeson, licensed clinical social worker at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., who works with many families every year who are coping with a sick child. "Family members get sad when they realize their holidays won't be free from worry and illness."

Many families coping with illness become even more depressed by thoughts of past holidays when everyone was together and healthy. "It's important to realize when one member of the family is seriously ill, it's really a 'family illness' because the whole family is affected," said Greeson.

To help families cope with a "family illness," Greeson recommends support services including counseling and spiritual support. "It is also im-

portant to plan holiday parties and maintain traditions to help families ease the sadness," advised Greeson.

Besides support from a social worker, counselor, clergy member, or friend, families coping with an illness need time to relax and reflect on the positive things in their lives for which they can be thankful.

Greeson suggests the following to help those coping with illness manage the holiday stress:

- Do not "over give"
- Give equally to all members of the family
- Allow yourself to be flexible
- Make an effort to maintain holiday traditions but don't put pressure on yourself to be the perfect host/hostess
- Take advantage of time when the patient feels well - use this time as an opportunity to create joyful memories that will last a lifetime
- Accept that the moods of the patient or family may be unpredictable

Personal

The ranch home of Bobby and Jeffie Roberts of Robert Lee was the site of their 20th annual Neighborhood Christmas Party, held December 11, 1996. The traditional menu of chili, pinto beans, jalapeno cornbread, ham, german sausage, cheese log, dips, chips, pie, homemade candies, Christmas punch, and more were served to 27 people.

Those who attended were Hadley and Geneva Richards, Annette and Megan Percifull, Floyd and Jessie Harmon, Wilbern and Charlotte Millican, Judy Kay, Ashlee, and Lance Millican, Marshall, Sheri, and Stewart Millican, Wayne and Dorene Mashburn, Douglas, Denise, Kacee, and James Roberts, Carl and Bennie Helen Rusk, and Dale Wojtek, all of Robert Lee; and Howard

and Lawana Perry of Carlsbad, Texas.

Others visiting in the Roberts' home this week were Jim and Reba Tabor, Kelly Nichols, and Lorene Blair of Robert Lee; and Jerry Harmon of Sand Springs.

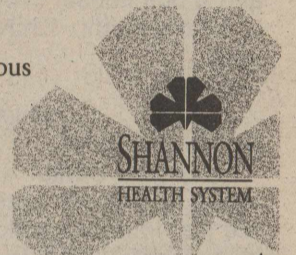
Holiday restrictions issued for school facilities

Section 1206:K of the University Interscholastic League Constitution and Contest Rules prohibits contests or practices, use of school facilities, personnel or equipment during five consecutive days of the December holidays. Robert Lee ISD will not hold any activities from December 22 (Sunday) through December 26th (Thursday).

Shamrock Clinic of Robert Lee

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Love,
Samuel Rawlings

P.S. Please write back.
Dear Santa,
I love you. You are sweet. I like your reindeers. How are your helpers doing? Are they doing fine? I want a computer and a doll house. Your snow is so beautiful. I have been good.

Love,
Ashley Royall

Dear Santa Claus,
I love you Santa. I like for Santa to give me presents. I like just four things like opening presents. I like you visiting me and coming down the chimney. I want a monster truck. I will leave you milk and I only have crunchy cookies, but I will leave you brownies too.

Love,
Jeremy Sanchez

P.S. I love my mom and dad.
Dear Santa Claus,
I want some presents. I hope I didn't be bad. I want a race car that goes around in those buckets. I really want a little Sea Doo that goes in the water and has remote control. I hope you have fun at the North Pole. Write me a letter back.

I love you,
Chase Hoyt

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! I want a little bike for my brother. I want a barbie with pink shoes and socks. We have been good and have made Christmas

decorations for our classroom. I have a Christmas tree with lights and presents at my house. I got a dog his name is Midget, and a cat named Twister.

Love,
Kendra Fuentes
P.S. Come to my house.

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph doing? Will he be ready for Christmas night? Please eat my cookies and drink the milk! How are your elves doing? Santa are you working hard? I am being good. Please come to my house.

I want roller blades with knee pads. My dog needs a maroon collar. How is Mrs. Claus? Write me a letter so I will know how you are!

Love,
Nicole Reed

Dear Santa Claus,
I wish could come to your house. I want to see Rudolph. Write me a letter back. Please bring me some fake fingernails. That's all I want.

Love,
Ashley Fisher

Dear Santa,
Please bring me new clothes. I have a sister and 2 brothers. Bring them a present. I made a Christmas shirt. We are going to a play. I want a game but I can't think of the name of it.
Write me back!

Love,
Ariel Coalson

Dear Santa,
I put up my Christmas tree and I decorated it by myself. My mom put the lights on. I would like the Cabbage Patch doll that eats snacks and the snacks just slip in the backpack. I want a new pink bicycle with ribbons. I don't have a teddy bear so please bring me one. I also want a pair of blue tennis shoes. And I'd really like a stuffed Santa Claus. I hope your are doing great! I want to know how the elves

are doing, please write me back. How is Mrs. Claus?

Love,
Jessi England

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I want to have a new game. I also want a Santa hat like yours. And I want a dinosaur. Do you have some elves? Please give me a castle. I have four brothers. Please bring them something good.

Love,
Callan Clark

Dear Santa,
I love you! Please bring me a red doll. Rosie wants a bike. She's my sister. Sarah is my other sister and she is a baby. She wants a baby toy. How are the elves? Please write me back!

Love,
Prescilla Lara

Dear Santa,
I want a toy batman that fights. You could buy it at a store if you need to. I want to thank you for giving me a toy. Santa, please bring some Christmas lights for Mrs. Howell. And please bring a bear for my little brother.

I love Santa,
Israel Cecillo

Dear Santa,
I love you! What does Rudolph do? Does he really have a red nose? Please bring me a hot wheels. I also want a game, a racing game. If you can, I want a brand new teddy bear. I have been good.

Love,
Ty Mackey

P.S. Write me!
Dear Santa,
I love Santa. Happy Christmas. I want a bike for Christmas. I love my toys. I wish Santa Claus had a bicycle. I love God.

Love,
Haleigh Bryant
P.S. Hope you can write me back soon.
Dear Santa,
I been good. How is the

elves working? Are you and Mrs. Claus busy? I want a real tank that is big and real like an army tank. I've been in my dad's tank. I am going to Germany and I am coming back to see you.

Love,
John Dickson

P.S. Write me a letter! I love you Santa.

Bronte First Grade - Graves

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the gifts from last year. How is Rudolph? I am in Bronte. I am six. Will you please bring me Baby Headstand, fingernail painter, and a hors? How is the reindeer? Gus is seven. I will

leave sum cookies. Merry Christmas!

Love,
Angela Arant

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the gifts from last year. How is Rudolph? I am seven. Will you please bring me a monstertruck and two tubes and computer? I will leave The carrots four Rudolph.

Love,
Everick Boalts

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the gifts. So how are the elves? I am six. Will you please bring me a rel set of knives. I will leave some Selre.

Your frind,
Chris Brown



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Dear Santa,
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Kayla Carper

Dear Santa,
Tahn you for the gifts from last year. How is Rudolf? I dot fus with mom. I am gud. Will you please bring me the wacing dog are a cat are a Barbie. I wiw put carrots.

Sabrina Catano

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the gifts from last year. How is Mrs. Cloase? I've been good this year. Will you please bring me nike shoes, nike shorts, and nike shirt? I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Love,
Estephanie Dauth

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the gifts from last year. How is Rodolf? I am vere good. Will you please bring me barbie dalls, a sega, and earrings? I will leve saom cerits for all The reindeer.

Love,
Casey Harris

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the gifts from last year. How is Rudolf? I am

seven. Will you please bring me a monster truck and a race team truck and a big taz alarm clock? Santa Merry Christmas.

Love,
Christopher Guzman

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the gifts from last year. Is Rudolf nos still red? I liv in Bronte. Will you please bring me a jersey and a yak back and a soccer ball? Merry Christmas Santa,

Love,
Gus Saunders

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the gifts. from last year. How is. Rudolf? I am 6. will you Please bring me a new puppy anb a cat? santa I will leave some hay for rudolf.

Love,
Jessica Davis

Marry Christmas.

Dear Santa,
Thank- you - ror - the - gifts - from last year. is OK all of the rendirus? I am tring to be good. Will - you - please bring - my - sum roller bless. and a dog and a footboall and a supernintendo and a big thramplin. I liv in Bonte. Merry Christmas Se you.

Love,
Anthony Vivian

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the gifts from last year. His Rudolf? I am goo. Will you please bring me Ninja Tufttle, me Batman me pup chocolate cookies.

Love,
Pedro Rodrigue z

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the gifts last year. Hal is the elves? I lif in Bronte. Will you please bring racing cars? I will leave the dur unlol.

Love,
Zachary Shephard

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the gifts from last year. Haw are you? I'm six. Will you please bring meacoloring Book, and a bow, and Doll House? I will leave sam cookies and milk.

Love,
Lora Martinez

Merry Christmas
Dear Santa,
Thank you for the gifst from last year. How is Mess Close? I am being good in school. Will you please bring me nike shorts and nike shoos and nike socks. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Love,
Savannah Martinez

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the-gifts-from last-year how clod is li? I am 6. Will you please bring me a Batman, and spiderman, Stocking? I was a Good boy for you.

