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## CCJJC slates blood drive

The public is invited to participate in a blood drive hosted by the Coke County Juvenile Justice Center, from 1 to 5 pm on Monday, December 22.

The blood drives at CCJJC are always a fun time for the staff and community members who participate. It is an opportunity to visit informally; and, the fact that they are benefiting the community makes everyone feel good.

It is estimated that 80 percent of the population will need blood or blood components sometime during their lives. And, since the holidays are a time of extreme blood supply shortage, donating now provides real insurance to everyone in the community. The truth is that any member of the Coke County community may need blood at

any time. This is an opportunity for each citizen to have a part in the welfare of the whole community.

The blood drive will be held in the Visitation Area of CCJJC. Persons wishing to donate should report to the reception desk. Appointments are available by telephoning Ms. McMillan at 473-5700, extension 103.

And, for those who might be scared, don't worry. There will be an official handholder.

### CC Stock Show slated

The Coke County Livestock Show will be held Friday and Saturday, January 16 and 17, 1998, at the Sterling Lindsey Memorial Exhibit Building in Robert Lee.

The Market Lamb and Meat Goat shows will begin Friday at 5 pm. The Market Swine Show will begin at 8:30 am Saturday, followed by the Market Steer Show at 11 am. The Buyers Appreciation Barbecue will be served beginning at 12 noon Saturday. The Premium Sale is slated to begin at 2 pm.

### Post Office Closings

The Bronte and Robert Lee Post Offices will close for Christmas at 1 pm Wednesday, December 24. They will be open again the day after Christmas.

### Courthouse Closing

The Coke County courthouse in Robert Lee will close for the Christmas holidays at 12 noon Wednesday, December 24, and be closed Thursday and Friday, December 25 and 26. Business hours will resume Monday, December 29. The courthouse will be closed Thursday, January 1, and Friday, January 2, for the New Year holiday. It will resume business hours Monday, January 5, 1998.



### O/E Closing

As is our custom, the Observer/Enterprise office in Robert Lee will be closed for the holidays during the week of Christmas. The Bronte office will be closed Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, December 24-26.

There will not be a county newspaper published the week of Christmas; so that our employees may have a chance to be with their families during the holidays. The next issue of the paper will be dated Jan. 2, 1998, and both offices will be open for all your holiday news on Monday, December 29.

Happy Holidays from all of us at the Observer/Enterprise.

### RL City Closing

Holiday closings for the City offices of Robert Lee are as follows: Christmas Holiday - 12 noon on December 24; reopen December 29. New Year Holiday - January 1 & 2, 1998.

Trash service will run as scheduled during these holidays. The landfill will close December 27 and January 3.

### Free clinic offered

A free blood pressure and blood sugar health clinic will be held from 8:30 am until 9:30 am Friday, December 19, and is sponsored by the North Runnels Home Health Agency. A similar clinic is held the third Friday of every month. It is free to anyone regardless of age or income.

For additional information, please contact the Tennyson Post Office at 473-6002.

### Only 1 more Bronte drawing left

The final drawing in the Bronte Merchants Association Christmas program has been set for Saturday, December 20. It will be held in the parking lot of First National Bank of Bronte at 3 pm, and you must be present to win.

In order to qualify, you must make a purchase of at least \$3, and then your name will go into the drawing for several nice prizes and gift certificates. Participating merchants have holiday signs posted.

### Trash collection not affected

The Christmas and New Year holidays will NOT affect the trash collection schedule in Bronte. BFI will pick up trash Friday, December 26, and Friday, January 2.

### Holiday dance set for Dec. 27

The First Annual Holiday Dance will be held at the Bronte Community Center in Bronte Saturday, December 27, from 8:30 pm to 12:30 am. Blackwater is the band scheduled and proceeds will benefit Project Graduation. No alcoholic beverages permitted!

### Correction

Reservations for the Coke County community centers and recreation halls will be taken in the County Judge's office beginning January 5, 1998, instead of December 5, 1997.



The Robert Lee High School Choir performed at the Courthouse during Santa's visit Tuesday, December 16.

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**Death Notices**

**Brumley**

J. C. Brumley, 75, of Robert Lee, died Wednesday, December 10, 1997, in a San Angelo hospital.

Service was held at 10 am Saturday, December 13, 1997, at the Pecan Baptist Church with burial following in Paint Creek Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Pauline Brumley of Robert Lee; two sisters, Cornelia

**Club meets in Blackwell**

The Omega Coterie Club of Blackwell met December 10, 1997, in the fellowship hall of First Baptist Church. Cliffo Hogue, president, presided over the business session. The club plans to make favors for the Bronte Nursing Home at their next meeting.

A delicious turkey dinner was served. The 7th grade choir sang Christmas carols under the direction of Jean Morrow.

Gifts were exchanged by the members: Verla Smith, Jane Wheat, Shirley Walston, Marie Romine, Joyce Jones, Darris Hagler, Geneva Zarafonitis, and Bea Murray.

The next meeting is set for January 14, 1998.

**November arrests listed**

Arrests made and charges filed by the Coke County Sheriff's Department during November are listed below.

Franklin Ed Pullen, Jr. - Burglary of a habitation, Motion to revoke probation, 11-18-97

Michael Shane Boyd - Theft of a firearm, 11-23-97

Bobby Deshawn Lockhart - Burglary of a building, 11-28-97

Clint Ryan Harris - Burglary of a building, 11-28-97

Jose Raul Castro, Jr. - Driving while intoxicated, 11-29-97

**Personal**

Mark McClanahan of Van and B. K. Dodd of Athens, Texas, spent several days in the homes of Bobby and Jeffie Roberts and Douglas and Denise Roberts of Robert Lee. They are employees of the Texas Department of Transportation and were pleased to tour the lights at Bryan's Barn and San Angelo that were published in the Texas Highways magazine.

**Eubanks couple to celebrate fiftieth**

On January 1, 1998, Sid and Johnnie Eubanks will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house at the Bronte Community Center. Hosted by the children, grandchildren and friends, the open house will be from 2 to 4 pm. Cake, punch and coffee will be served as memories are shared. Friends and family are invited to attend and share in the ceremony.

Children and grandchildren hosting the party include Sidney and Virginia Eubanks of Natchitoches, Louisiana, and their son and wife, Dewey and Kendra, of Louisville, Kentucky; Andy and Susan Eubanks and their sons, Ben and Paul, of Floresville, Texas; and Keith Eubanks and his sons, Chris and Brian, of Robert Lee.

Sissy Heathcott of Abilene has chaired the decoration's committee and has planned a casual, western theme for the occasion. Assisting with the decorations are Jane Walker and Earla Ahrens of Bronte; Yvonne Black of Lubbock; Pat Forehand and Lillian Porter of San Angelo.

**RL City Council takes no action on marshall position**

The Robert Lee City Council met in regular session on November 8, 1997 at 7:00 pm. The following actions are reported.

Public Hearing for public in-



Mr. and Mrs. Sid Eubanks

put regarding request for abatement of abandoned/junked vehicles on Lot 5, Block 56 O.T., City of Robert Lee pursuant to City Ordinance #1075.

Order of abatement and removal of abandoned/junked vehicles on Lot 5, Block 56 O.T. was approved.

Minutes and bills were approved.

No action was taken regarding the City Marshall position. The City's application with TECLOSE is still in processing.

Reports were given. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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**Glenn, Young  
wed in ceremony**

Danielle Denise Glenn and Clifford Wesley Young were married at 2 pm Saturday, November 29, 1997, in the Worship Center of Second Baptist Church in Houston.

The groom's father, Dr. H. Edwin Young, pastor of Second Baptist Church of Houston, officiated the double ring ceremony, assisted by the groom's brother, Dr. Ed Young, pastor of the Fellowship of Las Colinas in Dallas.

A reception that followed in the church's atrium and deacons' parlor was attended by approximately 2,000 guests.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Glenn of Houston and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Glenn of Bronte, and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Durham of Kerrville.

The groom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. H. Edwin Young of Houston. He is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Young and Mrs. G. B. Landrum of Laurel, Mississippi, and the late G. B. Landrum.

Stephanie Glenn and Brittany Glenn served as their sister's maids of honor. Bridesmaids were Alison Belin, Christie Hughes, Tricia Hurley, Elliot Young, and Lisa Young. The bride's attendants wore long, straight, brown velvet dresses and carried nosegays of pale pink roses.

The Reverend Ben Young served as his brother's best man. Groomsmen were Justin Griffin, Jeb Hutton, Micah Ottosen, Greg Pearson, Kirby Trapolino and Ray Craig.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an off-the-shoulder embroidered silk taffeta dress. Her veil was held in place by a pearl bandeau and extended the full length of her dress and train. Her round bouquet was of pale pink roses.

Carpeted steps led up to



Mrs. Clifford Wesley Young

the vine-covered wooden archway where the ceremony took place. Banks of fresh flowers were on either side of the arch. Candles radiated from both sides of the archway, forming a scalloped design that extended the length of the Worship Center on either side.

The bride and groom are graduates of Second Baptist High School. Both attended Houston Baptist University and the groom attended Texas Christian University. Both are professional musicians with the group Caedmon's Call and will begin their spring tour in late January.

After a honeymoon trip to Maui, Hawaii, the couple will reside in Houston.

Family members from West

Texas who attended the rehearsal dinner and wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Clark Glenn of Bronte, Mr. and Mrs. David Kuykendall and Karmen Briley of Abilene. Also, Drs. Victor and Liza Glenn, Charlotte and Ian from DeSoto, and Mr. and Mrs. Chad Longley of Lampasas.



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# BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

## Longhorns bring home trophy

The Bronte Longhorns brought home the Championship Trophy from the Robert Lee Tournament after defeating the Steers in the final game.

In their first game of the tournament, the Horns downed the Midland Sophomores 48-32. Leading the scoring for Bronte was Michael Sallee with 13 points and 8 rebounds. Also scoring were Scott Graves with 9 points; Rodney Adams with 9 points, 6 rebounds, 5 assists, and 3 steals; Casey Gibbs with 6 points and 4 assists; Dustin Holland with 4 points; Michael Martinez with 3 points, 5 rebounds, and 4 assists; Zeb Speary with 2 points and 5 assists; and Dustin Scott with 2 points.

The Horns handed Water Valley a 55-42 defeat in Game 2. Rodney Adams was high pointer with 17 points, 10 rebounds, and 3 steals. He was followed by Scott Graves with 11 points, 7 rebounds, and 4 assists; Michael Sallee with 11 points and 6 rebounds; Michael Martinez with 8 points and 4 assists; Casey Gibbs with 7 points, 4 assists, and 3 steals; and Zeb Speary with 1 point.

In the Championship game, the Horns defeated Robert Lee 40-36. Leading the scoring was Rodney Adams with 10 points and 5 rebounds, followed by Zeb Speary with 8 points; Scott Graves with 7 points; Michael Sallee with 6 points and 6 rebounds; Dustin Holland with 4 points; Michael Martinez with 3 points and 4 assists; and Dustin Scott with 2 points.

In other games, the Longhorns defeated Highland 61-40. With 15 points and 4 steals, Michael Martinez took high point honors. Also scoring were Scott Graves with 12 points; Rodney Adams with 9 points,

13 rebounds, 10 assists and 4 steals; Michael Sallee with 8 points and 8 rebounds; Casey Gibbs with 5 points, 4 assists, and 3 steals; Dustin Holland with 4 points; Zeb Speary, Rod Harrell and Jerrod McClure with 2 points each; and Dustin Scott with 4 assists.

The Horns improved their record to 9-3 after they defeated Lohn 43-41. Sallee led the scoring with 15 points and 7 rebounds, followed by Adams with 7 points, 5 rebounds, and 5 assists; Martinez with 6 points and 3 steals; Graves with 5 points, 6 rebounds, and 4 assists; Speary with 5 points; Gibbs with 3 points and 3 steals; and Holland with 2 points.

## Lady Longhorns post b'ball results

The Lady Longhorns defeated Highland 54 to 28. Leading the scoring for the Ladies were Brooke McCutchen and Bonnie DeLaughter, each with 12. Also scoring for the Horns were Courtney Arrott with 8, Brittany Barrett with 6, Tessie McMullan with 5, Natasha Carper with 4, Kayla Arrott with 3, and Brandy Denton and Rolinda Sanchez with 2 each.

The Lady Horns played in the Rotan Tourney last week. In their first game they were defeated by Eula, 49-29. Brandy Denton was high pointer with 14. She was followed by Bonnie DeLaughter with 5, Brittany Barrett with 4, Kayla Arrott with 2, and Stacie McKee, Tessie McMullan, Natasha Carper, and Courtney Arrott with 1 each.

In their second game of the tourney, the Ladies fell to Rotan, 38-36. DeLaughter took top honors with 10, followed by Barrett with 8, K.

Arrott, McKee, and Denton with 4 each, and McCutchen, Carper, and C. Arrott with 2 each.

The Horns defeated Abilene Christian last Saturday, 60-52. C. Arrott and DeLaughter shared high point honors with 14 each. Denton put in 12, Barrett and Carper each added 9, and McCutchen put in 2.

