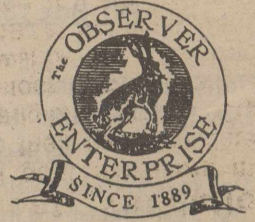


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## Christmas services planned

### 1st Baptist Church in Bronte plans Candlelight Service

Bronte's First Baptist Church will continue its celebration of the Christmas season this Sunday evening. A special time of Christmas worship is being planned. "Christmas by Candlelight" is the theme for the service.

Featured in the service will be a unique telling of the Christmas story using candles, music, and narration. Several special musical numbers will be included, as will congregational singing. Each person present will be able to participate in the candlelight service.

Pastor Morris Johnson says, "I am excited about this opportunity for us to gather together and worship Christ, the One whose birthday we celebrate at this time of year. Everyone in the community and area is invited to join with us for this time of worship."

"Christmas by Candlelight" will begin at 7 pm. First Baptist Church is located at 424 S. Washington.

### RL Baptist Church Christmas Eve Special Service

Robert Lee Baptist Church will hold a beautiful Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Wednesday, December 24th at 6 pm. Brother Garry Bivins wants everyone to know they are welcome to come and join this celebration of "The Reason for the Season." Come as you are, casual attire is welcome. Services will last about 30 minutes.

### Angel Tree project

You can help a child have a Merry Christmas by participating in the Angel Tree Project. Pick up an Angel at one of the following businesses after December 1st: Molly B's, Robert Lee State Bank, Coke County Pharmacy, or Wrinkle Ace Hardware. Purchase a present. Wrap the gift in Christmas paper and return it along with the Angel, to the business where you picked up the Angel. All gifts must be returned by December 18. Thank you for caring.

### Methodists to hold Christmas Eve Family Worship

First United Methodist Church of Robert Lee will hold a family candlelight worship service on Christmas Eve at 7 pm, as has been the church's tradition for over 20 years. In the thirty-minute candlelight service, the Biblical Christmas story will be read and the congregation will sing the traditional carol about that particular part of the story. Congregational singing will be accompanied by guitar.

Rev. Jim McWilliams and church members extend a warm welcome to all families of the community to participate in this brief, but inspiring service.

The church's regular worship service is at 11 am Sunday, with Sunday School for adults and children beginning at 10 am. A staffed nursery for infant children through age 5 is provided during the 9:30 am Sunday School hour and the 11 am Sunday worship service.

The church is located at the corner of 9th Street and Chadbourne. For more information, please call the church at 453-2417.

### Bronte Community Christmas Tree

There will be a Christmas tree in the new Community Room of the Bronte Housing Authority. To make this a truly community tree, you are invited to help with the decorations! If you are interested, bring an unbreakable ornament with your family name on it to the Housing Authority office or to Margaret's Flowers & Gifts.

### Food For The Needy program

West Coke County Community Development will again be the sponsor for their Food For The Needy program. Collection boxes will be put in the grocery stores for donations of non-perishable foods. Meats, fresh fruit, and other items will be bought from WCCCD funds.

If anyone knows of a needy family, please call 453-4777 or 453-2713. Food boxes will be delivered Christmas week.



# Merry Christmas

## FROM THE OBSERVER/ENTERPRISE



### 50th Anniversary for Wallaces

J.C. and Jewell Wallace will celebrate 50 years of marriage with a reception hosted by their children and grandchildren on Sunday, December 20th, from 2-5 pm at the Recreation Center in the County Park in Robert Lee. Everyone is invited to come and celebrate with them.

### RL VFD to hold Bake Sale & Rummage Sale

The Robert Lee Fire Department will host a Christmas Bake Sale on December 23rd at Super H, starting at 8:30 am until they sell out.

They will also be having a Rummage Sale, which will be held on January 23rd at the Fire Station.

They would greatly appreciate any items you would like to donate to the Rummage Sale. Items may be dropped off at

the Fire Station, or they can pick them up if you need them to.

For more information, contact Bud Thompson at 453-4423, Rick Drennan (Fire Chief) at 453-2343, Barbara Sparks (Ladies Auxiliary) at 453-2087, or any fireman.

### 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.

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. 1, 1999, and both offices will be open for all your holiday news on Monday, December 28.

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

### Bronte holiday trash collection special schedule

The City of Bronte will not have trash collection on Friday, Dec. 25th. They will run the regular route on Saturday, Dec. 26th.

There will be regular trash collection on Friday, Jan. 1st.

### Goat Validation

All goat exhibitors must have their goats validated to be eligible for the County Livestock Show. Goat validation will be Saturday, December 19, at the show barn beginning at 9 am. If your goats have not been sheared, a shearer will be available.

Season's GREETINGS

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**Obituaries**

**Powell**  
 God gave us a precious angel on December 12, 1998 and took him home to heaven on December 13, 1998. The moments we spent with Tristan will be treasured in our hearts forever. We laid him to rest on Wednesday, December 16, in Fairview Cemetery, with Brother Randy Johnson officiating. Graveside services were arranged by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include his parents, Brittany Valene Butler and Daniel Powell; Grandparents, Leslie Nixon and Donald Butler, and Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Davis; great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Pruitt, and Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Butler of Bronte, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Thomas of San Angelo. He is also survived by aunts and uncles, Shirley and [unclear] San Angelo, Lindsey Butler of Bronte, John Burdett of Shallowater, Jason Halfmann of Sterling City, and Lyndon and Mitchell Butler of Bronte; special Great Aunt and Uncle, Valarie and Don Sharp, and cousins Starzy and Aaron Sharp of Roswell, New Mexico; great-great Aunt Sue Haroldson and cousin Mark Thomas of San Angelo.