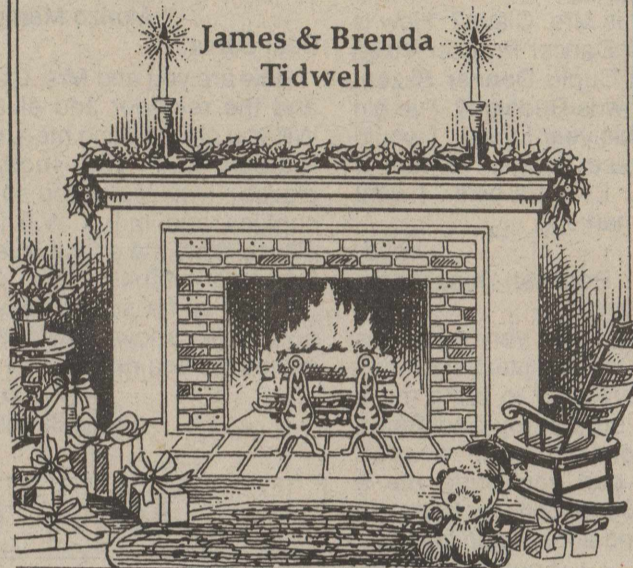
Matthew Luna

Dear Santa,
I hope you are O.K. I belev in you. I want a drum. I want a toy truc. I want a arplan. I want a hot Wheels, I want a stufed Long horn.

Thank you,
Kyler Lee

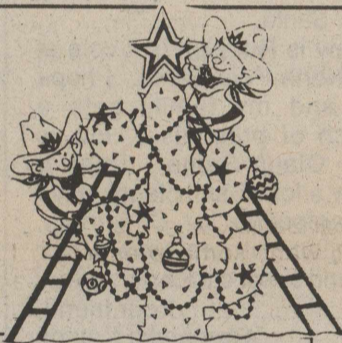
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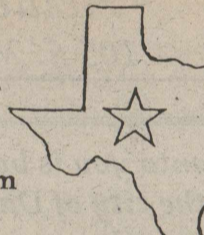
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Luvf,
John Basquez.

Bronte Second Grade - Dyess
Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? How is Dasher Dancer Prancer Vixen Comet Cupid Donner Blizen. And how is Rudolph? I've bin good this year I think. I would like these things. I want a puppy. I want a bike. I want some markers.
Love,
Rebekah Beauchamp

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. Can you please Santa if you have time to bring me a goose bumps toy and Santa can you bring me a soot. Santa can you bring me a soot. Santa can you bring me a t.v. and a Peter pan toy.
Love your friend,
Joe Boalt's

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph is it cole at the North Pole Santa. I hope me and my family gets a bunch of presents. How is Mrs. Claus Santa. Does it snow a lot. Can i please have a trampoline for Christmas, And can i please have a tory car and a real car for my mom.
Your friend,
Cassandra Catano

Dear Santa,
I think I've bin good but it's ok if I don't git much. I got 45 present's last year. I hope your doing ok with all this going on. I wonder how is Dansher Dancer Prancer Vixen Comet cupid Donner Blizen and best of all Rudolph.
Love,
Katie Cooper

Dear Santa,
How are the deer. I'll leva sun cookies and milk mabee if you will git 2 boxes of .22 shells. if you will git a R.C. raceer. a bag of dog bones and a pelet gon.
Love,
Mason Jackson

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? How are you doing? Are your elves o.k. I realy realy want you to bring me a go cart. Please bring me some be be's

for my bebe gun. Please bring me a rasecar with 2 side's on it.
Love,
Shane Jones

Dear Santa,
I will try to have a bale of hay for the reindeer. Will I get any toys? Will you get me a ner-football for christmas and a basketball. But most of all I want to go to Fort Worth.
Your friend,
Alonzo Martinez

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus and the reindeer and elves? Will you please bring me a real football suit and football gloves. I will leave you some cookies and milk. Will you please bring me a football and 2 pairs of football socks. Did you get some snow? If you got some snow how many inches did you get?
Love,
Philip Rawlings

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? !s Rudolph doing ol? For christmas I want a noo bike because my old one is to small for me. For Christmas I will leave you som cookies and milk. I want a pelat gun with a scope. I am in the second grade this year. I have been good this year.
Love,
Logan Rawls

Dear Santa,
How are you and your reindeer? Are you ready for christmas? Do you thank you can get me a bike, a tent, a watch. I will leave you some cookies and Dr. Pepper.
Love,
Juston Taylor

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer Dasher and Dancer and Pranser and Vixen, Comet and Cupid and Donner and Blitzen. I will leave milk and

cookies. My Christmas trees decoratid. My house is going to be decoratid. I can't wate in till Christmas p.s. How is Rudolph? I am fine. I want a barbie designer. and a T.V.
Your friend,
Ashley Turner

Plese try to get me and my brother blocks so we can bild homes. Then try to get me sega gams Like Street fighter and that game to.
Love,
Jeremy Uber

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How is Rudolph? I hope he is feeling good. I been very good this year. I will leave you som milk and cookies. I want a bike and a toy truk and a toy reindeer and a toy bebe gone.
Your friend,
Chad Turner

Dear Santa,
How hav you been. I want a trampoline. I want a ty-corebenb. And I want a bebe gun.
Your friend,
Jamie Vivian

Dear Santa,
How are you I hop you do no't get sick for christmas. Are your reindeer sick?

Dear Santa,
I hope yoor ok. I hopey Misis Santa. Whut is the randr dooin? ples breg pny a toysa I want NinDo 64 ples giv me a bulldog and mocn trol truck
Luv,
Steven


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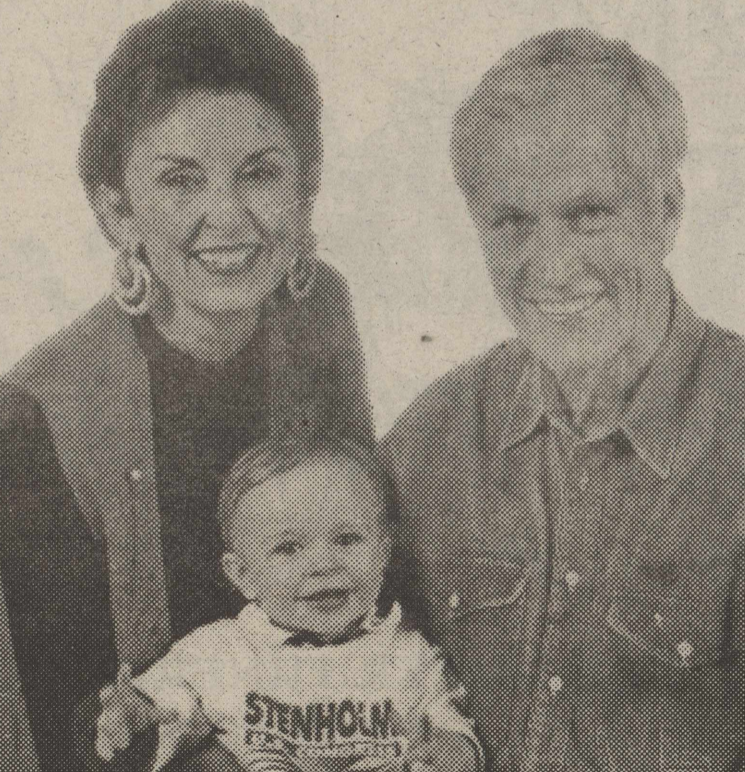


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Dear Santa,
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Luv,
Patty Galvan

Robert Lee Kindergarten - Gibbs

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like to have Mr. Potato Head. I would also like to have some clothes and Buzz Lightyear and Woody that talks and Rex. There is only 1 more thing I would like to have - a video tape of your reindeer.

Your friend,
Garett Boulden

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a my size barbie, a doll that eats, princess set, barbie doll, a toy Rudolph the red nosed reindeer, clothes, toy angel, and some toy finger nails.

Love Always,
Holly Austin

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I would like to have a skating barbie, a computer, a teddy bear, and candy. I also want a desk. How are your reindeer Santa? Thank you.

Your friend,
Rebecka Saucedo

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a computer. I also want some computer games. I want some long colored lights for our Christmas tree. That's all I want for now. Thanks Santa!

Your friend,
Mason Ross

Dear Santa,
I want Christmas Movies and a Nerf football, toy guns may I also have a fishing pole? Will you also tell Rudolph Hi! May I also have a dog?

Thank You,
Kaden Duncan

Dear Santa,
I would like a few toys for Christmas. I want a snow barbie, My little pony, a pretty, pretty, princess. I also want a necklace for my Mom. I want a yellow cat. Thank you for the toys last year.

Your Friend,
Martika Ybarra

Dear Santa,
I want "Baby-go-Bye-Bye," pound puppies, birthday barbie, my little pony, water gun, rings, pretty, pretty princess, books, necklaces.
Thank You.

Love,
Morgan Hill

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like to have 2 pairs of earrings that are long and a house to live in. I hope you are doing fine.

Your friend,
Norma Rojas

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like some toys. I want a toy car. I would like a toy gun. I would like a bear. I would like a cat. I wish you a Merry Christmas.

Your friend,
Jimmy Womack

Dear Santa,
I would like a barbie doll, baby all gone, dalmation puppies, dinosaur, play jewelry, games, and clothes.

Love,
Amy Barnett

RL Kindergarten - Bagwell

Dear Santa,
I want a dog and a cat and a doll.

Love,
Jennifer Barrett

Dear Santa,
Please send me some roller skates, a new shirt, and a toy bunny.

Love,
Cori Torres

Dear Santa,
Please bring me Baby Sip 'n Slurp, a monkey stuffed animal, and roller blades.

Love,
Jasmine Gloria

Dear Santa,
Please bring me Geo-Safari (game), a football, and an Armyman doll.

Love,
Caleb Millican

P.S. I really want a ball as big as a table.

Dear Santa,
I want a toy jeep and roller blades, and a new Hot Wheel bicycle.

Love,
Jesse Smith

Dear Santa,
I want a real puppy and a lunch box and a cardboard playhouse.

Love,
Dustin Moreno

Dear Santa,
I want a play kitchen and a doll and a baby stroller.

Love,
Gaby Saucedo

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a real puppy, a telescope, and a battery powered race car.

Love,
Tamber Eurell

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Power Ranger toy, a toy Tasmanian Devil, and a big football and a helmet.

Love,
Joseph Bates

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a new bi-

cycle.
Love,
Mike Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me the Flipper movie, a Steer shirt, and a costume, and Toy Story the movie.