Brandy Denton was selected for the All-Tournament Team.

## Lady Shorthorns place in tourney

The Bronte Lady Shorthorns 8th grade basketball team placed second in the Bronte Junior High Basketball Tournament.

In their first game, the Ladies defeated Sterling City 23-18. Natasha Reed netted 8 points to take high scoring honors. Lauren Williams added 6, Lacy Schoenfield 3, and Daisy Porter, Kelly Cooper, and Stormy White each put in 2 each.

Bronte won over Garden City, 27-16, in their second game of the tournament. Reed was again high pointer with 9 points. Lauren Williams added 8, followed by Lacy Schoenfield with 5, Daisy Porter and Britni Adams with 2 each, and Cheyann Head with 1.

The Lady Shorthorns fell to the Robert Lee Lady Dogies in the Championship game on Saturday, 13-37. Lacy Schoenfield was high scorer with 7, followed by Lauren Williams with 4 and Stormy White with 2.

## Early Dismissal

Bronte Schools will be dismissed at 12:35 pm Thursday, December 18, for the Christmas holidays. School will resume January 5, 1998, at 8:05 am.

## BISD Board reports minutes

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Bronte Independent School District met at 7:30 pm December 11, 1997, in the Board Room. Absent were Wayne Coalson and Kendall Gibbs.

The Board heard reports from the principals, Rick Howell, Secondary, and Terry Marrs, Elementary. Vicky McCutchen reported on the Building Good Citizens for Texas/Character Education. The Board approved the adoption of the Plan.

The Board heard presentations from Speed Fab-Crate and Jordan Educational on the Design-Build Proposals.

The Board approved early release for December 18, 1997, and the Textbook Committee for 1997-98.

The Board discussed and decided against adopting Extended Year Option.

They discussed and approved the adoption of the 1997-98 District Improvement Plan.

The Board accepted the written resignation of Becky Harris, a teacher at CCJJC.

They reviewed and accepted Property, Casualty and Vehicle Insurance proposal from Glenn-Bivins Insurance.

The Board decided to change the January Board meeting to January 15, 1998.

They approved entering into an agreement with Walsh, Anderson for Legal Retainer and Services.

Mr. Richey, Superintendent, reported to the Board on several items including: the Christmas Party on December 12, 1997; update on the new bus; the DEC

visit and the mock DEC visit by Region XV ESC on January 13, 1998; and the property appraisal by TASB.

The Board approved the paying of the November, 1997, bills and the meeting was adjourned at 10:44 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be January 15, 1998.

## Personal

Visiting their parents, Sid and Johnnie Eubanks, and Helen Murtishaw during Thanksgiving week were Sid and Ginger Eubanks of Natchitoches, Louisiana.

A group gathered at Ranchland Restaurant in Robert Lee for lunch and lots of visiting. Those present included: Sid and Ginger Eubanks, Helen Murtishaw, Maurine Sparks of San Angelo, Mary Sharp of Carlsbad, H.C. Murtishaw of Timberon, New Mexico, and Dale and Sue Wojtek of Robert Lee.

On Thanksgiving Day, everyone met at the home of Darrell and Peggy Bozarth for turkey, dressing and all the trimmings, visiting, and watching football. Those present were Darrell and Peggy Bozarth, Tim and Connie Bozarth and Riley, Joy McDaniel of San Angelo, Josh and Matthew Plowman of Lubbock, Russ and Cindy Stuart of Decatur, Illinois, Sid and Ginger Eubanks, Lois Dunklin of Robert Lee, Billy Joe and Diane Luckett, Joey Luckett, Dewey Luckett, and Helen Murtishaw, all of Bronte.

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**Shorthorns post series of wins**

The Bronte Shorthorns 7th grade basketball team defeated Water Valley by a score of 16-3. Scoring for the Horns were Joel Webb and James Graves with 4 each and Kevin Huddleston, Sampson Booker, Lyndon Butler and Jonathan Tomes with 2 each. Also on the team are Cody Blaylock and Michael Johnson.

The Bronte Shorthorns 8th grade basketball team defeated Water Valley 46-28. Steve Eldred led the Horns with 21 points. Lorenzo DeLaGarza posted 14 points, Joey Rhodes 5 points, Gene Butts 4 points, and Cody Sedden 2 points. Other team members include Cory English, Jeremy Sanchez, Coby Carper, Anthony Flores, James Green, Albert Sanchez, and Dalton Graves.

The 8th Grade Shorthorns also defeated Blackwell, 40-28. Eldred again led the scoring with 17 points. He was followed by DeLaGarza with 11, Butts with 9, Rhodes with 2, and Graves 1.

The Bronte 8th Grade Shorthorns competed in the Bronte Junior High Basketball Tournament. They came away with the Championship trophy after defeating the Robert Lee Dogies in the final game of the tourney.

In the first round, Robert Lee defeated Water Valley, 31-12. The Horns defeated Sterling City, 28-26. Sharing top scoring honors for the Horns were DeLaGarza and

Eldred with 9 each. Also scoring were Carper with 6 and Rhodes and Graves with 2 each.

In the second round, Sterling City defeated Water Valley, 23-13. The Shorthorns continued their winning streak with a 39-26 win over Garden City. Eldred was again high pointer with 19 points. Others scoring for the Horns were DeLaGarza with 6, Butts with 5, Carper with 4, Rhodes with 3, and Sanchez with 2.

Taking the third place win in the tournament was Garden City, following a 26-22 victory over Sterling City.

In the exciting Championship game, the Shorthorns defeated Robert Lee 37-36. With 21 points, DeLaGarza took top scoring honors. Eldred added 10 points, Butts 5, and Rhodes 1.

**JV Horns post b'ball scores**

On Tuesday, December 9, Bronte JV boys defeated Highland JV by a score of 47-20. High scorer was Henry White with 11. Also scoring were Brandon Gibbs with 9, Josh Schoenfield and Tim Green with 6 each, Ryan McCorkle with 5, Ricky Sanchez with 4, and Andy Blair, Jake Graves, and Jeremy Silva with 2 each.

The JV Horns defeated Albany JV 61-46 Thursday, December 11. Leading the scoring were McCorkle and Schoenfield with 12 each. They were followed by White with 10, Gibbs, Graves, and Green with 9 each, and Dusty White with 2.

On Friday, December 12, Santa Anna's Varsity team de-

feated the Bronte JV Horns 44-60. Brandon Gibbs took high point honors with 14, followed by McCorkle with 9, Green and Schoenfield with 8 each, H. White with 3, and Graves with 2.

Novice defeated the JV Horns 31-35 Saturday, December 13. Gibbs was high pointer with 12. Also scoring for the Horns were H.

White with 8, Graves with 6, McCorkle with 3, and Schoenfield with 2.

The Horns defeated Loh Monday, December 15, by a score of 47-25. Ricky Sanchez was high pointer with 9, followed by Gibbs and Green with 8 each, H. White with 6, Graves and McCorkle with 4 each, and Wes Howell, Schoenfield, Blair, and Randy Johnson with 2 each.

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*The Volunteer Council has been tremendous in planning for holidays, birthdays, and other special events. Due to the efforts of these people, this holiday season is promising to be one of encouragement and joy at CCJJC.*  
**Thank you and Happy Holidays!**

# ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



The Robert Lee Senior Class Christmas party was held at the Gardner's home. Chicken spaghetti and lasagna was served and the seniors enjoyed a Chinese gift exchange. Shown are (back row, from left) Chris Torres, Jimmy Gray, Josh Timm, Stacy Hendry, Robin Sevier, Dustin Clendennen, Tonya Gardner, Jessica Key, Joe Gonzales, (front row, from left) Eli Boxell, Tracy Millican, Bree Bolding, and Eric Hill.

## Lady Steers earn seventh spot in Ozona tournament

The Robert Lee Lady Steers participated in the Ozona basketball tournament Dec. 11-13, with the following results:

In the first game, the Lady Steers took on the previous state champion Ozona Lady Lions, with the Ozona girls taking the win, 91-48. Top scorers for RL were Kellie Osborn with 20; Kim Gloria and Macy Hill with 9 each; Bree Bolding 8; and Tanya Gardner 2.

In the second game, RL posted a win in overtime over the Ballinger Lady Bearcats, 55-47. Bree Bolding led the scoring with 17; followed by Kellie Osborn with 14; Kim Gloria 10; Whitney Montgomery 6; and Jessica Key 5.

In the consolation semi-finals, the Lady Steers fell to the Brownfield Lady Cubs, 53-30. Top scorers for RL were Bree Bolding with 14; Kim Gloria 6; Melissa Smith 4; Kellie Osborn 3; and Tracy Millican 2.

In the final game, the Lady Steers fell to Miles, 53-48.

Kim Gloria topped the scoring for the Lady Steers with 12; Bree Bolding and Jessica Key each had 10; Kellie Osborn 5; and Melissa Smith 4.

## RLJH "A" boys take second at Bronte

The Robert Lee Junior High "A" boys defeated Water Valley 31-13 in the Bronte Tournament before falling to the tournament winner (Bronte) in a tight contest 36-37.

In the Water Valley game on December 11, Casey Eubanks took high point honors with 9; followed by Colby Eubanks at 7; Brady Bolding 6; Charles Abalos 4; Taylor Clendennen 3; and Bret Ballew and Adam Cates each had 1.

In the Bronte game on Dec. 13, Brady Bolding totalled the most buckets for the boys with 16; Taylor Clendennen

and Colby Eubanks each had 7; Charles Abalos 2; and Adam Cates 1.

## RL Varsity splits with Christoval

The Robert Lee varsity boys and girls hosted Christoval on the basketball court on December 9, with the boys taking a loss and the girls posting a win.

In the boys game, RL was defeated 65-82. High scorer for RL was Andrew McCabe with 20; followed by Matthew Millican 14; Eli Boxell 8; Will Simpson 7; Chris Gill 6; Polo Arellano 4; B. J. Bessent 5; and Joel Gallegos with 1.

In the girls game, the Ladies took the win 74-36. Bree Bolding led the scoring with 21; followed by Kim Gloria 17; Melissa Smith and Kellie Osborn 9; Whitney Montgomery 8; Tonya Gardner and Jessica Key with 4 each; and Holly Copeland 2.



These Robert Lee Elementary Students are the November winners of the Accelerated Reading Program.

## AR November winners listed

Accelerated reading program winners from Robert Lee Elementary School include:

First Grade - 1. Morgan Hill and Mason Ross, 2. Jasmine Gloria and Megan Robinson.

Second Grade - 1. Kasie Skinner and Craig Mayfield, 2. Briana Longoria and Chase Roe.

Third Grade - 1. Kelsy Duncan and Andrew Saucedo, 2. Brettie Reed, Katie Bessent, and Jessica Long.

Fourth Grade - 1. Lance Millican 2. Tiffany Bagwell

Fifth Grade - 1. Drew Schultz and Brooks Arledge, 2. Kayli Dickey and Julie Riley.

Sixth Grade - 1. Sean Barnett, 2. Brian Abalos and Chris Eubanks.

"A" girls took two victories to win the Bronte Tournament held Dec. 11 & 13.

The locals bested Water Valley by a score of 57-18. High point scorer was Jodee Helwig with 16; followed by Bobbie Sparks with 8; Kelly Long, Melissa Landeros, and Shanna Wojtek with 6 apiece; Kizre Matthews, Amanda Kuhl, and Whitney Millican with 4 each; Trichelle Gray 2; and Jamie Chessir 1.

In the Bronte game, the local prevailed 38-13. Shanna Wojtek and Whitney Millican tied for high scoring honors with 12 each; Jodee Helwig 8; and Kelly Long, Melissa Landeros, and Kizre Matthews 2 each.

## Game time changed

On Friday, December 19, the Robert Lee High School basketball teams will play in Blackwell. The games will begin with the JV girls at 2 pm.

## RLJH "A" girls win Bronte tourney

The Robert Lee Junior High

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## HOLIDAY CLOSING NOTICE

All facilities of this bank will be closed

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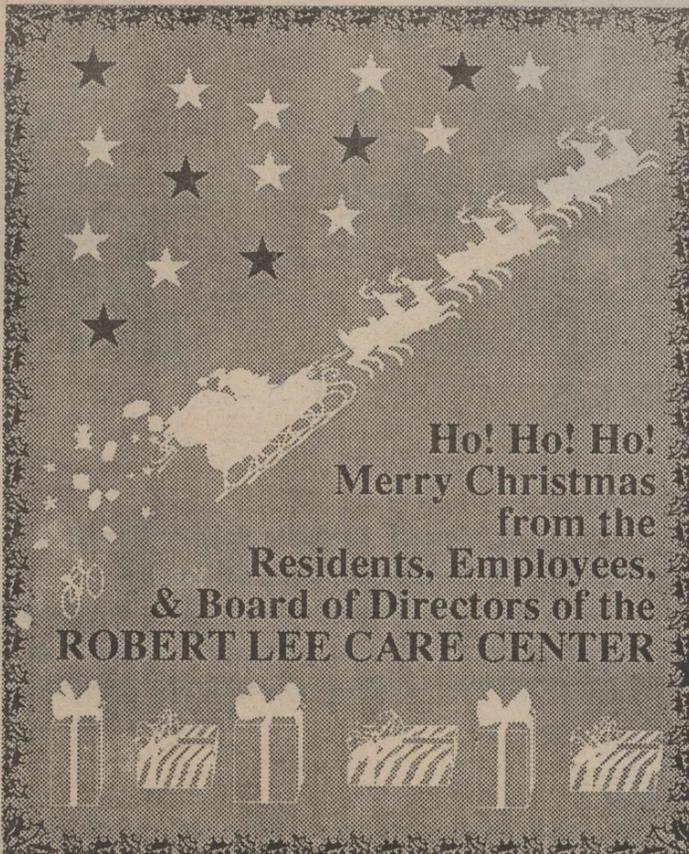
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Joan Davis



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**Letter to the Editor**  
 Mr. Editor:  
 Enclosed is a news item on our former governor, Bruce King.  
 Knowing that the King family had its roots in Coke County, I thought your readers might like to read this.  
 My daughter, Linda Eaton, lives in Robert Lee.  
 Sincerely,  
 Geraldine Mahaffey  
 307 N. 11th  
 Carlsbad, NM 88220

**King is home from hospital**  
 (taken from the Carlsbad Current-Argus, December 6, 1997 issue)

Former Gov. Bruce King left an Albuquerque hospital Thursday, thirteen days after undergoing open heart surgery.  
 Presbyterian Hospital spokeswoman Erika Olson said the former three-term governor will continue his recovery while staying at a nearby Albuquerque hotel.

"The hospital is not the most fun place to stay, so the thinking was he would be more comfortable and be able to be closer to his family somewhere else," she said.  
 King left the hospital about 11 am Thursday.  
 Olson said King, 73, will be on a regimen of diet and exercise during his recovery.  
 She would not speculate on how long he will remain in Albuquerque.

King was admitted to Presbyterian on Nov. 21 after he and his wife Alice drove to Albuquerque from their ranch in Stanley, about 50 miles east of the city, for treatment of what King thought was a lingering case of flu.

Doctors discovered he had suffered a heart attack a few days before, although it had gone undetected. They performed emergency heart surgery.

On Nov. 28, doctors implanted a pacemaker. The next day, King was moved from intensive care to the hospital's telemetry floor, where patient's hearts are monitored around the clock.

**51st District Court Dispositions reported**

The 51st District Court Dispositions for November 3, 1997, are as follows:

State of Texas vs. David Edward Millican, Charge: Burglary of a habitation, Plea: \$1,500 fine, 8 years deferred adjudication, \$781.50 restitution.

State of Texas vs. David Carroll Rainwater, Charge: Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, Plea: 8 years deferred adjudication, \$1,000 fine, restitution \$1,096.08.

**LOOK WHO'S NEW! Jadyn Ashton Starnes**

Stephen and Melanie Starnes of Lubbock announce the birth of their daughter, Jadyn Ashton Starnes. Jadyn was born November 26, 1997, at 2:18 am. She weighed 7 pounds

and was 20 1/2 inches long. Jadyn is the granddaughter of Roy and Margaret Epperson of Ballinger, Ed and Barbara Rainey of Lubbock, and Dwight and Cindy Starnes of Denton. She is the great-granddaughter of James and Peggy Starnes of Littlefield and Dorothy Waggoner of Leveland.



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Santa arrived in Robert Lee Tuesday, December 16, for an early visit. Michael Smith tells Santa his wishes for Christmas.

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 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

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**Health Notes**

**A Foreign Body in the Eye Home Treatment**

At North Runnels Home Health our focus is providing the best care possible for patients and helping them care for themselves. We believe the more our patients know, the better care they can receive.

Be gentle. Flush the eyes with water. Inspect the eye yourself and have someone else check it as well. Use a good light and shine it from both the front and the side. Pay particular attention to the cornea - the clear membrane that covers the colored portion of the eye.

Do not rub the eye: if a foreign body is present you will abrade or scratch the cornea.

Check vision each day: compare the two eyes, one at a time, by reading different sizes of newspaper type from across the room.

See the doctor if you are not sure that all is going well.

**What To Expect at the Doctor's Office**

The physician will check your vision and inspect the eye, including under the upper lid - this is painful. Usually, a fluorescent stain will be eye-dropped into the eye and the eye will then be examined under ultraviolet light - this is not painful or hazardous.

An ophthalmologist will examine the eye with a slit lamp. A foreign body, if found, will be removed. In the office, this may be done with a cotton swab, an eyewash solution, or a small needle or "eye spud."



Shirley Locke, L.V.N.

An antibiotic ointment is sometimes applied, and an eye patch may be provided. Eye drops that dilate the pupil may be employed. X rays may be taken if it is possible that a foreign body is inside the eye globe.

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**Senior Companion Program Volunteers recognized**

The Concho Valley Senior Companion Program saluted volunteers and local agencies at its annual recognition luncheon on Wednesday, December 10, at the First Christian Church in San Angelo. "Making Sprits Bright" was the theme of this year's event honoring 74 volunteers and 14 local social and health service organizations.

Special recognition was given to 32 volunteers and two local agencies. Lucy Adams, San Angelo, and Betty McMillan, Brady, were awarded the James Mason Outstanding Volunteer Award. The Texas Department of Human Services-Community Care for the aged and disabled and the Sutton County Senior Center shared honors as volunteer stations of the year. Four volunteers were recognized for their superior efforts in challenging situations. Mary Louise Sanders, Lionila Urriaga and Harper Weatherby, all from San Angelo and Barbara Walters, Robert Lee, received the program's "Blood, Sweat and Tears" awards.

Also receiving special recognition, were volunteers with more than 1,000 hours of service during the 1996-97 Oliva Acosta, Lucy Adams, Betty Bishop, Manuela Castro, Emmett Criss, Della Eckert, Nell Gossett, Hillard Hicks, Lena Johnson, Judy Larkin, Lou Meeks, Doris Mitchell, Lydia Moya, Toni Munoz, Clara Pursel, Amalia Rogers, Lionilla Urriaga, Harper Weatherby, Lou Ellen Yocham and Ramona Zuniga, all of San Angelo, Ann Bolton, Mabel Cates, Edyth Cox, Eunice Day, Brigida Velez and Mary Yarbrough, all from the McCulloch County; Marie Davee, Junction, Elena Readon, Barbara Walters, Robert Lee, and Rosetta Lozano, Eldorado.

Program volunteers assist homebound frail adults to maintain their independence in seven Concho Valley counties. Volunteers

logged more than 47,000 hours of direct services in Coke, Kimble, McCulloch, Menard, Schleicher, Sutton and Tom Green counties.

In addition to easing loneliness, SCP volunteers assist with meal preparation, household management and advocacy. During the last program year, more than 260 adults were served through this program. Volunteers are adults aged 60 and older and must be willing to contribute 20 hours of service per week. Each volunteer attends 40 hours of pre-service orientation and monthly in-service training. Other benefits include annual physicals, on-duty insurance and mileage reimbursement. Volunteers meeting income guidelines also receive a modest stipend to underwrite their cost of volunteering.

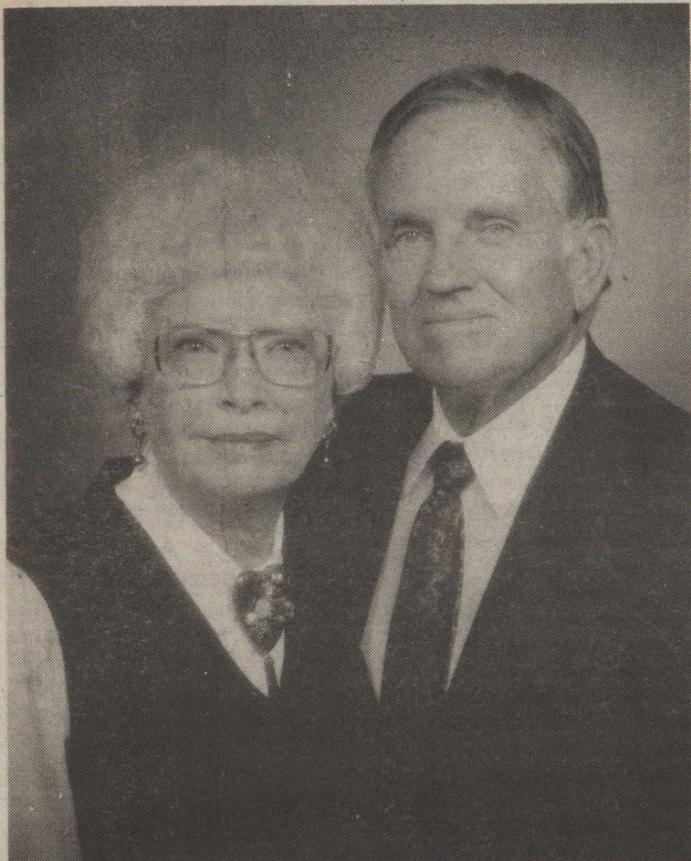
The Senior Companion Program is a Corporation for National Service (CNS)-Senior Service Corps program sponsored locally by the Concho Valley Council of Governments.

**Greens celebrate 50th anniversary**

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Carrol Green of Robert Lee are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. A reception honoring the couple and hosted by their children and grandchildren will be held December 21, 1997, from 2 to 4 pm at the small Rec Center in Robert Lee.

Billy Carrol Green and Wanda Jo Harvey were married December 24, 1947, in San Angelo, Texas. The couple have three children, Carrol and Terry Green of Eldorado, Texas; James and Peggy (Green) Fields of Abilene, Texas; and Randy and Jan (Green) Wheiles of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Green have lived most of the married life in Robert Lee. He is retired from Sun Oil Company and she is retired from Robert Lee Independent School District. They are members of Southside Church of Christ in Robert Lee.



Mr. and Mrs. Billy Carrol Green



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

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Dana, David, Debbie & Ray

**Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus**

(Editor's Note: This famous reply to a little girl's Santa letter was written 100 years ago. Here it is in its entirety.)

In 1897 Francis Church, an editor at *The Sun*, wrote a charming answer to a little girl's question.

Dear Editor,

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in *The Sun* it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon, New York City

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge. Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence... The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished. Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men

can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world... there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernatural beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding. No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.



**Harmons celebrate 65 years together**

Floyd and Jessie (Crech) Harmon of Robert Lee will celebrate their 65th Wedding Anniversary and Jessie's 82nd birthday, December 18, 1997. They married December 18, 1932, in the home of D.K. Smith who was a preacher and school teacher in the Green Mountain Community in West Coke County near Robert Lee. They are stockfarmers and have lived in Coke County 63 years of their married life. They lived in the Champion community near Roscoe, Texas, for 2 years. They were both born and raised in Coke County.

Floyd served as Coke County Commissioner of Precinct 3 for 12 years (1961 - 1972). Jessie was an excellent Homemaker serving as Room Mother for each of their 4 children when they attended the Robert Lee Schools.

Their four children are Lawana M. Perry of Carlsbad, Texas, Dorene Mashburn of San Angelo, Jeffie Roberts of Robert Lee, and Jerry Harmon of Weatherford. Their children and spouses, 11



Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Harmon

grandchildren and spouses, honor, December 19, 1997, and 13 great-grandchildren at Luby's cafeteria in San Angelo will host a Dinner in their will host a Dinner in their

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A year has come and gone. Thanks for your support and encouragement. Peace be with you during the Holidays.

Coke County Judge's Office Jackie Walker

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# To Santa, With Love

**RL Pre-Kindergarten**

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? Good, I hope. I am doing good, but I can't wait till Christmas. I have been a good boy this year. For Christmas I would like a new bike and a toy truck.

Your friend,  
Joe Estrada

Dear Santa,  
Is it cold in the North Pole? It sure is cold here in Robert Lee. For Christmas I would like a guitar, so that I could learn how to play it.

Your friend,  
Dustin Brown

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I hope that you are doing good. For Christmas I would like walky talkies, a puppy, my size barbie, and a little stuffed Arthur, and a stuffed snowman with a reindeer. I can't wait to see you at Christmas.

Your friend,  
Heiki Austin

Dear Santa,  
I can't wait to see you! For Christmas I would like a cop car, choo choo train, and hot wheels.

Your friend,  
Joshua Barnes

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? Good, I hope. I can't wait to see you. I have been a very good girl this year. For Christmas I would like a bike, and a baby that opens and closes her eyes.

Your friend,  
Anita Saucedo

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? Good I hope. I have been a very good boy. but I have only got a few spankings. I would like a 4-wheeler, and a hula hoop.

Your friend,  
Logan Philley

Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is Ginny and I have been a very good girl. I get smiley faces at school every day. I like all girl toys, especially Barbies. Please come see me, I will be waiting for you.

Your friend,  
Ginny Carston

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want to ask you if I can have a choo-choo train, a hot wheels volcano blow out, a friend that will be careful with me, a police car and some new crayons, I have been a little good and I want Christmas to come today. And please bring my daddy a Teddy Bear boy and my mommy a Teddy Bear girl.