Love,
Cody Williamson

Robert Lee First Grade - Byrne

Dear Santa,
How do you do Santa? I want a toy of Santa and a Dancing Ballerina Barbie and a puppy and a rabbit.

Love,
Andrea Pineda

Dear Santa,
How is the weather up there? How is Rudolph? I want a bb gun, a 22 gun a shotgun and a knife. How are you?

Love,
Brody Dillard

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus and how are you? How's Rudolph? Can your elfs make me a Barbie? Can your elfs make me the movie Toy Story?

Love,
Ashley Hopson

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? I want a real puppy, yo-yo, horse, bri-arhres, and a movie. I want a stick horse, Indians suit, bb gun, shoes, movie, Toy Story, game, dreamcicle and bridle.

Love,
Allison Millican

Thank you. I love you. Happy December!

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

The
Coke County Juvenile
Justice Center
Wackenhut Family



The staff at the Coke County Juvenile Justice Center would like to wish a very Merry Christmas to the citizens of Coke County.

Since our Open House on October 1, 1994, many people from Coke County have extended a helping hand to both our residents and staff. The Volunteer Council has been tremendous in planning for holidays and other special events. And, area merchants have worked extremely hard to make the CCJJC and its employees feel welcome. Due to the efforts of these people and others, this holiday season is promising to be one of encouragement and joy at CCJJC.

Thank You and Happy Holidays!

To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I love you. Happy Christmas! I want a Gameboy, Saga, knife, B-B gun, goodby.

Love,
Cameron Hodge

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? How is Rudolph? I want a Gameboy, 22 gun, football, stuffed bear, Toy Story Space Jam, Nintendo, Indians, Cowboys and jump rope.

Love,
Michael Smith

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I love you. Happy Christmas! Please bring me some games. How is Rudolph doing? I want a real puppy. How is the weather up there? I want a cat and a jump rope.

Love,
Briana Longoria

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? How are you doing? Can you bring me a real puppy? I want a BB gun. I want a knife.

I love you,
Taylor Percifull

Dear Santa,
I want a Space Jam. I want a 22 gun. Please bring me a puppy. I want a BB gun. I want a intendo.

Love,
Joshua Gallegos

Dear Santa,
I please want a pocket knife, a new back pack and Nintendo games and three more Power Ranger figures. How are the reindeer?

Love,
Eric Covington

Dear Santa,
I want a doll, clothes and shoes. Thank you for coming to see me.

Love,
Melissa Martinez
RL First Grade - Payne

Dear Santa,
I want a baby doll. I would like a Doodle Bear. I want a Barbie house.

Love,
Chelsea Conner

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a good time around the world. I want some Toy Story toys, some Space Jam toys and clothes.

Love,
Chase Roe

Dear Santa,
I want a baby cat. Santa, I like Christmas very much. Santa, I want a lot of presents.

Love,
Eddie May

Dear Santa,
How are you? What are you making for the children? I want some wrestling guys and a Batman toy.

Love,
Zachery Fowler

Dear Santa,
I like you. I want a beauty shop for kids, an aquarium and a baby doll - any kind.

Love,
Megan Percifull

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How is Mrs. Claus? I want a remote control truck and a puppy.

Love,
Cody Denton

Dear Santa,
I love you. Can I please have a Barbie named Molly, a bike, a cat and a My Size Dancing Barbie? I love you very much.

Love,
Kasie Skinner

Dear Santa,
I hope your elves are having a good time at your workshop at the North Pole. I love you and Mrs. Santa. I want a BB gun and toy dirt bike motorcycle.

Love,
Sterlin Ebenstein

Dear Santa,
Will you bring me a bike and a case for my gun? Will you bring me a strap for my gun and a 22 rifle with a scope?

Love,
Craig Mayfield

Dear Santa,
I hope you are very well. Could I please have a computer with CDs and atv? Could I please have a VCR

Love,
Nicole Barnett

and Stacy Olympic Barbie?

Love,
Molly Burns

Dear Santa,
I hope you like the reindeer and Rudolph. I hope you can bring me a Barbie, a pair of shoes, a bike and some books.

Love,
Anna Rojas

Robert Lee second grade - Duncan

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a CD player and the CD of Shania Twain. Merry Christmas Santa and your elves too! I wish I could see you. Thanks for the toys you make for all the girls and boys.

Love,
Sarah Grace Phillely

Dear Santa,
I would like a wind suit. and a bean bag chair. I wish you and your elves a Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,
I wish you a Merry Christmas. I want two presents. I want a Nightattack. I want a keyboard.

Love,
Brian Eubanks

Dear Santa,
I would like a watch and bring a hair bow. Merry Christmas! Happy Christmas, elves.

Love,
Rosalinda Rojas

Dear Santa,
I love you. Is it cold up North? Yes or no. My name is Clay Antilley. I want a bike and a remote control car. Merry Christmas Santa!

Love,
Clay Antilley

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike and a watch happy holidays! Merry Christmas Santa, well bye.

Love,
Kathryn

Dear Santa,
I want a Toy Story slinky dog and a Toy Story talking Rex. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Cotton Holmes

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a fourwheeler and the clothes with a helmet and goggles. I hope you are having fun up

there. Merry Christmas Santa Claus.

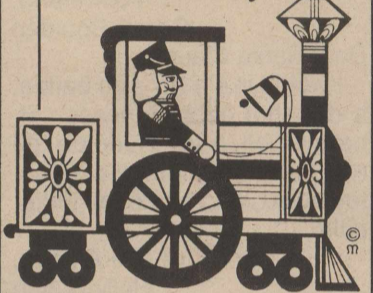
Love,
Kevin Honse

EXPRESSLY FOR YOU...

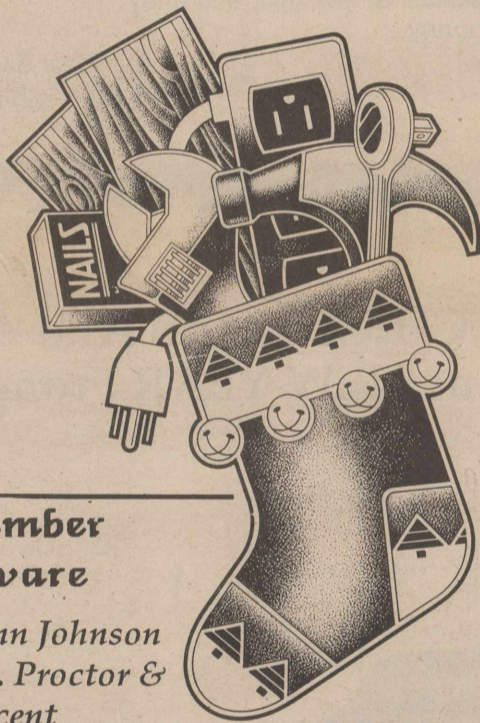
Our very best wishes for a fun-filled holiday season.

THANKS!
BRONTE POST OFFICE

Dana,
Debbie & Ray



May this season overflow with good times, good friends and good fun! We're especially thankful for our good friends like you.

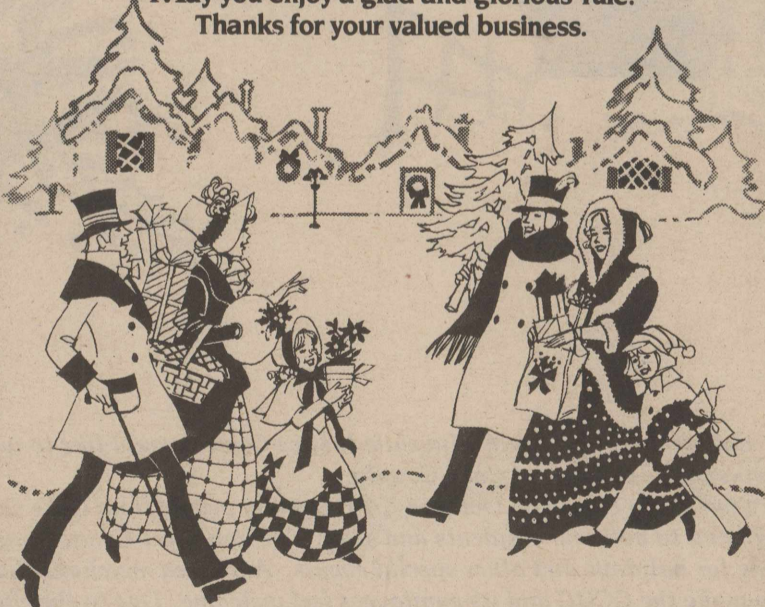


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Richard & Suzann Johnson
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A Holiday Wish to One and All!

May you enjoy a glad and glorious Yule. Thanks for your valued business.



BEN BESSANT CHEVROLET

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

Blessings



...for a holiday season filled with happiness and good cheer!

SKINNER'S
Grocery & Station
Jim & Geanette Skinner

To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas Santa. I want a barbie and a doll. Thank you!

Love,
Cheyney Ortiz

Dear Santa,
Is it cold up there? I want a Molly doll for a keep sake and a tv. I wish you and your elves a Merry Christmas!

Love,
Becca Skinner

Dear Santa,
I want a TV and a bean bag chair for my room. Merry Christmas! Hope you have a good holiday. Tell the elves hi!

Love,
Katie Bessent

Dear Santa,
I wish you a Merry Christmas. How are you? I wish I could see you. All I want for Christmas is two fish and a rabbit. I wish you could see me.

Love,
Julianne Samanigo

Dear Santa,
I would like a BB gun and a pistol. How is Rudolph? How is Mrs. Santa?

Love,
Tony Munoz

Dear Santa,
I would like a toy from Toy Story.

Love,
Carlos Fernando Garcia

Dear Santa,
I'd like a Donkey Kong Country 2 and Take Care of my Twins.

Love,
Jessica Long

Dear Santa,
I want a BB gun and a telescope. I hope you get a good Christmas.

Love,
Johnathan Pagan

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. I was won-

dering how much snow you got? My teacher this year is Mrs. Horn. I want a Barbe house for this year. I am going to my Meme's.