Thank you,  
Jake Cotter

Dear Santa Claus,  
Is it cold at the North Pole? Please bring me one go-cart, two police cars and one police car house, and a four wheeler. And that's all I want. I will leave you some strawberry cookies and strawberry milk.

Your friend,  
Chad Martin

Dear Santa Claus,  
How is Rudolph? I would like to have a deer for Christmas, a snowman ball, an airplane, a firetruck and a police man. I have been good. Please come see me.

Your friend,  
Matthew Corona  
P.S. A motorcycle too!

Dear Santa,  
I can't wait for you to come see me. I have been a good girl. Please bring me a talking Barbie doll, Barbie doll toys, a dog car that has a phone and a sand puppy dog.

Thank you,  
Jessica Burns

**RL Kindergarten**

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a shiny, gold necklace and a gold ring.

Love,  
Jacob Moreno

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a play fingernail set and a little playhouse. What does it look like inside your house?

Love,  
Olivia Trejo

Dear Santa,  
I want a basketball throw and a Scardy Cats game and a periscope.

Love,  
Jathan Williams

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a remote control car, a little dog, and a bicycle.

Love,  
Jacob Saucedo

Dear Santa,  
Please leave a critter house and a fingernail play set under my tree and a doll.

Love,  
Briana Brisbin

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a remote control tractor and a bike.

Love,  
Cayetano Carrera

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a play station that has CD's. I also want a baby puppy.

Love,  
Dylan Deanda

Dear Santa,  
I want 2 motorcycles and 2 trucks.

Love,  
Nathan Gregston

Dear Santa,  
I want a Nutcracker (for my collection), a new bicycle, and a teddy bear.

Love,  
Carret Heard

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike, a Barbie Doll, and toys.

Love,  
Nancy Landeros.

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me lots of Power Ranger pillows, Power Rangers, and X-men toys.

Love,  
Terry McDonald

**RL Kindergarten**

Dear Santa,  
I would like a cat, a dog, a football, a remote control RCA Crash back, a basketball, a Nintendo 64, a Men In Black movie, a Nike shirt, cleats, a Batman & Robin toys, a remote control airplane, a Buzz Lightyear, a T.V., Nike shoes, a Batman & Robin movie, Madden Football 97, black turtle neck shirt, and a Batman & Robin Batcave.

Your pal,  
Matt Ritchey

Dear Santa,  
I want a punching bag and small boxing gloves. I also want roller skates and a small Basketball. The Last thing I want is the Space Jam C.D.

Your friend,  
Tanner

Dear Santa,  
How is Mrs. Claus? I hope you are not busy. I hope you can see us! Here are the things I like-Beattleborgs, Power Rangers, GI Joes, Snoopy, Baseball, Johny Quest, Building blocks, and puzzles.

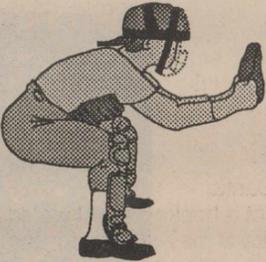
Your pal,  
Cody

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a baby kitten that is gray, and a play skool kitchen, a digital watch that has a Pochohontas picture on it, a Dentist Barbie, an Ariel swimming Barbie, red Nike shoes, Men in Black movie, art set, chalk board, Basketball, Red bike, Christmas balloons, Pants, Barbie Power Wheels

Love,  
Justina

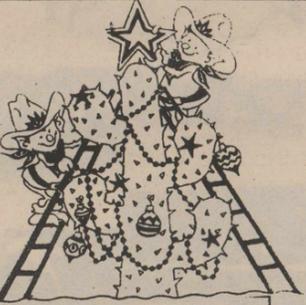
Dear Santa,  
I would like a bike and a barbie. I would like to know how rudolph is doing. I want a teddy bear and school clothes. I would like a barbie doll bathtub and I would also like an aerial barbie. Please tell the reindeer hello.

From  
Sarah C.



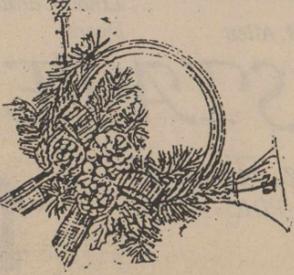
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# To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa,  
Will you please give me a toy dog and a Independence day Action figures and the movie Men in black and G.I. Joe and a basketball and new shoes and new pencils and new Cowboys boots and hat and hot wheels.

Thank you,  
Cole

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike for Christmas and a fake apple. How do the elves make so many toys. I also want a Hot Wheels and a stuffed Bugs Bunny. I want some Troll action figures, and a G.I. Joe, a basketball and goal. I would like a Buzz lightyear.

Love,  
Blake

Dear Santa,  
What I would like some Roller Blades, a baby kitten, a Flower Barbie, a watch (digital), beach ball, a bike, a play school paint set, sand art set, men in black movie, red nike shoes, Nike T-shirt, picture of a reindeer, Nike Jacket Red, chalk board, a kite, virtual boy, Basketball orange, & a barbie Dentist.

Emilee

(Thank you Santa)

Dear Santa,  
I love you. I would like a Buzz lightyear and Woody. DON't forget my two sisters. Would you please give me a cowboy hat and a racecar and hotwheels. I want a toy Santa and sled. I would also want a toy new horse. I'd like power rangers and a teddy bear. I want some G.I. Joes. If it would be O.K. I would like a basketball.

Love,  
Stetson

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie, Ariel, and balloons and an Angel. I want it to snow. I also want a candy cane, a teddy bear, cowgirl boots, a play santa. I also want a big bike, and a trampoline, and Rudoph to play with. And I want a baby doll. I also want to know how Mrs. Claus is doing.

Love,  
Sarah J.

Dear Santa,  
I want one bike for me and one for my sister. I also want a punching bag. Are you going to come visit me at school? How is Mrs. Claus doing. It is cold at the north pole?

Love,  
Emily

Dear Santa,  
I have been a very good boy this year. I hope you can come see me and my little brother. Please put a big surprise under our Christmas tree.

Love,  
Ivan

## Robert Lee First Grade

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kayla Cullen. I live in Robert Lee, Texas. I hope you will bring me a new big bike. I would like to have a volleyball. Please bring Mom a necklace. Thank You.

Love,  
Kayla

Dear Santa,  
Can I have a motorcycle? I want a play Station. I want a Nintendo 64 I want a bike.

Love,  
Joseph Bates

Dear Santa,  
I want a pony.

Love,  
Jennifer Barrett

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie and computer and car.

Love,  
Norma Rojas

Dear Santa,  
Please send me a Dentist Barbie and Casey Cartwheel. I've been a good girl this year.

Love,  
Jasmine Gloria

Dear Santa,  
I want a hockey set. I would also like a play station for me and my sister. I hope everyone has a good Christmas.

Love,  
Kaden Duncan

Dear Santa,  
I want a Baby Alive doll. I want a pony, bike, and Barbie talking phone. I love you Santa.

Love,  
Cori Torres

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Baseball and a baseball bat and a B-B gun and a Nintendo 64 and a Pool table and a Kooshball and a real gold fish.

Love,  
Michael Christan Rodriguez

Dear Santa,  
May I have some roller blades and some walkie talkies?

Love,  
Holly Austin

Dear Santa,  
I love you. I hope you had a good year. Please bring us a Play Station or a Nintendo 64. I would also like a new pair of Nike shoes.

Love,  
Mason Ross

## Robert Lee First Grade

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I want another Tamagotchie. How is it there at The Northpole? I want Nike clothes. I love you and Mrs. Claus. I want a Giga pet and a Shopping barbie. I also want a Dinist Barbie.

Love,  
Morgan

Dear Santa,  
I been good. I want a go cart.

Love,  
Phelix

Dear Santa,  
I hope you come to sea me. I want Jomonje bord game. I want Beetl Borb Metalik. I will not frget blemnp milk & Kooxies.

Love,  
Cody

Dear Santa,  
I want a Bat Man toy. I want a Jurassic Park toy. I want a BumBL BoLe. I want a BettL Borg toY and Zords and a NeW dog. and crayons and Pensls.

Love,  
Caleb

Dear Santa,  
I been good. I want a reemote Kentrol car. I want a go cart.

Love,  
Jimmy

Dear Santa,  
I want Sneesedoll Stroler. I will give you Kookes.

Love,  
Gaby

Dear Santa,  
I want a giga pet. I have been good.

Love,  
Amy

Dear Santa,  
I been good. I want noo Bik. Santa I Love You.

Dustin

Dear Santa,  
I want a giga pet. I want a rolkat. I want a ca I want a dog. I want a computr.

Love,  
Arrin

Dear Santa,  
I want a JLre Box. I have Been Good.

Love,  
Bandera

Dear Santa,  
I Love you. I want a Flower BarBe. I been good.

Love,  
Rebecka

## Robert Lee 2nd Grade

Dear Santa,  
I would like a computer and a guitar for Christmas. I would also like a C.D. player. How are your Reindeer? Hope you don't get sick.

Love,  
Melissa

Dear Santa,  
I would like to know how are you. First of all I want a computer for Christmas and a tamagotchi and socks. How are the reindeer?

Love,  
Andrea

Dear Santa,  
I would like a four-wheeler and an Alien Toma gotchi. I would also like a computer and a dirt bike. I hope you are feeling good.

Love,  
Cody

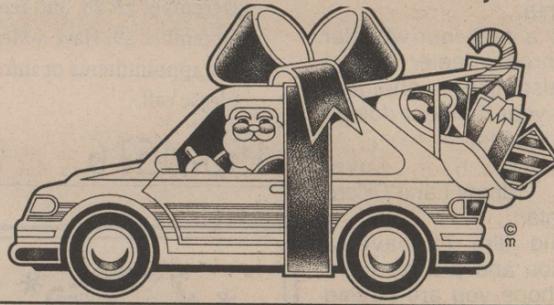
Dear Santa,  
I would like someice skates, a play station, and a giga pet please. I would also like a heu 15 pound bike with 4 pegs and 3 pairs of a Jenkos.

Love  
Craig Mayfield

## Have The Best Christmas On Wheels!

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Tom & Elaine Lee

# To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa,  
I would like a play station and and a Barbie phone. I would also like a stroller kit, a motorcycle and a hamster. Merry Christmas

Love,  
Megan

Dear Santa,  
I know you are busy but I would like to have a fourwheeler and an Alien Tamagotchi. I would also like a crash back and some black jenkos please

Love  
Chase Roe

Dear Santa,  
I would like a guitar. If you bring me a guitar I will be happy with any other thing you bring me. How are your reindeer? Hope you don't get sick this year.

Love,  
Molly Ann Burns

Dear Santa,  
I want a drumset a four-wheeler, and two tamagotchis. I would also like a coputer and some nike shoes. How are your reindeer?

Love,  
Brittany Metcalf

Dear Santa,  
I would like some toys please. I would like a crash back and a dog. I would like a computer and a Tamagotchi. I have been very good this year.

Love,  
Eddie May

Dear Santa,  
I want a real four-wheeler and a three-wheeler too. I would also like a shotgun. How are your reindeer doing? I love you Santa.

Love,  
Brody Lane Dillard

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a Playstation and a Buzz Light year. I hope you are having lots of fun and take care of your Reindeer and get ready for Christmas.

Love,  
Michael Smith

## Robert Lee 2nd Grade

Dear Santa,  
I want blue, green, purple and sparkle nail polish and a Breyer horse. How is Prancer doing Santa? When you come to our hourse be sure to look at the tree!

Love,  
Allison Millican

Dear Santa,  
I want football men. How are you doing Santa and Elves? Are they making good toys? Is Mrs. Claus doing good? Is your reindeer eating carrots?

Love,  
Taylor Percifull

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a galss doll and an Indian poster. How is Mrs. Claus? I hope she is not sick.

Love,  
Kasie Skinner

Dear Santa,  
I want a computer and a C.P. player. How is Rudolph doing and the others reindeers? How is Mrs. Santa Claus and the elves doing?

Love,  
Anna Rojas

Dear Santa,  
I want apuppy and a C.D player. What is at the North Pole Santa?

Love,  
Joshua Gallegos

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a Play Station and a Nintendo 64. How are you and Mrs. Claus? How are the Elves doing?

Love,  
Cameron Hodge

Dear Santa,  
I wanted to know if your elves can make me a bike an get me a puppy. What's it like up there and how's you're reindeer? How's Mrs. Claus and is she coming with you? Don't drink the milk because it is for Mrs. Claus. The cookies are for you.

Love,  
Ashley Hopson

Dear Santa,  
I would like a omputer for Christmas and I would like a real horse for Christams. How is Rudolph doing and the other reindeer doing? I hope I see you at Christmas Eve. How are your elves doing?

Love,  
Briana Longoria

Dear Santa,  
Mrs. Claus I think it is snowing outside. Santa Claus I am good. Can you bring me a dollhouse and carrier?

Love,  
Chelsea Conner

Dear Santa,  
I would really appreciate if you would please get me a Play Station and say hello to Mrs. Claus for me. If you could, please, would you give me a gocart?