Love,
Brettne Reed

Dear Santa,
I want a Real Talking Bubba and a camera. I love you Santa. I will give you some cookies.

Love,
Dixie Johnson

Dear Santa,
I want a Real Talking Bubba and a Dr. Suess book. I love you Santa.

Love,
Chelle Wright

Dear Santa,
I am glad that I saw you at

the court house. I will be happy with whatever you bring.

Love,
Elesar Vera

Dear Santa,
Santa Claus I want a football and a bike.

Love,
Sergio Rocha

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a gameboy and a few of the disks that go in it. I love you.

Love,
Randall Rainwater

Dear Santa,
I want a Kenn Barbie and a Real Talking Bubba. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Casey Maree Nesbit



Glad Tidings
Through each moment of your holidays, may happiness be yours.
Add & Barbara Davis



**Silent Night
Holy Night**
May the wonder of His love inspire you anew. Rejoice.
Tommy, Jo Nell, Amanda & Beau Blair

Dear Santa,
Have a Merry Christmas. I want a Real Talking Bubba.

Love,
Kayla Smith

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo 64 and some games to go with it and a go cart.

Love,
Tim Barnes

Dear Santa,
I want a day bed and a T.V. in my room. Did you have a big snow yet? We had some snow.


Love,
Kelsy Duncan




HAPPY CHRISTMAS
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!
**COKE COUNTY
AUDITOR'S OFFICE**
Stover, Jerita, Brent, & Sheryl



May the magic of Christmas stay with you always.
Happy holiday to all our friends.
Judy & Waldon
Ashlee & Lance
Millican



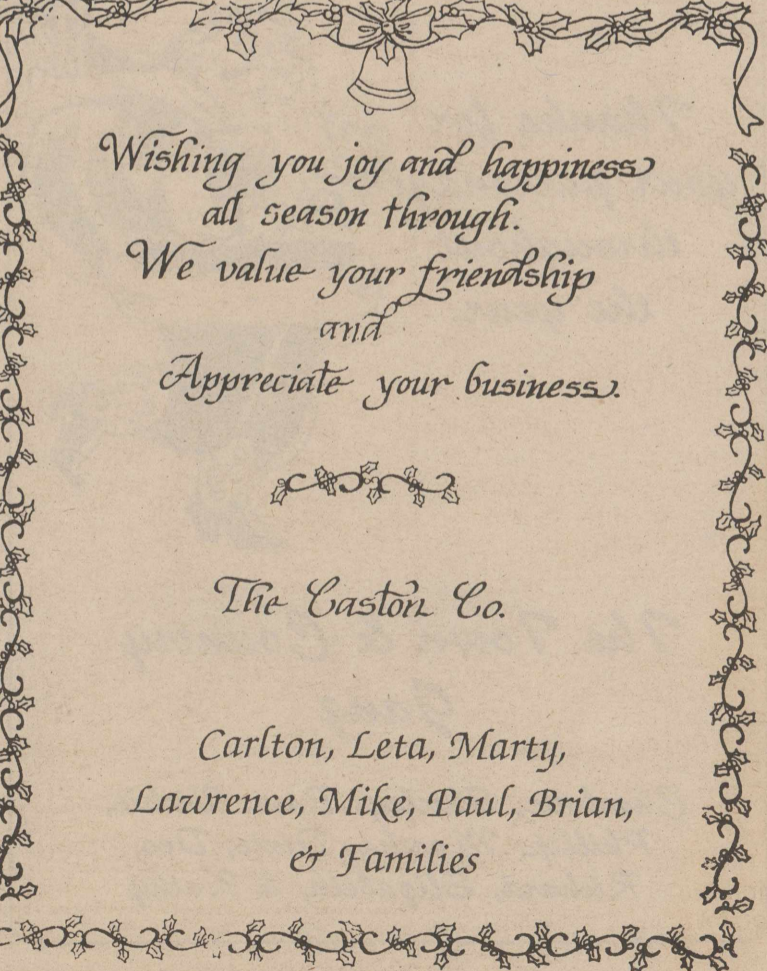
**Joy
Love
Faith
Peace**



May they be yours now and throughout the year.
**COKE COUNTY
TAX OFFICE**
Kristy, Gayle,
& Vallery



May health, happiness and success be abundantly yours and may good friends always surround you.
WINK INSURANCE
Robert and Marsha Wink



Wishing you joy and happiness all season through.
We value your friendship and appreciate your business.
The Gaston Co.
Carlton, Leta, Marty,
Lawrence, Mike, Paul, Brian,
& Families

To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa,
 thank you for my bike, but I need a mountain bike, a helmet too. Roller Blades please, battleship, CD player, to meet Santa, a clubhouse.
 Your friend,
 Leslie Smith

Season's
 GREETINGS

Dear Santa,
 I would like a sled. And a big fluffy teddy bear for kids that don't get much for Christmas. Have a Merry Christmas! Thank you Santa.

Love,
 Cody McCabe

RL third grade - McCown

Dear Santa,
 I would like a bike and barbie and rollerskates and My size Barbie and gameboy and computer and cats baseball and teddy bear and mittens and CD and new shoes and a new snoopy and Barbie car and a new jeep. Thak you. Merry Christmas. I love you.

Your friend,
 Tina Arellano

Dear Santa,
 I want a stereo and some golf clubs and golf shoes. A c.d. player a Garth Brooks c.d. a Sega, dalmation dog. HAVE A MARRY Christmas!

Your friend,
 Josh Conner

Dear Santa,
 I want a CD & Super Nintendo & Super Mario and Donkey Kong and a weenie dog roller blades, dry erase Boards with markers, and a 15 speed Bike.

Your friend,
 Cara Eaton

Dear Santa,
 I want a C.D. player and a twister shirt and a new stereo and a "Night of the twisters" and "Independence Day" and a telescope and a new white cat.

Your friend,
 Zack McBee

Dear Santa,
 I want a "22" rimfire, a game boy, saddle, a chek book, some tornado movies, a

school box, crayons, and a battleship, a real football suit, cd player, a stereo, a blank tapes, a bucket of bubble gum, and some presents.

Your friend,
 Kyle Mayfield

Dear Santa,
 I want a Super Nintendo and Donkey Kong Country 3 - the game. I also want a package of chew bones for Missy I want some chew bones for G.G. I want a C.D. player. HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Your friend,
 Kayla Medrano

Dear Santa,
 I would like a scope to go on pellet gun and my BB gun. I would also like a fake check book, and some spur leathers and radio and a pig whip and I want a chicken cage for my chicks. I want a wooden fort to play in. Make sure you see my chicks!

Your friend,
 Lance Millican

Dear Santa,
 I want a game boy for Christmas and roolerbades and a Barbie. I like your Christmas shows Santa. and a radio and a play unicorn and clothes and please try to give me a battlesip.

Your friend,
 Heather Mitchel

Dear Santa,
 I want a Super Nintendo game - It is called "Madden 97" and also I want a new girlfriend! Also I want a doberman. and a new Bike and a new Jersey - "Detroit Lions" Berry Sanders.

Your friend,
 Branden Phillips

Dear Santa,

I want a watch and I want the easy bake. And I want a stereo. Oh and I want a sega and a game boy and if the my size barbie is not too short for me, can you get it for me? And I also want a dryerase board.

Your friend,
 Vanessa Saucedo

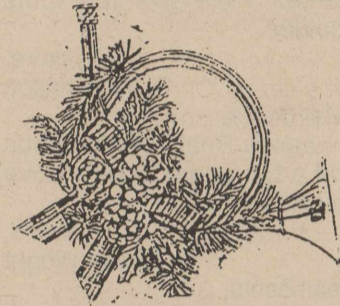
Dear Santa,
 Would you get me a my size Barbie, roller blades, glass unicorn, radio crystal ball with an angel in it, a Barbie car and 101 Dalmation clothes, and a "Dopey" shirt skirt. Most of all I want a basketball. Merry Christmas.

Your friend,
 Shawna Ann Seals

Dear Santa,
 I want a teddy bear, rocking horse, movie-cartoon, bike tire, helmet, twins movie, computer, little Christmas tree, tiny little bitty gifts, "my size barbie," roller skates, santa hat and suit, play elf, play reindeer, clothes, unicorn candle, and a coat. MERRY Christmas!

Your friend,
 Amanda Robinson

We will be closed Wednesday, December 25th and Thursday, December 26th, in order for our employees to enjoy the Christmas Holidays with their families.



Season's
 Greetings

ACE HARDWARE



Happy
 Holidays

To all our good friends: may you find gifts aplenty this Christmas, filled with love and much happiness.

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Silent
 Night

May a joyous Noel
 be yours in every way.

Joan Davis

Merry Christmas!

Thanks for
 your patronage
 throughout
 the year.



The Town & Country
 Gang

Charlotte, Shirley, Pam, Vickie,
 Phillip, Martha, Dixie, Dee,
 Richard, Elizabeth, & Kathy

Seasons Greetings

Since I am not sending personal Christmas cards this year, I'd like to take this means to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year. I appreciate very much all the cards I've received and will receive.

Royce Lee



To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa,
 I want a new bike and roller blades. And I also want a happy Christmas. I want my parents to have one to. My sister wants a swimming pool to swim in she thinks it is fun. I hope you have a good Christmas to. We all ready have our tree up. So know we can get our present. Then we can really have a good Christmas with our family. I hope everyone get's what they want for Christmas.

Your friend,
 Stephanie Trejo

Dear Santa,
 May I have a stereo and a puppy please. I would like some new roller blades and a new bike please. I would like a new car for my mom and for my dad a new house.

Your friend,
 Chris Torres

Dear Santa,
 I would like a dragon candle it has red eyes and black body with gold spots, and a "Baby All Gone." For my brother, a Goosebumps head that you can make the face. I'm 8 years old. I will be at my father's so drop them off at my mom's. I have been good.

Love,
 Tekka Long

Dear Santa,
 I am eight year old. I am going good at school. How is Mrs. Claus? Can I have a Fanstastis Finger nails. For my sister who is year old she would like a baby doll for Christmas. For my brother who is seven year old can he have a truck. My mom is thirty years old can she have a ring for Christmas. My dad is 31 year old can he have some tool and money for Christmas.

Your friend,
 Carolina Vera

Dear Santa,
 I would like Floating on air, a R.C. Boat, a Mega Rit construction site, a R.C. loader, a pet Hedge Hog, knee pads, elbow pads, star trek space. For my Dad H.S.3. and Fly fishing things. For my mom please bring some D.H. stuff and a thomas box for my brother.

Your friend,
 Shannon Martin

Dear Santa,
 May I have a power wheels four wheeler for Christmas.

May I have a Barbie for my grandma.
 May I have some roller skates for my sister, Holly.

May I have a wreath for my mom.
 May I have a Barbie for my sister, Hidie. May I have a new Truck for my Dad. I have been good.

Your friend,
 Clayton Austin

Dear Santa,
 I would like a Barbie Jeep and a Magic Cradle Megan Baby, please. I would like a fench that's a bird. It that's too much trouble please try to get me a Fun Phone Skipper Barbie or a Diving and Swimming Killer Whale Barbie and a C.D. player. Oh please

let it snow. Oh I am 9 Year's Old.

Love,
 Tiffany Bagwell

Dear Santa,
 May I have a juke box, a CD, a radio, a truck, a recorder player, a street bike, and a roll skates. I would like to have a race car too. Please bring my mom and dad a ring and tools. I live in Robert Lee and I am going to stay down there for a week.

Your friend,
 Vincent McClelland

Dear Santa,
 I would like some real make-up. I would like a gymnastic Barbie. May I have an ice cream maker. I would like some refill on my Easy Bake oven. Please get my mom some ear rings. Please get me a new mini t.v. Please get me a computer. Please get me a bird too and a cage for it.

Love,
 Bridgette Barnett

Dear Santa,
 May I have a C.D. player and a package of markers and a bike. I am eight years old. I live in Robert Lee TX.

Your friend,
 Brandon Soliz

Dear Santa,
 May I have a Pacific Blue Bike, a Derk and a game boy. I am 8 years old and I have been good.

Your friend,
 Eric Ortega


Dear Santa,
 Santa I would like a jukebox please get me a barbie house I would like two baby kittens. I would like a puppy. I would like two beautiful rings. I would like a Selena tape

Signed,
 Olivia Martinez

Dear Santa,
 I would like to have a Barbie car. I would like a computer and I would like to have a gymnastics Barbie and a new Barbie house. I would like to have a new bike. I would like to give my mom a new chair for Christmas.

Love,
 Jennifer Smith


SEASON'S BEST



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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Remembrances of Christmas Past



May every festive setting of the season inspire you with happiness.

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HOLIDAY GREETINGS



We're delighted to have you as our customers. May your Christmas be filled with all the Season's joys.

KEY FEED STORE

Joe David, Teri,
 Jason, & Jessica
 David & Alene
 Joe & Dee Anna Harmon

We will close at noon on Tuesday, December 24th, and all day December 25th and January 1st.



Noel

All the great joys of Christmas be yours this holiday.

Coke County
 Treasurer's Office
 Phelan & Sheryl

We just can't keep it under wraps...

We Wish You A Merry Christmas

We will be closed
 December 24th & 25th.

**El Ranchero
 Restaurant**
 Phillip & Martha Ratliff

To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa,

May I have a juke box and CD player. For my friend, Eric, a blue bike, and my friend, Vincent, a car. Boy, I would like a Bike for me.

Your friend,
Sammy Reyes

Dear Santa,

I would like a Barbie car that I can ride in. I would like a CD player and a Barbie house with Barbies. I would like all the people to have a good Christmas. Merry Christmas every body. I am 8 years old and my name is Analy Gallegos.

Love,
Analy Gallegos

Dear Santa,

I would like a Computer, a Gymnastics Barbie, and a CD player. I would like a China doll. I am 9 years Old. I live in Robert Lee, TX.

Love,
Kyla Millican

Dear Santa,

May I have a CD player and a CD of Terri Clark and Patty Loveless. I would like a Easy Bake Dunkin Donut set. I live in Robert Lee, Tx. I'm nine-years-old.

Love,
Cassidy Wink

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. Please bring me some pirates, a Flip Flop car, and a basketball goal.

Bring my brother, Brody, a football.

I love you,
Haden Dillard

Dear Santa,

My name is Dylan and I'm only 3 years old. I've been a very good boy this year. My mommy is writing this for me - I can't write yet.

I want some matchbox cars, some Legos, a swing set and some clothes. Can you bring something for my big sister, Mommy and Daddy? And can you bring something special for two of my special friends, Jimmy and Trichelle?

Have a good trip and I'll leave some milk and cookies out for you and a carrot for Rudolph.

Love,
Dylan Van Deventer

Dear Santa,

I want a big Barbie jeep (Barbie sit in back seat) & a doll house. That's all I want. Thanks!

Love,
Sara Kate Heard

Dear Santa,

I want an army jeep (if it's not army, that's o.k.). I want some (toy) soldiers, guard nutcracker, pirate ship, train that no one touches but me. I want some (gun) caps, and an army cabin for army men - no roof. (please) And some new army clothes.

Love,
Garrett Heard

Dear Santa,

I want a four wheeler, bike, and a doll that wets. I will leave you milk and cookies!

Emilee Yanez



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*Mike, Kathy
Betty, Nina & Mary Beth*

JOY TO ALL

Jolly greetings to all our good patrons. May all your holidays be filled with love and joy.

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FARM BUREAU**

*Sending
best wishes
to you this
Holiday
Season*

The Country Inn

**YULETIDE
WISHES**

*May your holiday be
glowing with peace.*

**Willie (Bill)
Forman**

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Our best holiday wishes to you.

Red Barn Barbecue
Lynne & Bill Kinnaird

*Tidings Of
Comfort And Joy*

Merry Christmas and happy holidays from the whole flock!

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**Merry Christmas
Bronte Nursing Home**
Residents, Staff, & Board of Directors



COUNTRY AGENTS
NEWS

by Tommy Antilley
Coke County Agent

Christmas Trees

It's time to spruce up your home for the holidays. The drought may have slowed the growth of Texas Christmas trees, but it didn't kill any. Extension forester Lanny Dreesen says there will be no shortage this season. And there's more good news - Dreesen says prices should be about the same as last year. A standard six-foot tree should cost around 25 dollars. It could be a little more in the city and a little less in the country. Virginia Pine is the most common Christmas tree for Texas. It makes up about 80 percent of the trees grown here. The second most popular is the Afghan Pine. For the freshest, longest lasting trees, Dreesen recommends cutting your own. He says those trees will still be producing sap that will seal the cut end of the tree. What you need to do is cut off another half inch as soon as you get the tree home. Then put it immediately into water. A Virginia Pine can take up to two gallons of water in the first afternoon, so you will need to replenish the water supply frequently.

• Selecting a Christmas Tree: Christmas trees can quickly turn from symbols of a joyous season to an ignition switch for disaster. It doesn't take much to send a dry tree up in flames. Keeping your tree supple and your home safe begins with the selection in the tree lot. Extension forester, Lanny Dreesen, says a good test is to press a needle between your thumb and index finger. If the needle cracks and bends, the tree is already dry. Once you've found a good tree, be careful where you put it. Some trees

will last for months if they're watered well and placed in the right spot. Do not put them near windows where the sun will dry them out. And keep them away from fireplaces and other heat sources. Dreesen warns that spruce trees have a bad habit of dropping needles when they get the least bit dry. He says the noble fir is a beautiful tree, but it is quite costly and may dry out during the long trip from the Pacific Northwest. Dreesen recommends the home-grown Virginia Pine as the tree with the greatest longevity.

• Hypoallergenic Christmas Tree: So if you're looking for an alternative to your traditional tree and you could benefit from a pollen-free holiday environment, give the Leyland Cypress a try. The Leyland Cypress is a combination of the Alaskan Cedar and Monterrey Cypress from Mexico. It was developed by the British in the 1940s as an ornamental tree. The tree was brought into Texas in 1982 as an alternative Christmas tree for growers. Because it's a true hybrid, the Leyland cannot produce pollen, giving allergy sufferers the option of having

a natural evergreen in the house for Christmas. The most common Christmas tree grown in Texas is the Virginia Pine. It is a thick, very dense evergreen. The Leyland Cypress is less dense and looks more like a fir tree. The Leyland Cypress was in short supply last year because growers did not have the tree long enough to build up a good supply. Tree farms should be better stocked this year.

• Cactus For Christmas: Poinsettias are the perennial favorites for Christmas, but once the holidays are over, those plants get thrown out with the wrapping paper. This year, why not select a plant with better staying power. Doesn't cactus seem appropriate in the Southwest for Christmas? Christmas cactus is becoming a more popular holiday plant. Experiment Station horticulturist Dr. Harvey Lang says some people prefer it over the more traditional poinsettias because after the flowers fall off, you still have an attractive and hearty plant. There are more than 70 varieties of Christmas cactus with names such as Christmas Charm, Red Radiance, Twi-

light Tangerine and Peach Parfait. As the names suggest, they come in shades of red, orange, purple, yellow and white. Lang says Christmas cactus are tough. They'll tolerate temperatures ranging from 35 to over 100 degrees. They require little water, but unlike many cactus, they prefer low light or shade. Lang says Christmas cactus will typically bloom a second time in February. Growers control the blooming time by controlling the amount of light the plant gets. You can do the same at home each year by exposing the cactus to less light. The shorter the day and the warmer the temperature, the earlier the bloom.

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To find out if the Texas To-

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Merry Christmas

from

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Merry Christmas!



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Gorman & Jewel Walker, Jimmy, Martha & Boys, Janet & Larry

Keep the holidays happy, healthy

A whirl of holiday parties... last minute shopping... marathon cookie-baking sessions - they can only mean one thing. It's holiday time!