Love,  
Sterlin Ebenstein

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Sega please and I would like aSega game. I would like a present and a game for my family.

Love,  
Cameron Cullen

## Robert Lee 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? Merry Christmas Santa. Do you like your work? I really like the presents you got me last year! How are your elves doing? I hope your elves are polishing your sleigh very good. How is Mrs. Claus doing? I will try to leave some cookies and milk for you. I'm so excited about this Christmas. Can you please get me these things this Christmas: a gigi pet, CD Rom radio, and a nice looking bike.

Thank You,  
Nicole Barnett

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas! How are the reindeer? How are you? Is Mrs. Claus okay? THESE are the things I would like to bring me please. I would like you to bring me a Nintendo 64 game called Diddy Cong racing and latch-it and if its not any trouble coul you bring me some jewelry. I hope you have a good year and a Happy New Year!

Signed,  
Katie Bessent

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I was wondering how does Rudolf's nose shine? I would like to know if all the reindeer will get to fly at Christmas? I would like a gigi pet that is a frog and a ring that has a cross in middles and that is sterling silver. I would also like some rollerblades and a bracelet that is silver. I hope you come.

Thank You,  
Dixie Johnson

Dear Santa,  
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? How are the reindeer? Oh, Merry Chritmas. Santa, I would like a dog giga pet. I would also like an Arizona jean Barbie and a CD-Rom.

Thank You,  
Jessica Long

Dear Santa,  
How ard your reindeer? How are the elves? IS Rudolf, OK? Dear Santa I will like a CD-player with CDs and a Computer andd a nintendo 64.

Thank You,  
Sergio Rocha



Wishing you the best this holiday season

Allen & Frances Bloodworth

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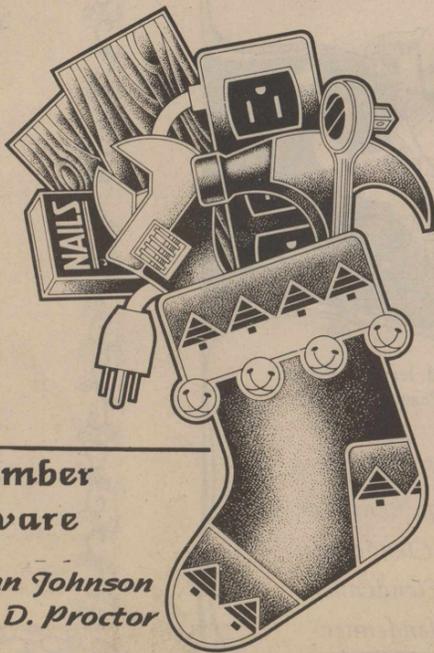
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# To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas, how is every thing going? Are you getting every thing ready? You must be getting alot of letters. Santa, for Christmas I would like areal Barbie car like the jeep we got one Christmas. Oh if is not too much trouble my mom would like a flute and also I would like a Computer. Tell Mrs. Claus Merry Christmas too. Oh I am thankful for you.

Signed,  
Casy Maree Nesbit

Dear Santa,  
Merry Chritmas! How are you? How are the reindeer? IS Rudolf's nose still shining? How big are the elves? I would like to ride a reindeer. I hope you are not cold up ther in the North Pole. I would like a Super nintendo. I would like a game boy. I would really like to see my dad back at the ranch where I used to live. Have a Happy New Year.

Thank You,  
Colton Cullen

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas! I would like anintendo 64 and the game Lost World Jurassic Park and the game NFL football to go with nintendo 64 and a 10 speed bike and have a Happy New Year.

Thank You!  
Johnnathan Watkins

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Merry Christmas! How is Rudolf? This Christmas I would like a gigi pet T-Rex. I would like a intendo 64.

Thank you,  
Andrew Saucedo

Dear Santa,  
How are you? How is Mrs. C.? How are the elves? This is what I would like a dirt bike and a boat so my dad, mom, sister, brother and me can ride.

Thank you,  
Tim Barnes

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas! I hope you ahave enjoyed Christmas. How are you? How tall are the elves? I would like a gigi pet that is a koala bear. I would like a Go Cart. I wouldlike a jetski. I would like aplay station. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Signed  
Julianne Samanieg

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christm! How are you? I am fine. How is Mrs Claus I hope you and Mrs Claus are doing good. I would like A CD-Plaer and nintendo 600 and a bike. Thank you. ps I hope you don't fall off my roof.

Beaumont Roe

Dear Santa,  
I would like a 20 inch bick and the colrs I want is dark purple and light purple and they both have a water bottle. I would lke some 3 size roller skates the colors are the wheels are clear and the rest is navy blue and hunter green and I would like them to buckle insted of tye. I would like the CDs of Sherie O ustin, Faith Hill, Clay Walker, Trace Adkins, and Hanson. I wouldd like black, green, orang, white and yellow finger nail polish.

Thanks!  
Sarah Phillee

Dear Santa,  
Merry Chrismas How are you? How is Mrs. Clais? and How are the reindeer? How is Rudolf? I would like a computer and tree house with a bed and a nintendo game. thank you Santa Merry Christmas I am Thankful for my Mom and Dad

Tony Munoz

Robert Lee 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,  
I would like a race car. It is called "the tantrum." The front wheels turn around. I would like rollerblads and a hockey stick. I would like a belt. It has a medle square on the back. I want my name on it and two steers on one side of my name. My name is Clay. That is all. merry Christmas.

Your friend,  
Clay Antilley

Dear Santa,  
I have tried to be good this year. Would you please bring me a movie flubber a C.D. player and a C.D. Deann Calder and Lean Rimes, Clay Walker and Shinia Twan and Gorge Strate, Garth Brooks and what ever you what to put in my stoking. I would like a stuffed animal (3 please) If you could I would like a Green bay packers jacket, one of those big one and some coper rey overalls and some black and blue dark overalls.

From  
Kelsy Duncan

Dear Santa,  
I have ried to be a very goo this year. Would you please bring me a rocket set? I also want two paint guns, please. I want to be surprized by your santa.

Your friend,  
Brian Eubanks

Dear Santa,  
I've been really good this year! Would you bring me a Violater with Burnt Spawn and would you bring me a ge-i-jo? I want a British soldier. Thank you Santa.

Your friend,  
Colton Holmes

Dear Santa,  
Would you please bring me a electric guitar with an amp and the cord. And a drum set and a Christmas cd. Thank you Santa.

Your friend,  
Kevin Honse

Dear Santa,  
I will be happy with anything you bring me.

Your friend,  
Cody McCabe

Dear Santa,  
Would you please bring me a baby head stand an a BaBie with blond hair. I want a radiot that I can put tapes and sc in, and a big purple trampoline. And I want my own 4 feet pool.

Your friend,  
Chelle Wright

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll and a cat for Christmas.

Love,  
Cheyney Ortiz

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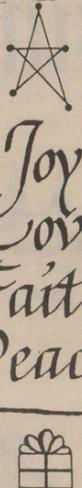


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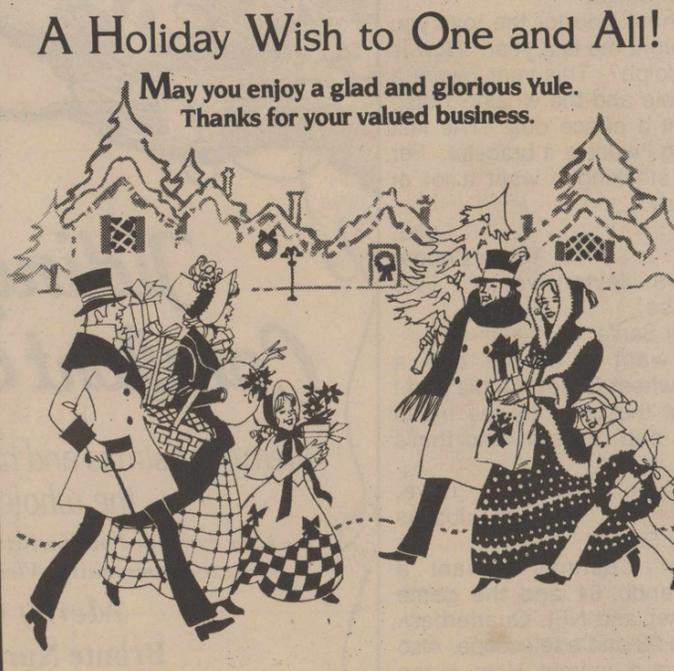
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A Holiday Wish to One and All!

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

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# To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa,

When you come to my house can I see your reindeer? and for christmas I want a cd called "dazed and confused" and cd's, and a big three disc and cassette radio and a mare with a saddle and a punching bag! and boxing gloves.

Randall Rainwater

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. I will have some more fee out for your reindeer. just like last year. If you have time, I would like you to call me. For christmas this year I would like a stereo and if you can, I would like a cd to go with it. It probably has snowed a lot up there. I have put up my Christmas tree. Oh and the cd I would like either "Leann Rimes" or "Deanna Carter."

Brettnie Reed

Dear Santa,

I want a barbie and a CD player, and a radio for Christmas. I been good this year Santa. My sister has too.

Your friend,  
Rosalinda Rojas

Dear Santa,

Would you please bring me A baby puppy and A 1/2 inch Mini-curling Iron, or a go cart, or a horse. Thank you Santa.

Your friend,  
Becca Skinner

Dear Santa,

I have been a very good girl this year. Can I have the two twins babies? And can I have a baby-go-buy this year? Am I on the good list or the bad list? Can I have a radio this year?

Your friend,  
Robin Taylor

Dear Santa,

I'd like to have a race car and a Gige pets and I want a nergun and a airplane. How is Msr. santa Clues and how is Roudolphe,?

Your friend,  
Elesar Vera

Dear Santa,

I want a bicycle helmet, stickers, DiscGirl CD player, Barbie workin out Barbie, Annabelle's Wish movie, Jingle All the Way movie, Pretty Face, Ball, Santa North Pole Animated Scene. Lotion, Finger Nail Polish- red to purple, candle, Winnie the Pooh, Hula Hair Barbie, ABC center. How is all the reindeer? Do you have any candy canes? And that is all for this year.

Bye Santa.  
Your friend,  
Cheyenne Hunter

Dear Santa,

How is your reindeer? HOW is your elves? Tell them I said hi. The things I want for Christmas is a bow and arrow. I also want the movie Batman. And a gameboy. My last thing I want is a CD Stereo Player. Tell Mrs. Claus I said hi, too. Thank you.

Love,  
Kerwin Rawls  
P.S. I would like a computer. And a telescope. I will leave you some milk and cookies. Thank you for the toy's last year.

Dear Santa,

Hi. My name is Benny. I am going to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want Mr. Freeze, Batman & Robin, monster truck, Hot Wheels, fake gun, mom & dad presents, T-shirt, tiger, bicycle, roller skates, "baby" Christmas tree, shapes blizzard, Mr. Blizzard, Mickey Mouse, Tickle Me Elmo, little piano, portable CD player, My First Radio and music, TV, and take a part truck.

Love,  
Benny Fuentez

Dear Santa,

How are the reindeer? I want a Jurassic Park race track. I want a Batman tent. I want a Batman walkie talkie set. I want a Batman Bathammer.

Love,  
Caleb Magness

Dear Santa Claus,

What I want for Christmas is patches horse. I also would like some blacks, maybe some pink finger nail polish and oreo's. I would also like a Workout Barbie and last thing is Pooh Bear. I want to know how Ruldoph is.

Your friend,  
Maria Fuentes

Dear Santa,

I want a Batman and Mr. Freeze mask. My mom wanted a black phone. Basketball set. Ping Pong ball set. Jurassic Park Electronic pinball. Toddler totes school bus. My mom wants a new dresser. Sony portable Mini Disc record/CD player. Nintendo 64. Beauty and the Beast. George of the Jungle movie.

Love,  
Justin Saldana



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 Christmas**

Coke County Pharmacy  
 Steve, Wanda, Stevie, & Starsky

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Bronte Pre-Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the toys you brought me last year. How is Rudolph? This year I want a Barbie and the whale. I also want a prince doll. The last thing I want is a bracelet. For my stocking, I want a lot of candy.

Love,  
Taylor Cooper

P.S. Jayton wants a little house.

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie and a cartwheel Casey Barbie and I want the color to be blond hair and tan skin and that's ALL.

Love,  
Paytan Eubanks

Dear Santa,

For Cristmas I want a Nintendo 64 and the game Striker and NFL Quarterback Club 98 and a telescope. Also I want a cenraw. How is the reindeer and elves? And a computer.

Love,  
Dakota Rawls



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# To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa,  
How is it going, big guy? I want a little tikes Back-and-scoot motorcycle, Vetech computer, a batman walkie talkie. Batman & Robin playhouse. I also want a my size Rupunzel Barbie.

Your friend,  
Jonathan Reyes

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy car with a ramp and clothes and a new jacket. Can I have the movie Tazmania and one motetrole car. How's Rudolph? Can I have toy train? I want to meet you, Santa Claus. How's the elves there? I want a Play Station and other games. And a bike. Can have a computer and can I have a Jurassic Park Electronic Pinball game.