But do year-end deadlines and an over-booked holiday calendar leave you feeling less than jolly? This year, try these simple strategies from the Centrum Center for Nutrition Science to keep your holiday season filled with good cheer:

There isn't time to do everything. Do you really have to bake 12 different kinds of cookies, write personalized cards to everyone you ever knew, and go to every party? Make a list of the things you really need and want to do, then prioritize the activities - delegating whenever possible.

Remember the basics - eat wisely. Don't let too many holiday treats crowd out a healthful diet. Try to eat balanced meals every day based on the USDA Food Guide Pyramid, which identifies the appropriate balance among the food groups necessary for a healthy diet. Get added assurance by taking a complete multivitamin and mineral supplement that contains 100 percent of the Daily Value (DV) for essential vitamins.

Stay in step with physical activities. Exercise helps to relieve holiday tension and burn extra calories from too many servings of eggnog. If you can't squeeze in your usual fitness routine, take a few extra turns around the mall or dance the night away at holiday parties. For an average person weighing about 150 pounds; one hour on the dance floor can burn approximately 210 calories.

Be a smart snacker. Don't go to parties hungry - have a piece of fruit or cut-up vegetables for a snack before you leave. Savor small portions of once-a-year favorites and take a pass on high-calorie snacks you can eat anytime. One glass of holiday eggnog has approximately 342 calories and 19 grams of fat.

Nix a post-party hangover. If you drink, keep alcohol - and calories - under control by alternating alcoholic drinks with sparkling water or diet soda. A 12 ounce can of beer contains approximately 150 calories compared to diet cola which has zero calories. Also remember, never drink and drive.

Keep holiday spirits bright. Calm jangled nerves with soothing activities - take a bubble bath, read a good book or listen to your favorite symphony, for instance. Don't let anxiety about pulling off a perfect holiday season cause you stress... remember you can't be all things to everyone.

Take holiday merriment in moderation

Think 'moderation' for a merry, but healthy holiday season.

"The holidays are not a time to try and lose weight, because festivities are often centered around lots of food and drinks. People should consider themselves successful by simply maintaining their weight during the holidays," said Lynne Scott, a registered dietitian and director of the Diet Modification Clinic at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Eating healthy for the holidays is not the difficult if you plan ahead. It is hard to resist the temptations of traditional

favorites, but low-fat recipe alternatives can keep you on track. If you are spending the holidays away from home, prepare a low-fat entree or vegetable tray to take with you.

Beware of sweets. Just because an item is fat-free does not mean its calorie-free. "People tend to think they can eat all they want if the item is fat free," said Scott, "but usually the calories in the fat-free item are close to the same as its fattening counterpart."

For parties, Scott says to eat before you go to avoid snacking on refreshments that are usually high in calories and fat, survey the entire buffet table before making your selection and choose moderate portions. Always have a drink in hand to sidestep a waiter putting something in your hand and avoid lingering near the food and bar area.

Finding time for exercise during the holiday season should also be a priority, since it can help keep you focused on maintaining your healthy weight.

Living Heart Wassail

- 2 quarts apple cider
- 2 cups orange juice
- 1 cup lemon juice
- 5 cups pineapple juice
- 1/3 cup sugar or honey
- 1 1/2 teaspoons whole cloves
- 1 stick cinnamon
- 1 orange, unpeeled and diced
- 1 red apple, unpeeled and diced

1. Combine juices and sugar or honey in large pan. Place cloves in tea ball. Add cloves and cinnamon stick to

juice.

- 2. Cover and simmer 1 hour.
- 3. Serve in punch bowl with diced orange and diced apple floating for garnish.

Yield: 21 servings.

6 fl. oz serving contains: 103 calories, 26g carbohydrates, 0g fat, 0g cholesterol, 7mg sodium, 0g fiber.

Creamy Cranberry Salad

- 1 1/2 cups water
- 1 package (3 oz) cherry gelatin
- 1 can (16 oz) whole cranberry sauce
- 8 ounces low-fat sour cream
- 2 tablespoons chopped pecans

1. In medium pan, heat water to boiling.

2. Remove from heat, add gelatin and stir until dissolved.

- 3. Stir in cranberry sauce.
 - 4. Stir in sour cream and pecans.
 - 5. Pour into glass serving bowl. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate until firm.
- Yield: 8 servings.
1/2 cup serving contains: 179 calories, 35g carbohydrates, 3g fat, 1g saturated fat, 9g cholesterol, 71g sodium, 1g fiber.



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Here's hoping you and your family rope up a season of joy!

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Merry Christmas!
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Wishing You & Your's a
Happy Holiday Season
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IN THE SPIRIT OF GIVING.

We're extending our very best wishes to you and yours for a holiday filled with good friends and cheer. We're proud to be a part of this fine community and are grateful for the opportunity to serve you.

Merry Christmas!
HALL'S SUPER SAVE GROCERY
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Kerry, Donna, Brian, Kim, & B.J. Hall



Texas FFA officers visit RLHS

FFA members who lead chapter meetings may one day preside at board meetings. Today's agriscience students may pioneer advances in genetics tomorrow. Students who join agricultural education and FFA know they can apply what they learn in class to more than just the test: they're gaining career and leadership skills to last a lifetime.

That is the message that Tanessa Saathoff, 1996-97 Texas FFA President, and Cody Nash, 1996-97 Texas FFA First Vice President, communicated to the students and FFA members at Robert Lee High School on Friday, Nov. 8.

Saathoff and Nash spoke of how setting personal goals can lead to success in life. Saathoff, 18, of Devine, communicated the need for students to take an active role in planning for their future and how the FFA can help students achieve excellence. Nash, also 18, of Tolar, stressed the importance of careful choices and commitment to high standards of achievement.

Two of a ten-member state officer team, they will meet thousands of FFA members in the coming school year as they travel more than 60,000

miles and speak at more than 300 schools promoting agricultural education and the FFA. In addition to meeting with members on the local, district, area, state and national level, they will meet with leaders of government, education, business and agriculture. They will also participate in a Texas FFA Foundation-sponsored business and industry tour program in the cities of Dallas, Fort Worth, San Antonio, Houston and Amarillo designed to strengthen relations between the FFA and the world of work.

Prior to her election as president, Saathoff, served as Area VII First Vice President, Revaldina District Reporter and Devine Chapter President. Her supervised agricultural experience program consists of showing Brangus heifers, showing market steers and market barrows, and a registered Brangus cow/calf operation. She is the recipient of a \$10,000 San Antonio Livestock Exposition Scholarship. Saathoff is taking a year-long leave of absence from Texas A&M University to serve as Texas FFA President. After her year of service, she will major in Agriculture Development. A career in public relations or agriculture sales for an agribusiness or breed association, as well as raising Brangus cattle, is her goal after graduation

from college.

Nash served as Area VIII President, Lake Whitney District President and Tolar Chapter President prior to his election in July. His supervised agricultural experience program consists of showing Brahman heifers, showing market barrows and market goats, and a registered Brahman cow/calf operation. He plans to major in Agriculture Communications at Texas Tech University at the end of his term of office. Nash's future career plans include promoting agriculture for an agribusiness, as well as expanding his Brahman cattle herd.

FFA is a national organization of 445,000 members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture. The organization has 7,264 local chapters located throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands. The Texas FFA has 60,936 members in 951 chapters. FFA's mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. Local, district, area, state and national activities and award programs provide opportunities for students to apply knowledge and skills

learned in the classroom as they develop career pathways and discover school to work transitions.

Hunters help feed the hungry

The "Hunters for the Hungry Program" is entering its fifth year of providing Texas hunters the opportunity to help feed the hungry Texans by donating their freshly harvested venison to Second Harvest Food Banks throughout Texas.

The End Hunger Network has teamed up with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas Department of Health, Texas Agriculture Extension Service, Texas Association of Community Action Agencies, Dallas Safari Club, hunters and processors to battle hunger.

To participate in the "Hunters for the Hungry Program" donors can take their


legally harvested deer to any of the 100 participating processing plants in Texas. For a tax-deductible donation of \$15, the venison is ground, packaged and then distributed to the hungry through the Second Harvest Food Banks.

Additional processing plants are also urged to participate.

The program has provided more than 300,000 pounds of venison to hungry Texans since 1991.

TPWD Special Projects coordinator, Corky Palmer, said, "The state agency is pleased to lend its support to this campaign."

For more information about "Hunters for the Hungry" or for a list of participating processing plants call 1-800-992-9767, Monday through Friday, or pick up a brochure at Carter's Country, Academy or Oshman's Sporting Goods Store.



Wishing you the best this holiday season

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May you see only the best of this Holiday Season!




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Wishing you joy, peace & love this holiday season.



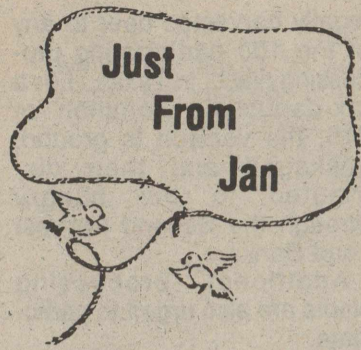
Dear New & Old Friends,
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Come to Bryan's Barn and see yours in lights.
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by Jan Yanez
Coke County
Ext. Agent

Tips for poinsettia care

Though poinsettias are a challenging plant to care for, they can survive year-round with the proper care, according to Patti Pickett of Magic Farms greenhouse.

She usually gives the following tips:

- Expose poinsettias to full daylight, but not direct sun.
- Keep room temperature 72 degrees or below during the day or 60 degrees at night - the higher the humidity, the cooler the temperature.
- Check soil daily and water thoroughly when the dirt is dry to the touch, but drain excess moisture.
- New Year's Day: continue light watering and fertilize.
- Valentine's Day: if the plant gets long and leggy, prune it to eight inches above the soil.
- St. Patrick's Day: remove faded and dried stems and bracts; add soil, preferably a sterile mix available commercially.
- Memorial Day: trim off two or three inches on each branch to promote side branching. Repot and move plants outside, first to indirect and then direct light.
- Labor Day: move plant indoors, but make sure it gets six hours of direct light. Reduce fertilizer.
- Autumn Equinox: about September 21 give plants 12 hours of uninterrupted darkness and 11 hours of bright light daily; keep night temperatures in the low 60s; con-

tinue watering and fertilizing and rotate plants in the light for balanced color.

- Thanksgiving: discontinue day-night treatment; put plant in sunny spot and enjoy.

Scams exposed by postal system

During the Great Depression of the 1930s, hobos would leave a secret mark on the gate or doorway of a house where they got a handout to let other transients know they could expect help.

In an updated version, people who run telephone marketing scams are selling their lists of people who were targeted successfully so other telemarketers can cash in on careless and gullible consumers.

Now, federal and state authorities are teaming up with the American Association of Retired Persons to try to put the operations out of business.

State attorneys general and federal authorities and volunteers from the AARP, working with lists seized by the FBI, will try to call more than 5,000 people across the country to warn them they are the objects of telemarketing fraud.

The effort was announced Thursday at a Fort Lauderdale news conference by Massachusetts Attorney

General Scott Harshbarger, president of the National Association of Attorneys General.

"Telemarketing fraud is a multibillion-dollar criminal enterprise that threatens the economic security of older Americans in every state in the nation," said Harshbarger.

"Lists of individuals who have been victims of fraud are valuable to criminals because they have proven to be susceptible or vulnerable," according to the FBI's Charles Owens.

Postal inspectors warn that telemarketing scams are especially active during the holiday season.

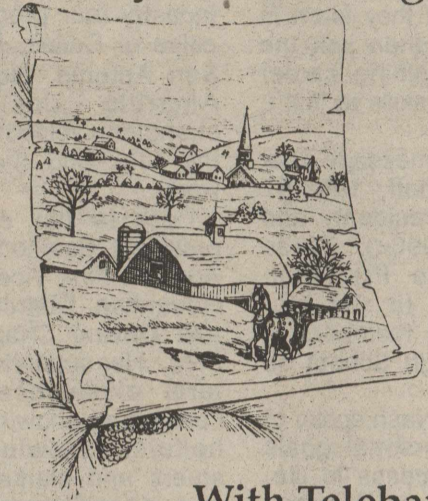
"People should be careful about responding to unsolicited letters or phone calls requesting donations to unfamiliar charities," said Chief Postal Inspector Kenneth Hunter.

The National Consumers League advised people to ask for written information on investment offers and warned people to never pay for a prize or a sweepstakes entry.



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Merry Christmas

*A year has come and gone.
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Peace be with you during the Holidays.*

Coke County Judge's Office
Jackie Walker

Season's Greetings

Wishing all our good friends a holiday filled with love and laughter, mirth and warmth.



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NOTICES

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF LINDA SEALE SPARKS, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of LINDA SEALE SPARKS were issued on October 3, 1996, in Cause No. 1497 pending in the County Court of Coke County, Texas to: FRANK ELLIS SPARKS

The residence of such Executor is Coke County, Texas. The mailing address

for the Executor is:
FRANK ELLIS SPARKS
C/O ARTHUR & ARTHUR
P.O. BOX 970
ROBERT LEE, TX 76945

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED December 12, 1996.

LANE ARTHUR
Attorney for the Estate
21a-1tc

ORDINANCE #298

An ordinance establishing curfew hours for Minors, defining terms; creating offenses for minors, parents of minors, and business establishments violating curfew regulations; providing defenses; providing for enforcement by the City's Ordinance Enforcement Officer; providing for review of this ordinance within 18 months after the date of passage; providing a saving clause; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRONTE, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. CURFEW HOURS FOR MINORS.

(a) Definitions. In this section:

(1) CURFEW HOURS means: 12:01 am until 6:00 am.

(5) MINOR means any person under 17 years of age.

(8) PUBLIC PLACE means any place to which the public has access and includes, but is not limited to streets, highways, and the common areas of schools, hospitals, apartment houses, office buildings, transport facilities, and shops.

(e) Penalties

(1) A person who violates a provision of this chapter is guilty of a separate offense for each day or part of a day during which the violation is committed, continued, or permitted. Each offense, upon conviction, is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

(2) When required by Section 51.08 of the Texas Family Code, as amended, the municipal court shall waive original jurisdiction over a minor who violates Subsection (b)(1) of the section and shall refer the minor to juvenile court.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE PERIOD:

This ordinance shall become effective on and after 12:01 am, December 23, 1996.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of December, 1996.

Martin Lee, MAYOR
ATTEST:
Pat Martindale
CITY SECRETARY
21B-1tc

NOTICE OF ELECTION ORDER FOR ELECTION OF DIRECTORS, COKE COUNTY KICKAPOO WATER CONTROL & IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #1

By virtue of the authority vested in the Directors of Coke County KWCID #1, said Directors do hereby order that on the 14th day of January

1997; at the City Hall in Bronte, County of Coke, State of Texas, an election shall be held for the purpose of electing two directors of said District.

No person shall vote at such an election unless he is a resident voter of said district and also a qualified voter under the constitution and laws of the State of Texas.

On or before the fifth day of such election the officers holding due returns, in triplicate, of all the votes cast for Directors of said District, and deliver One (1) return to the President of the District, and one (1) to the Secretary.

WITNESS THE HAND of the President and Secretary of the Directors of the Coke County Kickapoo Water Control and Improvement District #1.

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 Catorce de Enero, 1997, 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 tres (3) rectores de dicho distrito.

No persona se votata 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) at Secretario.

Testigo el mano del Presidente y el Secretario de los Directores de Coke County Kickapoo Water Control and Improvement District No. 1.

Royce Fancher, Presidente
Noah Pruitt, Jr., Secretario
21B-1tc

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF COKE EAST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT TO THE RESIDENT QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE EAST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT:

TAKE NOTICE that a special election will be held in the EAST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT on the 18th day of January, 1997, in accordance with an order adopted by the Board of Directors which is a part of this notice for all purposes and reads as follows:

AN ORDER calling a special election to be held in the East Coke County Hospital District on the question of reducing the tax rate for the current year to the rollback tax rate, making provision for the conduct of the election and re-

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Everything comes in twos in this home except bedrooms. 2 fireplaces, 2 baths, 2 garages, etc. Call me for further details.

Lots for sale. Very reasonably priced.

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by owner. Brick, 3 BR, 2 bath, 2-car attached garage; central heating/air; ceiling fans; interior freshly painted; new carpet throughout; new ceramic tile floors in kitchen and bathrooms; new roof; fenced yard. Owner financing. 219 Zero St., Robert Lee. Call collect, 409-836-6265.
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18B-tnc

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ONE OR TWO BEDROOM APARTMENTS FOR RENT

Taking applications Mon., Wed., and Fri., 9 am - 3 pm. Housing Authority of Robert Lee, 170 N. Bishop, 453-2912. Equal Housing Opportunity.
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FOR RENT OR LEASE

Building, 20 x 32 ft., 640 sq. ft. Formerly beauty shop. Call 453-4786.
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FOR RENT

2 bedroom tile house. 2 mobile homes - 2 and 3 bedroom. Call 453-4659.
20-2tc

GARAGE SALES

THE NEW LIFE IN CHRIST CHURCH
will have a yard sale Saturday, Dec. 21, from 8:30 - 3:00 at the First National Bank parking lot in Bronte.
20B-2tc

CARD OF THANKS

THANK YOU, SANTA CLAUS,
for the poinsettia and chocolates.
Charliabelle Bagwell
21B-1tc

THANKS

Words cannot express my thanks and appreciation bestowed on me for 15 years of service to the city of Robert Lee.

Thank you Mayor Kelly Nichols, council members, to all city employees, friends and family; also to the residents of Robert Lee for allowing me to serve you.

The gold watch is gorgeous, but the thought meant so much to me and my wife Dean.

Thanks,
James Royall
21-1tc

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solving other matters incident and related to such election.

WHEREAS, on the 7th day of October, 1996, a petition was filed with the Board of Directors of the East Coke County Hospital District (the "District") requesting an election be held in the District on the question of reducing the tax rate for the current year; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the District has determined the aforesaid petition meets the requirements of V.T.C.A., Tax Code, Section 26.07 (b) and is valid and an election should be held to determine whether or not to reduce the tax rate adopted for the current year (1996) to the rollback tax rate calculated as provided by Section 26.04 of the Tax Code; now, therefore, **BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT:**

SECTION 1: An election shall be held on the 18th day of January, 1997 in the East Coke County Hospital District, which date is not less than 30 days or more than 90 days after the last day on which the Board could have acted to approve or disapprove the petition and is a uniform election date specified in state law for holding local elections. At such election, the following measure shall be submitted:

"SHALL the Board of Directors of the East Coke County Hospital District reduce the tax rate adopted for the current year (1996) to the rollback tax rate calculated as provided by Section 26.04 of the Tax Code?"

SECTION 2: Paper ballots shall be used for said election, which ballots shall be prepared in accordance with the V.T.C.A. Election Code so as to permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid measure which shall appear on the ballot substantially as follows:

"REDUCING THE TAX RATE IN THE EAST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT FOR THE CURRENT YEAR FROM .68275/\$100 TO .37924/\$100."

SECTION 3: The entire District shall constitute one election precinct for this election and the Bronte City Hall, 114 South Washington, Bronte, Texas, is hereby designated the polling place. The persons hereby appointed to serve as the election officers at said polling place are as follows:

MARILYN BIVINS - PRESIDING JUDGE
FRAN SONNENBERG - ALTERNATE PRESIDING JUDGE

The Presiding Judge shall appoint not less than two (2) nor more than three (3) qualified clerks to serve and assist in holding said election; provided that if the Presiding Judge herein appointed actually serves, the Alternate Presiding Judge shall be one of the clerks.