By Joshua Hargrave

Dear Santa,  
My name is Terron. I want a Batman walkie talkie. I like football teams and motorcycles. I'd like a Little Tykes bus. I like hockey games. At Christmas I'll be at Grandma's house. Her house is white and its by that red stop sign. I'd like a game. Do the elves make presents?

Love,  
Terron Charles

Dear Santa,  
My name is Nicholas Shults. I would like computer games, and then I would like a racing car toy. I want a listening center thing. My Christmas tree will be magical. I live in Texas. My house is not very pretty because we still have to decorate for Christmas.

Love,  
Nicholas Shults

Dear Santa,  
Hi, my name is Lacy. I want a piano. I would like some markers and pencils. I need more playdoh because I only have two. My sister is Amberly.

Love,  
Lacy Stout

Dear Santa,  
I hope you will come to my house but I hope that you'll give me the right toys. I want an Arthur video. I'll take a popgun and I need a pack of bullets. I want a Batman and Robin Batcave and Bathammer. I'll take a swing set and more Lincoln logs. My street is on Randolph.

Heath Richey

Dear Santa Claus,  
I'm Lawrence. I want a BB gun and a pumpkin. I would like a Mario game with remote control. I would like a computer that you don't have to plug in. We're gonna go out and cut a Christmas tree down. I want a Batman walkie talkies and a Batcave. I want some skating rink skates. That's all I want. Please put my presents on the top of my bunk bed.

Love,  
Lawrence Teague

Dear Santa,  
My name is Rex. I would like the Mary Poppins movie. I like Jurassic Park. I want a sing along tape player to speak into it. I want a Batman walkie talkie and a scary movie. I have a picture of Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer. How is Mrs. Santa Claus? How's the elves & reindeer doing?

Love,  
Rex Knight

P.S. I want a choo-choo train.

### Bronte Kindergarten

Dear Santa,  
I want a dump truck and a spider man car and a bat mobile car. I will make you a toy santa and your wife cookies. I will put your name on the toy. I like your reindeer and sleigh and your hat and shoes.

Love,  
Haydan White

Dear Santa,  
I want a bicycle and a motorcycle and a dump truck. I do have cookies and I try to make them and they will be in the refrigerator. I will give you milk. Santa Claus; when it is Christmas time I will love you.

Love,  
Skyler York

Dear Santa,  
I want a race track that is really big and has a remote control. Katie needs a doll with a camper because I already have a camper, but it is mine. I also want a robot that you push the button and the eyes go down. Katie will like that. I want to leave you cookies and milk!

Love,  
Nathan Fidler

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# To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa,  
I want a real doggie, a baby that really eats, and a little bitty bear. I want to play Santa with my family. What do your elves look like? Have I been good or bad? I also need a bike because mine broke. Don't forget about my brother, Garrett.

Love,  
Emily Fiveash

Dear Santa,  
Bring me a real kitten for Christmas. I also want a Christmas bell. Happy Christmas to you! What is Mrs. Claus supposed to do on Christmas?

Love,  
Katy Myers

Dear Santa,  
I want some new shoes and I want a cheerleader suit. I also want some slippers. I hope the reindeers nose is red. I'll leave the door unlocked for you!

Love,  
Samantha Gonzales

Dear Santa,  
I love you, Santa. Please bring me some presents. Give my brothers some presents, too. I really want a bear for Christmas. I will leave you some Christmas tree cookies. I also want a computer for Christmas. Does Mrs. Claus go with you on Christmas Eve? What does she wear? Do the reindeers ride with you?

Love,  
Desiree Puentez

Dear Santa,  
What is your house made of? I want a stuffed lion. I've been good. Madeline, my sister, wants a little doll, Practice Tumbleweeds. Logan, my other sister, needs a baby doll. How come you don't get dirty when you come down the chimney?

Love,  
Ali Tounget

Dear Santa,  
I want something for Christmas because I have been good. I love you Santa! I like your bag of toys and presents. You have a nice house. The elves are cute.

Love,  
Krista Moore

Dear Santa,  
I have been really good. I want a horse and some new crayons. Patty actually wants some new paper because she is out of some. We have chocolate cookies for you and we still have milk. Ca you get Christina a new radio because hers isn't working.

Love,  
Emilie Jiminez

Dear Santa,  
I want a bow and some arrows. I am sometimes good! My brother wants a Jurassic Park gun. Is Rudolph ready for Christmas? Do the elves have all the toys made? We will leave you milk and cookies like always.

Love,  
Crawford James

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Kasey Cartwheel. Can I have a reindeer? I also need some candy canes for my tree like my Nana. I'll leave you milk and cookies. My brother Corey wants batman stuff.

Love,  
Kasey Glover

Dear Santa,  
Is Rudolph's nose still bright? Are the elves making toys? I would like a basketball for Christmas. Don't forget my sisters Diane and Krissy.

Love,  
Kimberly Womack

Dear Santa,  
Can you bring me a toy that looks like spider man, but you put that white stuff in and let it spray out. My brother wants a gun that has firecracker things. Rudolph is so cute and I like his red nose.

Love,  
Jackson Rowan

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Barbie camper. You are nice. How's the reindeer doing? Beau is my brother and he wants to see you, too. He wants a double barrel gun.

Love,  
Chloe Grigg

Dear Santa,  
I like you! I want a race car toy, a gun, and that's all. My brother wants a shooting gun. My sisters want 2 dolls. Jessi wants a car. We don't have a chimney, but you could come in a window.

Love,  
Louie Martinez

Dear Santa,  
I want a bow and arrow and a pocket knife. I s Rudolph feeling good? How is Rudolph's family? I will leave the door open for you. I hope I can ride on your sleigh sometime. I hope to see you Christmas Eve.

Love,  
Steven Jackson

**Bronte First Grade**  
Dear Santa,

How are you and the elves doing? I have been sick for a long time. Please bring me some roller blades and Cabbage Patch Kid Fun Bubble Baby. I will leave some cookies and milk.

Love,  
Jessi England

## Shamrock Clinic of Robert Lee

Physician Assistant George Zerucha is on medical leave of absence until Feb. 1. Please call the clinic to schedule appointments with interim providers.

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# To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa,  
How are your reindeer? I have been a good girl. Please bring me a mama cat. I will leave a cookie!

Love,  
Maranda Alix

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolf? I live in Bronte. Please bring me Cartwheel Callie and skates. I will leave milk.

Love,  
Samantha Jones

Dear Santa,  
How are you, Santa? I have been working in school. Please bring me a dress and some sandals. I will put cookies by the Christmas tree.

Love,  
Prescilla Lara

Dear Santa,  
Is everything okay? I live in Bronte this year. Please bring me a spaceship. Please bring me a puppet T-rex talks. I will leave you some milk.

Love,  
Cory Glover

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolf? I am a good boy. Please bring me a skateboard and a pet. I will put cookies in the tree.

Love,  
Israel Cecilio

Dear Santa,  
How are your reindeer? I have been a good boy today. I live in Bronte. I am a Longhorn. I am sharing. Please bring me The Lost World and Jurassic Park. I will leave Rudolf some hay. I will leave you some cookies.

Love,  
Jeremy Sanchez

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolf? I am in first grade. Please bring me a train and a cat. I will leave the light on.

Love,  
Ty Mackey

Dear Santa,  
I have been sick. It was not fun. How is it up there? How is Rudolf and all the others? Please bring me a Green Bay jacket and a Green Bay necklace.

Love,  
Nicole Reed

P.S. I will leave you some cookies and milk!

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I have been good. I like Christmas. I can read. Please bring me a doll and please bring me a stuffed dog. I will save cookies. I love Santa.

Love,  
Haleigh Bryant

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolf? I am very good at piano. I am very good at Christmas songs. Please bring me Emit Smith real football suit with his autograph and a helmet that comes with a football. I wish that both of them had autographs from Emit Smith. I will leave you anything that you want.

Love,  
Samuel Rawlings

Dear Santa,  
How are you, Santa? I know how to read now. Please bring me Casey Cartwheel and a Nintendo. I will leave the light on the Christmas tree.

Love,  
Jessica Grash



What could Coke County Judge Jackie Walker be asking Santa for during his visit to the courthouse in Robert Lee Tuesday, December 16?

## Happy Holiday

To all our friends  
May your Christmas be truly joyous.

**Paul  
& Joan  
Burns**

*Silent Night  
Holy Night*

May the wonder of  
His love inspire  
you anew. Rejoice.

*Tommy, Jo Nell, Amanda  
& Beau Blair*

# HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Oh, The Sounds Of Christmas!

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

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# To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa,  
How was Rudolf? I am reading in Bronte. Please bring me a BB gun and a pocket knife. I love you, Santa.

Love,  
Taylor Fields

P.S. I will leave you some cookies!

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolf? I'm a good girl. Please bring me a kitty and a mermaid suit. I will give you some cookies.

Love,  
Kayla Carper

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolf? I have been reading a long, long time. Please bring me a ring and a bracelet. I'll put cookies by the tree.

Love,  
Ariel Coalson

Dear Santa,  
How is your reindeer, Santa Claus? I am good. I want a BB gun and a pocket knife. I love Santa Claus.

Love,  
Chase Hoyt

Dear Santa,  
How is Mrs. Claus? I am a good girl because I haven't moved my car all day. Please bring me a tea party and a doll. I'll leave the light on for you so you can get chocolate chip cookies.

Your friend,  
Victoria Gonzales

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolf? I've been a good boy. Please bring me a Batman costume and a Superman.

Dakota Gaylor

Dear Santa,  
How are the elves? I've been a good boy. Please bring me a Jurassic Park. I'll leave the lights on then you can eat the cookies.

Your friend,  
Callan James Clark

Dear Santa,  
I just wanted to know how your Rudolf is. I have been reading good. Please bring me a Buzz Lightyear. I will turn the light on at night.

Your friend,  
Sterling Jackson

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolf? Please bring me roller blades and Talk With Me Barbie.

Your friend,  
Ashley Fisher

Dear Santa,  
How are your reindeer? I moved to Bronte. Please bring me a Nintendo and one of Lost World Vehicle. I will leave the lights on for you.

Love,  
D.J. Acevedo

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolf? I'm working very hard. Please bring me a computer and a baby cat. I will leave cookies.

Love,  
Ashley Royall

## Bronte Second Grade

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I am doing fine. How is your wife? How about your elves and Rudolph? Are they doing fine? What I want for Christmas is the movie Cats Don't Dance a thick book and a Barbie Dream House. I also want is a My size Barbie but the prencise. Did you know I am in the Christmas play? I am a Elizabeth.

Your friend,  
Estephanie Flores

Dear Santa Claus,  
How are you? I like the present. How are the reindeer? I love you. Have a Merry Christmas to you. Have a Holly Charistmas. How is the wreath? I what a marry Christmis. I am in the sining part. I what a Big Big Big horse 2 big horses OK?

Your Pal,  
Angela Arant

Dear Santa,  
I have been a very good girl this year. Next week my grandma and grandpa are coming down. My Mom and Dad will be out of town. You can count that too. I want a new bike. I also want some more cats too. My Dad said we would get some more. I want lots of toys. I want a game. We can not fined some of the games. I want lots of fun stof. Chismas is my favret year!!!!!! Can you get me allmost all the things that I want? I bet Chismas is your favret time of the year! Merry Chismas

Love,  
Emily Austin

Dear Santa,  
I hope you are fine. Is there reindeer up there. I want a gug machine I want a power whieels I want a whash a littils boxes whash not with points but nubers. I want a football a miduol size football.

Your friend,  
John P. Basquez

Dear Santa,  
how are you this year is your reindeers doing Just fine can you give this to me this year I want a football suit and a bike and a toy snake for Christmas.

Your pal,  
Love,  
Everick Boalts

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy. I have weed eed one hundrrd timse I have mode. Pleas santa I want a picture 22 and a 22 gun.

Love,  
Chris Brown

Dear Santa,  
How are you and your reindeer? How is Rudlph? How are your elves? Are you ready for Christmas? I hope you know what I want for Christmas. If you don't know what I want I am going to tell you I wanta for weeler and a puppy and a winney the pooh dall for my sister. I have been a good girl.

Your friend,  
Amberly Stout

Dear Santa,  
How do your reindeer really fly? Santa Claus I want a Daytona thines. Please Santa Claus can you bring some clothing and toys.

Your friend,  
Chris Guzman

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing and how are the raindeer doing. There are some things I want for Christmas I want a hull hair barbie and barbie hair stiller and a baby doll. How is Mrs. Claus doing. and I want a barbie dreamhouse.

Meary Chrimas,  
Casey Harris

Dear Santa,  
I want a TV, a tent to, A Bow n Aro. And a Go-Crt. I want a bicycle and a b.b. gun. I have been good this year.