On election day the polls shall be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

The East Coke County Hospital District Administrative

Offices (Bronte Nursing Home) 900 South State Street, Bronte, Texas, 76933, is hereby designated the early voting place, and Keith Fletcher is hereby appointed Clerk and Leah Walker and L.O. Clark are Deputy Clerks, at such early voting place. Early voting for this election shall begin December 30, 1996 and end January 14, 1997, and the hours designated for early voting by personal appearance shall be from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm on each day, except Saturdays, Sundays and official State holidays.

For purposes of processing ballots cast in early voting, the following persons are appointed to the Early Ballot Board for this election: Marilyn Bivins, Presiding Judge and Fran Sonnenberg, Alternate Presiding Judge.

SECTION 4: All resident qualified electors of the District shall be permitted to vote at said election. This election shall be held and conducted in accordance with the provisions of V.T.C.A., Election Code, except as modified by V.T.C.A., Tax Code and Chapter 444, Acts of the 61st Legislature, Regular Session, 1969, and as may be required by law, all election materials and proceedings shall be printed in both English and Spanish.

SECTION 5: A substantial copy of this order shall serve as proper notice of said election. Said notice, including a Spanish translation thereof, shall be posted on the bulletin board used for posting notices of meeting at the Administrative Office of the District not later than the twenty-first (21st) day before the election and be published at least once, not earlier than the 30th day or later than the 10th day before the election, in a newspaper published in the District or of general circulation in the District if none is published in the District.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this the 18th day of November, 1996

Edward M. Cumbie
President, Board of Directors
East Coke County Hospital
District

ATTEST:
Charles Sonnenberg
Secretary, Board of Directors
East Coke County Hospital
District

AVISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL
EL ESTADO DE TEXAS
CONDADO DE COKE
DISTRITO DE HOSPITAL
DEL CONDADO DE EAST
COKE

A LOS RESIDENTES CON DERECHO DE VOTAR DEL DISTRITO DE HOSPITAL DEL CONDADO DE EAST COKE:

AVISO de que una eleccion especial tendra lugar en EL DISTRITO DE HOSPITAL DEL CONDADO DE EAST COKE el dia 18 de enero de 1997, de acuerdo con un decreto aprobado por la Junta Directiva el cual es parte de este Aviso para todo objeto practico y se lee como sigue:

UN DECRETO llamando una eleccion especial a tener lugar en el Distrito de Hospital del Condado de East Coke sobre la cuestion de rebajar la tasa de impuesto del ano actual a las tasa de impuesto de

nivel original, estableciendo medidas para la conducta de la eleccion y resolviendo otros asuntos incidentes y pertinentes a dicha eleccion.

VISTO QUE, el dia 7 de octubre de 1996, se registro una peticion con la Junta Directiva del Distrito de Hospital del condado de East Coke (el "Distrito") requiriendo una eleccion a llevarse a cabo en el distrito sobre el asunto de reducir la tasa de impuestos para el ano actual; y

VISTO QUE, la Junta Directiva del Distrito, por este medio cumple con los requisitos de V.T.C.A. Condigo de Impuestos, Seccion 20.07 (b) y sera vigente y se llevaran a cabo unas elecciones para decidir si se debera rebajar la tasa de impuestos adoptada para el ano actual (1996), a la tasa de nivel original calculado como se estipula en la Seccion 26.04 del Codigo de Tasas, ahora por consiguiendo;

ES DECRETADO POR LA JUNTA DIRECTIVA DEL DISTRITO DE HOSPITAL DEL CONDADO DE EAST COKE:

SECCION 1: Una eleccion tendra lugar el dia 18 de enero de 1997, en el Distrito de Hospital del Condado de East Coke, cuya fecha no sea menos de 30 dias ni mas de 90 dias despues del ultimo dia en que se haya aprobado o desaprobado la peticion y que sea un dia regular para elecciones estipulado en las leyes del estado para convocar reuniones. En dicha eleccion, se presentara la siguiente medida:

"Rebajara la tasa de impuestos las Junta de Directores del Distrito de Hospital del Condado de East Coke aprobados para el ano corriente (1996) a la tasa reducida claculada a su nivel original como se estipula en la seccion 26.04 del Codigo de Impuestos?"

SECCION 2: Se emplearan balotas electorales de papel en esta eleccion, y se prepararan cuyas balotas de acuerdo con el Codigo de Elecciones, V.T.C.A. y se permitira que los electores voten "EN PRO" o "EN CONTRA" a la mencionada medida que se presentara basicamente de la siguiente forma:

"REBAJANDO LA TASA DE IMPUESTOS EN EL DISTRITO DE HOSPITAL DEL CONDADO DE EAST COKE DE .68275/\$100 A .37924/\$100 PARA EL ANO ACTUAL"

SECCION 3: Todo el Distrito formara un recinto electoral para esta eleccion y la Casa Municipal de Bronte, 114 South Washington, Bronte, Texas se designa por este medio como el lugar para votar. Las personas por este medio nombradas para servir los cargos de oficiales de esta eleccion en dicho lugar para votar seran las siguientes:
MARILYN BIVINS - JUEZ ACTUANTE
FRAN SONNENBERG - JUEZ ACTUANTE SUPLENTE

El juez actuante nombrara no menos que dos (2) ni mas que tres (3) oficiales calificados para trabajar y ayudar en llevar a cabo dicha eleccion; con tal que si el juez actuante particular aqui dentro nom-

brado desempene sus funciones, el juez actuante suplente sera uno de los oficiales.

Durante el dia de eleccion, los lugares para votar estaran abiertos desde las 7:00 de la manana hasta las 7:00 de la noche.

La oficina de administracion del Distrito de Hospital del Condado de East Coke (Casa de personas ancianas de Bronte), 900 South State Street, Bronte, Texas 76933, se designa por este medio el lugar para registrar los primeros votos, y se nombra por este medio a Keith Fletcher escribiente y a Leah Walker y L.O. Clark escribientes suplentes de dicho lugar para votar en los primeros votos. Los primeros votos para esta eleccion empezaran el 30 de diciembre de 1996 y terminaran el 14 de enero de 1997 y de acuerdo al periodo nombrado para los primeros votos permitidos por ley, las horas nombradas para registrar los votos en los primeros votos hechos en persona seran desde las 8:30 de la manana hasta las 4:30 de la tarde todos los dias con la excepcion de los sabados, domingos y los feriados del Estado.

Con el fin de revisar las balotas dadas en votos hechos en los primeros votos, se nombra a las siguientes personas como Junta de balotas en los primeros votos de esta eleccion: Marilyn Bivins, Juez Actuante y Fran Sonnenberg, Juez Actuante Suplente.

SECCION 4: A todos los residentes con derecho de votar del Distrito se les permitira votar en dicha eleccion. Se llevara a cabo esta eleccion y esta eleccion tendra lugar de acuerdo con las estipulaciones del Codigo de Elecciones, V.T.C.A. fuera de las modificaciones hechas por las estipulaciones en el V.T.C.A., Codigo de Impuestos y capitulo 444; actas de la legislatura, sesion regular, 1969; y como sea requerido por ley, se imprimiran los materiales de la eleccion y los procedimientos para esta eleccion tanto en ingles como en espanol.

SECCION 5: Una copia fidedigna de este decreto servira de aviso adecuado de dicha eleccion. Dicho aviso incluyendo una traduccion al espanol se figurara en el tablero usado para poner noticias de revniones en la Oficina Administrativa del Distrito no mas tarde que veinte y un (21) dias antes de las elecciones y que sea publicado a lo menos una vez no mas que 30 dias ni menos que 10 dias antes de las elecciones, en un periodico del Distrito o de amplia circulacion en el Distrito si no se publica uno en el Distrito.

ACEPTADO Y APROBADO, este dia 18 de noviembre de 1996.

Edward M. Cumbie
Presidente, Junta Directiva
Distrito de Hospital del
Condado de East Coke
ATESTIGUA:

Charles Sonnenberg
Secretaria, Junta Directiva
Distrito de Hospital del
Condado de East Coke
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Parenting for an enjoyable Christmas

by Jan Yanez
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This time of year the magazines are filled with pictures of clean, beautifully dressed, calm, smiling children happily playing with their Christmas toys.

That may be one reason why parents become frustrated or even angry when their children fuss, whine, or misbehave during holiday celebrations. Young children will respond differently to Christmas activities depending on their age. Parents can save themselves a lot of grief by knowing what is normal and predictable behavior from young children and planning their family activities accordingly.

Parents should consider the following:

- Babies under 12 months can easily feel overwhelmed by too many toys, relatives or foods. Give the baby plenty of rest and time alone with you.

- Toddlers will be lovable and cute, but not too involved in Christmas. Some toddlers will be fearful of strangers, including visiting relatives. Childproof your Christmas decorations, since toddlers will want to touch hot lights, pull on electrical cords and handle decorations that arouse their curiosity.

- Two-year-olds will be excited about lights and decorations. They cannot anticipate, so they cannot wait to open gifts or eat the cookies, and they may throw tantrums to prove it. Two-year-olds are just as likely to play with the box as the toy inside and since they don't want to share well yet, they will often hit and grab toys.

- Three-year-olds will love gifts, both the box and the gift inside. They are more likely to have a sunny disposition on Christmas and be able to play with other children, so getting together with relatives may be easier. However, parents will still want to limit the extent of activities. Any three-year-old who has been excited for too long is capable of fighting and acting up.

- Four-year-olds can remember well and anticipate activities. They love the holiday, including parties and events, especially if they are not too long. They can participate in decorating and other simple projects in advance of Christmas. In general, they should get along with visiting relatives, but may sometimes be rude and uncooperative when tired or overextended.

- Five-year-olds will show marked improvement in behavior because they are beginning to set their own limits. This is an ideal year to read about Christmas to them. Since they like to hold and do things alone, it is also a good year for projects. This may also be the first year for really liking Santa.

Wherever a child is developmentally, parents should try to enjoy that stage and let it help determine family activities at holiday time.



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