Love,  
Kyler Lee

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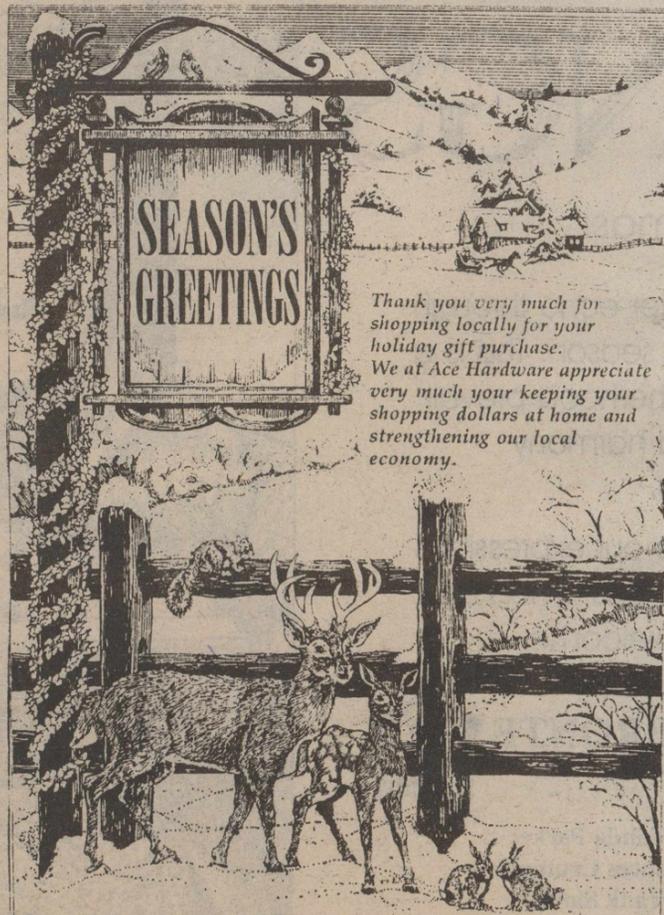
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The Newborn  
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# To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa,  
I been good at school even at my howes. Please Santa can you get me a Batman toy two books. ONe book is men in Black. and the other one Batman and Robin.

Your friend,  
Matthew Luna

Dear Santa,  
I would like for you to come to my hourse this Christmas. I'm going to make a list for the things I would like for Christmas. Look by the fire place and you may find it. There are 10 people in my family. Here's the names...Louie, me, Jess, Rosa, Hutch, Jose, Mom and Dad, Kim, Jon. How are all the raindeer? And Roodoff? How many elves do you have? How is miss Claus? Well Merry Chrishmas!

Love,  
Savannah Martinez

Dear Santa,  
I want a skatebord with three sids that you can jump to one side to a nother side. I wanta Tazz nintindoe game on super nintindoe. I need a little tramulen that you can jump on. I want a snake. I want a baseball net to. How are the reindeer? How are the elves? DO not get in a BLIZERD!

Your friend,  
Gus L. Saunders

Dear Santa,  
How are you! How are the reindeer? How is miss. Santa? I Want Nintindo 64 and a Nintindo 64 tape. I want a new 10 speed bike. I want a new fishine pole. A tackolbox. Some Hooks in A hookbox. And some lines.

Your friend,  
Anthony Vivian

Dear Santa,  
I like Cluess. I like Sabriena the teenage witch. How are you doing at the north pole. I bet it's cold there. I hade a good thaksgiving!!! I like presents. I want a new bike. I like pretty red ribons. I bet it's cold in your sleigh. I've been good IT I Casey is fun to play with.

Love,  
Lora K. Martinez

### more santa letters

Dear Santa  
May I have a bike, Linken logs and some real football pants and pads like the real football players I will leave you a snack for you and your raindeer  
P.S. Can I have a picture of every body counting your raindeer and elfs

Love Ya  
Logan Phillely

Shannon Martins list  
Big screen Microscope, Designs on fun, storm trooper roomalarm and laser target, Large cat Power excavator, Double Train Express, 6.0V Jet turbo lost world Jurassic park R/C truck, Micro Action transort Helicopter, Mighty tra-tor trailer with bulldozer, Super Electronic garage, Electronic A+-A+ Waulker Playset contracting fun, cox gryjumper Heliooper, Nintendo G4 system, Rigi Due cableway, Dingo Fun cart made with two seats.

Shannon  
POB 213

Dear Santa,  
I've been a good girl this year and for Christmas I want a wagon, a Tickle Me Cookie Monster, a toy box, a slide, beanie babies and some pretty bows for my hair. Please bring my dog, Bailey, some toys of her own so she won't play with mine anymore. I'm going to leave some chocolate chip cookies and milk out for you (if my daddy doesn't eat them). Tell Mrs. Claus hello and give Rudolph a big hug for me.

Lauren MaKay Hortenstine  
(11 months old)

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a Baby Checkup, Ariel (from Little Mermaid) She's 6 years old.

Sara Heard

Chad Martins list  
Thomas Deluxe set, Radio control chug a long Thomas, Thaomas the Tank engine and Friends Battery operated Standard train set, Radio control Race way, Pirates Playset, Pick up'n Play Golf set, Powerful 40-Peice construction set, Yahtzee, Gator Golf, 6-volt Ride on bat mobile

chad  
POB 213

Dear Santa,  
My name is Dylan, I'm 4 years old and I've been a good boy this year.

I want a stuff dog and a dog house for him, some dinosaurs, star wars stuff, a toy motorcycle, cool tools.

I Love you Santa, I'll leave milk and cookies out for you.

Love

Dylan Van Deventer

Dear Santa,  
Can I have a metal slinky? A Santa nut cracker, nut cracker ornament, A grey Civil War hat, Volcano Blast, & Micro Machines.

Thanks!  
Garret Heard

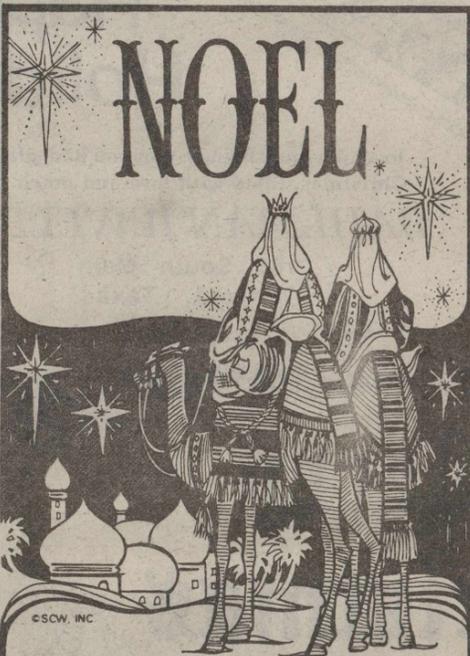


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As we approach the Holiday Season let us not forget the Birth of Christ. May peace and goodwill always dwell in your hearts.

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# IN THE SPIRIT OF GIVING...

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# To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa,

My name is Haden Dillard. I have been a pretty good boy this year and I hope that you will stop by my house on Christmas Eve. If it is not too much trouble I would like for you to bring me a pretend army jeep to go with my army men that you brought last year and a new toy deer rifle with a sling. I also would like a Star Wars toy gun like in the movie. I need some new gloves for school because my hands get cold in the winter. Also the new Batman & Robin figures would be nice. And finally some new barn yard animals.

Please remember my brother Brody because he has been pretty good this year also. Thank you and have a safe trip!

Your Friend,  
Haden

P.S. I'll leave out some milk and cookies for you!!!

Dear Santa,

My name is Brody. I have been a good boy this last year. I hope that you will come by my house on Christmas Eve. If you do I would like some Micro-Machines and Micro-Machine play sets. I also would like a Hot Wheels Garage. Some Star Wars figures would be nice and a Farm and Ranch Set with a barn and animals. And if you have room I guess that you might ought to bring me some clothes also. Please remember my little brother Haden and our dog Roxy. Have a safe trip!!

Your Friend  
Brody

Aloha Sinter Klass,

How do you like this green ink I'm writing with? I don't want any presents this year. I'm just happy to be alive. You take care, and try to stay out of trouble.

Your Tennyson friend,  
Millicent Morgenstern  
P.S. It's 750 days until the year 2000.

Hi Santy,

I am going to be 15 months old on Christmas Day and I'm learning how to talk. Hopefully, you can bring me something that talks.

Tristan Hale  
Dallas, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

For Christmas, would you bring joy and happiness to the whole wide world. Also, a water heater for our house would be nice.

Merry Christmas!  
Jim Walker

efficient in needed nutrients. Protein supplementation on poor quality forage will increase digestion and utilization of this forage.

Remember that it takes more feed and expense to put weight back on than to maintain present body condition. Begin feeding when there is a noticeable decline in body condition or significant weight loss. Supplementation needs to begin before livestock lose 10% of their body weight. To save some feed cost, livestock can be divided into dry animals and those that have a lamb or calf or just about to calf or lamb. Dry animals can be separated and fed less than those lactating. Also, remember that nutrient levels about 5-6 weeks before lambing or calving will predetermine the milking ability of that animal. If nutrient levels are low during this time, no increased amount of feeding will catch up the milking level. Plus animals in good condition before parturition will maintain a higher level of milking ability for a longer period of time; resulting in larger weaning weights.

When selecting supplemental feeds, consideration should be given to what kind and what price and when to start feeding. Begin feeding supplements before any major weight loss occurs. It is cheaper to save condition now than to feed it back on during late winter. On selecting what kind at what price, the so called "bargain cubes" actually cost more when figured with good quality feed on a cost per pound of available protein. Urea or non-nitrogen protein used in these cheaper cubes is not totally utilized by livestock, therefore you are actually getting less for your dollar in cheap supplements.

Supplemental feeding is expensive, but it is like the old filter commercials, you either pay a little now or a lot later in reduced production levels.

The average person will gain five to seven pounds between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day -- that translates to 17,500 to 24,500 extra calories.



## COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

by Tommy Antilley  
Coke County Agent

### Supplemental Feeding For winter

The body condition is critical for cows lactating and trying to rebreed during the winter when native forage quality is at its poorest. If stocking rates have been maintained properly, there should be a food supply of native feed available into the winter.

Simply stated, supplementation means providing what is lacking in the cow's diet for a given period of time. For ranchers this means providing what is needed to supplement what is available from range resources.

Therefore, to supplement in a cost effective manner, ranchers need to have knowledge of 2 essential elements, the quantity and quality of the range vegetation and the cow's minimum daily requirements for essential nutrients.

Often ranchers let prices alone be the determining factor in choosing the supple-

mental feed. However, what you get to furnish the cow's requirements for the price you pay is most important. In comparing prices and various feeds, make sure that comparisons are made of the same quality products and that the feed will provide what is truly needed.

The normal protein level needed for maintenance of a 1,000 pound cow that is 1.05 pounds of protein per day and one that is in high lactation is 2.7 pounds of protein. For a 120 pound pregnant ewe the protein needed is .33 pounds per day and one in high lactation is .42 pounds per day. These levels of protein are necessary for adequate production. If protein becomes limited it not only can effect the condition of the cow or ewe this winter, but will greatly influence her production for the next year. Livestock deficient in protein will breed slow or not at all, have much lower milk production on their next offspring and will wean a much smaller lamb or calf. There-

fore, we are not only trying to maintain body condition and production for this year but we are predetermining what production level that female will produce at next year.

Animals that consume diets lower in protein lose their appetites, develop a rough appearance, become weak and possess lowered resistance to diseases, and overall growth, reproduction and weights of offspring are greatly reduced. There is a common misconception that the animal can simply eat more to make up the needed nutrients, but in actuality, low protein levels in forage slows down digestion and the animals actually eat less in a day due to the longer rumination time thus becoming more de-

**Happy Holidays**

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

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**Taylor on duty in the Persian Gulf**

PRAA Tray Taylor is on duty this Christmas on board the Nimitz in the Persian Gulf. Tray, a graduate of RLHS, is part of the Checkmates, a unit which performs a vital role in enforcing the United Nations' mandated "no-fly" zone over Iraq. The unit did get to spend some fun time in Japan and Hong Kong during their sail to the Persian Gulf.

Tray, like nearly every other serviceman on foreign soil during the holidays, would like to hear from home with packages, pictures, cookies, letters, or whatever you might care to send. His address is PRAA Tray Taylor, BF211-VF, Unit 60555, PR Shop, FPO AE09504-6125.



PRAA Tray Taylor

**Bring joy to the world through recycling**

As you prepare to Deck the Halls, think environmentally and make it a happy holiday for all creatures great and small.

While you're out shopping, take your time. Stop and relax. Look over what you have bought. Wouldn't it be easier and quicker to buy reusable gift bags to wrap your holiday presents? It would be better for the environment.

"Approximately 35 million cut trees, 29 million rolls of wrapping paper and 17 million bows are expected to be purchased this holiday season," said Andrew Neblett, director of the Office of Pollution Prevention and Recycling of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission. "Reducing these numbers through our trash trimming tips will save valuable landfill space and save you money, too."

If you still want that personal touch with your wrapping, how about using paper sacks from the market? Buy some non-toxic markers, invite in some friends for eggnog, and draw on their talents to help decorate your packages. For those who come bearing gifts, save the paper to use again.

Plain brown paper cords can add just as much zest as colorful ribbon, and can be reused

or recycled. Colored tissue is pretty, but white makes a statement and is environmentally friendly.

Cards from holidays past can be trimmed or modified to make the season bright. A little effort here turns a simple holiday greeting into a keepsake for those you care about. If your talents lie in spending, look for cards made on recycled stock.

While shopping, make it a recycled holiday for all. For the gardener, there are flower pots and hoses made from recycled materials. For the craft person, there are colorful beads made from recycled glass. Outdoor enthusiasts will stay toasty wearing a new jacket that's filled with recycled plastic fibers rather than down.

Throwing a party? Serve beverages in bottles made from recycled glass. Check the labels to see if recycled steel, aluminum, or paper was used in the packaging. Cloth napkins, real plates, and silverware are friendlier to the environment than their paper counterparts. When decorating, use live plants and flowers, or buy materials that can be composted or stored for use at your next gala.

A potted fir tree that you decorate can be added to your yard when the holidays are done. The ficus tree you own would set a festive holiday mood with some lights, tinsel and love. Artificial trees can be used again next year. If you do buy a tree, be sure to check if your community has a tree recycling program.

Recycle items around your house when decking the

halls. Last year's holiday cards can be fashioned into ornaments, made into placemats, pasted together into a wreath, or hung from the chimney with care. Old jewelry shines bright on that holiday tree. Stringing popcorn and cranberries will keep Santa's helpers busy and well fed. Melt down those old candles to make new ones, using recycled cans as your molds. Refreshen that potpourri with peppermint oil rather than buying new.

Lastly, for the New Year, recycle all of the resolutions you didn't keep last year. If recycling wasn't a part of your resolution, make it and keep it. And have an environmentally friendly holiday.

**Shannon Plans Scholarships**

Shannon Health System will award two \$500 scholarships annually beginning in 1998.

Jo Vaughan, marketing director, said a scholarship will be awarded for the spring semester and another for the fall. "These scholarships are designed to provide educational funding for students pursuing careers in health care. They honor our benefactor, Margaret Shannon, who with her husband, J. M., were ardent supporters of higher education and who were committed to providing health care for the citizens of this area," she said.

To qualify, students will be enrolled in one of the following educational efforts: \*as juniors or seniors in a college-level allied health science degree such as a bachelor of science in nursing or pharmacy.

\*in an accredited technical or vocational school leading to certification in an allied health field such as LVN, medical records, radiography or respiratory therapy.

\*in graduate studies such as medical doctor, doctor of osteopathy, physician assistant or health administration.

Students also need to be enrolled for at least nine semester hours, be residents of Shannon's 19 county service area (Brown, Coke, Coleman, Crockett, Howard, Irion, McCulloch, Menard, Mitchell, Nolan, Pecos, Reagan, Runnels, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, Tom Green and Val Verde), maintain a 2.5 grade point average overall and 3.0 in major courses. Additionally, applicants will be required to provide a college or technical school transcript and write an essay describing their perceived role in the medical field, why they chose such training and other pertinent information.

"The Shannons were a conservative pioneer family who believed in helping their

neighbors," Vaughan said. "These scholarships are another way the Shannons' legacy continues to assist the citizens of our area in achieving goals and better lives."

Deadline for entry is February 14, 1998. The scholarship winner will be named March 7, 1998. For more information or an application, call Shannon Marketing at (915) 657-5064.



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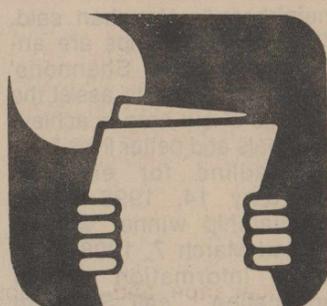
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 COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
 ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND  
 YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1997

Data Control Codes	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			TOTALS (Memorandum)
	100-199 GENERAL FUND	200-499 SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	600-699 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	98 AUGUST 31 1997
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
5700 Local and Intermediate Sources	1,636,959	24,248	4,235	1,665,443
5800 State Program Revenues	1,071,447	14,253	-	1,085,700
5900 Federal Program Revenues	-	114,101	-	114,101
5020 Total Revenues	\$2,708,406	\$152,603	\$4,235	\$2,865,244
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
<b>Current:</b>				
0010 Instruction and Instructional-Related Services	1,391,325	65,934	-	1,457,260
0020 Instructional and School Leadership	111,651	3,971	-	115,622
0030 Support Services - Student (Pupil)	288,445	107,752	-	396,198
0040 Administrative Support Services	171,155	-	-	171,155
0050 Support Services - Nonstudent Based	301,789	6,632	-	308,422
0080 Capital Outlay	11,450	-	420,834	432,284
0090 Intergovernmental Charges	189,328	-	-	189,328
6030 Total Expenditures	\$2,465,143	\$184,290	\$420,834	\$3,070,267
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	243,263	(31,687)	(416,599)	(205,023)
7020 Other Resources	-	31,235	214,000	245,235
8030 Other (Uses)	(245,235)	-	-	(245,235)
1200 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues & Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	(1,972)	(452)	(202,599)	(205,023)
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	1,941,872	(1,764)	195,825	2,135,933
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$1,939,900	(\$2,216)	(\$6,774)	\$1,930,910



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**I WOULD LIKE TO THANK**  
everyone for their prayers, food, flowers, and loving support in my time of sorrow.  
Pauline Brumley  
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**DURING A TIME LIKE THIS**  
we realize how much our friends really mean to us... Your expressions of sympathy will always be remembered.  
The Family of Ray Coalson  
21b-1tp

**NOTICES**

**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 KWICD #1, said Directors do hereby order that on the 13th day of January, 1998, at the City Hall in Bronte, County of Coke,

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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 such election shall make 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 trezavo de Enero, 1998, en el edificio Publico De La Ciudad en la ciudad de Bronte, el condado de Coke, El estado de Texas ena eleccion se tendra para el proposito de elegir dos (2) 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.

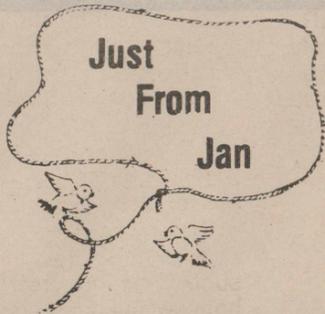
En o antes del quinto dia despues de la eleccion los funcionarios que tienen la eleccion hara los resultqados en triplicado, de todas de las directores de dicho distrito y can uno (1) el Presidente del distrito y uno (1) at Secretario. Testigo el mano del Presidente y el Secretario do los Directores de Coke County Kickapoo Water Control and Improvement District No. 1.

Royce Fancher, President  
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**Some Christmas plants are toxic**

Using fresh blooms and berries to garnish trays of food and special desserts is especially tempting now, when so many beautiful plants are making their seasonal appearance. But the popular poinsettia, holly with berries, mistletoe, Jerusalem cherry, and yew are toxic and should not be used as decorations on or near food. For a touch of Christmas green, get pretty lemon, grape, or gardenia leaves from a florist instead. (Wash thoroughly with warm water before using.)

Although these leaves are not toxic, they are not meant to be eaten either; if you have your heart set on garnishes good enough to eat, consider flowers specifically raised to be edible, such as violet blooms or colorful nasturtium.  
**Save alcohol calories this season -- volunteer to be the designated driver.**



by Jan Yanez  
Coke County  
Ext. Agent

**Shipping & Storage  
Tips for your  
baked goods**

Ever notice how the month of December flies by when

you are in search of the perfect gifts, tasty treats, and just-right decorations? How can you truly relax and enjoy the holidays? Simple! Bake it now and ship your items!

With a little guidance you can do most of your baking early and still have time to ship your scrumptious edibles to friends and family. Here are some holiday secrets for your baked goods.

\*Store baked cookies for a long time. Both frosted and unfrosted cookies can be frozen for up to six months. Arrange cookies in a container lined with plastic food wrap or aluminum foil, separate cookies with layers of aluminum foil or plastic food wrap. Tightly seal container, label with content and date, then freeze. To thaw cookies, remove package from freezer and place in refrigerator or let thaw on counter.

\*Freezing cookie dough for a long time can be done, if done properly. Most cookie dough freezes well for up to three months. After mixing the dough, you can wrap and freeze it. To have future batches ready in minutes, drop tablespoons of dough onto cookie sheets and freeze until firm. Remove them from the cookie sheets and place in a heavy duty, re-

closable plastic food bag and return to freezer. When you are ready to bake, take the balls of dough out of the freezer and place on cookie sheets. Let sit two or three minutes at room temperature before baking.

\*Storing baked cookies for a short term, usually one week. After baking, let cookies cool completely. Do not mix soft and crisp cookies together in the same container because the crisp cookies will absorb moisture from the soft cookies and become soft as well. Store soft cookies in a container with tight fitting lid, crisp cookies in a container with a loose fitting lid, and bar cookies in the pan in which they were baked. Cover the pan tightly with aluminum foil or plastic wrap.

To ship your baked goods, you will need sturdy cardboard boxes, cookie tins, or empty coffee cans, aluminum foil or plastic wrap, paper towels, freezer tape, and brown mailing paper to ensure that your items are edible gifts when they arrive at their destination.

\*Bar, drop, or fruit cookies can best withstand mailing. Tender, fragile cookies are apt to break and crumble when mailed.

\*Use a cookie tin or clean coffee can as a mailing container. Line container with aluminum foil or plastic wrap. Wrap four to six cookies of the same size together in foil, plastic wrap or plastic bags. Seal securely with freezer tape and place in container, repeat until full.

\*Place heaviest cookies at the bottom of the container and layer the wrapped cook-

ies with crumpled paper towels around them. Bubble wrap can be used to line container and divide layers of cookies. Seal container with freezer, plastic, or masking tape.

\*Place container in cardboard box. Wrap with mailing paper. Also, put a mailing label on the box as well as wrapping paper. Print mailing and return addresses on package in waterproof ink. Mark package with "Perishable Food" to encourage quick and careful handling. Choose overnight delivery for freshest results.

**WTU offers holiday lighting tips**

Holiday lighting with its twinkle and color adds much to festivities this time of year. To keep your holidays merry and bright, decorate with safety in mind.

"Stringing lights is a fun activity for families," says Paul Valdez, safety consultant for West Texas Utilities Company. "Whether it's along the roof or on a tree, special lighting displays help welcome in the season. But people need to string lights carefully and avoid electrical hazards."

WTU offers the following tips for safe lighting:

**Outdoors**

\*Use only lights approved for outdoor use with a "UL-approved" label. They are safety tested by Underwriters Laboratories.

\*Check strings and extension cords for damage. Light strings and extension cords can crack and fray. Check all strings, sockets, and cords for damage before you plug in

your lights. Discard any frayed or damaged items you find. Be sure extension cords are capable of carrying the electrical load you are connecting. Each extension cord carries a rating which indicates its maximum load.

\*Cover connections with plastic wrap and seal with electrical tape and use rubber gaskets in sockets to keep water out. For added protection, hang lights downward from the house or tree.

\*Use insulated staples to attach wires to wood surfaces. Do not staple, tack, or nail through wiring insulation or the conductor. Brass cup hooks are most convenient to use around the eaves of your house.

\*When using a ladder to string lights, always make sure it is clear of any overhead electrical lines. These lines can cause serious injury if you or your equipment should come in contact with them.

\*When working with outdoor lights, make sure your power is off. It is best to control outdoor lighting with a separate circuit breaker.

**Indoor**

\*Use only lights approved by Underwriter's Laboratories. They will have a UL tag attached.

\*Check all light strings for cracked insulation, frayed cords, wires, or faulty plugs. Replace any damaged strings with "UL-approved" lights.

\*Check and replace damaged extension cords.

\*When stringing lights, make sure the power is off.

\*Don't overload wall sockets. Use a separate circuit is possible or a wall socket that is on a switch by itself.

\*Always unplug lights when the tree or house is unattended.

\*It is best that extension cords not be used, but, if necessary, place extension cords so they won't cause people to trip. Do not run them under rugs or carpets. Be sure to use only the length of extension cord needed and one capable of carrying the load connected to it.

\*Water the tree frequently to prevent bulbs from scorching pine needles.

\*Don't place hot bulbs inside a container or too near cloth, paper, or other flammable ornaments.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**



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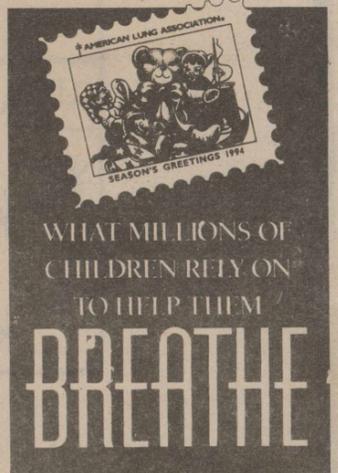
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# Merry Christmas



Each illustration represents a holiday song.  
Can you guess all twenty-four songs?

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