Our deepest thanks to the LifeGuard flight team and the loving nurses who cared for Brittany and Tristan at New Mexico Children's Hospital in

Albuquerque, New Mexico.  
*"Let the little Children come to me and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these."* Luke 18:16.  
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**Lohman**  
 Damon Edward Lohman Sr., 71, of San Angelo died Monday, December 7, 1998, at his residence.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, December 9, 1998, in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens with Charles Stahl officiating. Arrangements were by Johnson's Funeral Home.

He was born Jan. 18, 1927, in Desdemona. A Navy veteran of World War II, he was a retired truck driver and welder and a member of Berean Baptist Church in Groesbeck, Texas.

Frances Lohman of San Angelo; three sons, David Lohman of Killeen, Louis Lohman of Garland and Damon Edward Lohman Jr., of Robert Lee; a sister, Nellie Warden of Kermit; and four grandchildren, including Barbie Lohman of Robert Lee.  
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**Commissioner's Court Actions**

The Coke County Commissioner's Court held two meetings this week. Their regularly scheduled meeting was held on December 14, 1998. The meeting was called to order with the pledge to the flag and prayer led by Pat Percifull. The minutes were approved as presented.

Under Open Forum, a gift was presented to Royce Lee, due to his not being able to attend the County Christmas Party and Honoring of Employee's retiring or leaving County employment. Heat was discussed for the Senior Center at Robert Lee. The Court was informed that they had no heat. Court decided to call emergency meeting for Tuesday to rescind bids and review bids available, so heat could be installed. Court was informed that Appraisal District was doing some Y2000 work, but that work would be paid for out of reserves at no additional cost to the tax payers.

County insurance was discussed and the Court was informed there would be a meeting Friday at 10 am.

Private road work was approved for Mike Rodriguez and Hal Spain. Mr. Rodriguez's work is in exchange for temporary and permanent easement for Paint Creek Bridge replacement. Hal Spain's work is in trade for materials.

The budget was amended for accounting purposes to take care of the \$5177.00 received in trauma money to be distributed to Bronte and Robert Lee EMS services.

This is money received through the 911 funds collected from the telephone bills.

Myna Copeland informed the Court of a Grant she was applying for to supervise the Community Service for Juveniles.

Treasurer affidavit was approved as of November 30, 1998. Cash on hand \$371,393.39, other assets \$754,324.87; previous month \$437,623.20, other

**EMS Memorials and Donations**

The West Coke County EMS has received the following donations and memorials for the month of December.

**Memorials**  
**Pauline Vaughan**  
 Mr. & Mrs. Winton Milliff, Mr. & Mrs. Carlton Fields, Mr. & Mrs. Larry Martin, Mr. & Mrs. R.T. Caperton, Mr. & Mrs. Don L. Ickles, Mr. & Mrs. Mike Holleman, Mr. & Mrs. Roger Alexander, Mr. & Mrs. Joe R. Ash, Mr. and Mrs. A. Schneemann, Jr.

**Donations**  
 Snyder EMS, Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Bickley, Mr. & Mrs. Carlton Fields.

**Robert Lee Care Center Donations**

The Robert Lee Care Center has received the following donations recently.

**Pauline Vaughan**  
 JC and Jewell Wallace, Jackie Walker, Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Sparks  
**Ruth Wilkes**  
 Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Sparks  
**Opal Jacoby**  
 Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Sparks

assets \$754,324.87; previous year \$476,627.93, other assets \$619,725.00.

Extension report was approved.

Trapper's report was not received, but entered the contract for filing.

Discussed the Regional Water Planning, requesting John Grant to attend meeting to further explain.

Application for Final Order to Close Portion of Walnut Road approved.

Request for additional half day vacation for December 24th, approved. In-kind Services for Transportation Program Local match approved.

Bills paid and meeting adjourned.

The Commissioner's Court met again on December 15, 1998. Bids for Heat and Air for Robert Lee Senior Center was rescinded. Bids were reviewed. Gideon Sheet Metal was awarded the bid. Work is to begin this week.

The meeting adjourned.

**Bronte bank to open branch in SA**

First National Bank of Bronte will open a new location in San Angelo on Thursday, December 17, 1998. Their in-store branch bank will be located in the new Winn-Dixie Marketplace at Hwy 67 and Main with extended hours.

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**First United Methodist Church**  
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 (915) 453-2417  
 Rev. Jim McWilliams, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School  
 11 am Worship  
 Wed. 7 pm Choir

**Northside Church of Christ**  
 PO Box 388 • 9th & Chadbourne  
 (915) 453-2619 or 453-2270  
 Tommy Williams, Minister  
 Services: Sun. 10 am & 6 pm;  
 Wed. 7 pm

**Pecan Baptist**  
 PO Box 542 • 12 W. Sterling City Hwy  
 (915) 453-4645  
 Rev. Dale Patterson, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
 11 am, Worship


**Southside Church of Christ**  
 PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston  
 (915) 453-2176  
 Frank J. Daniels, Preacher  
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
 11 am & 6 pm, Worship  
 Wed. 7 pm, Worship

**Victory Assembly of God**  
 PO Box 638 • 6th & Houston  
 (915) 453-2208  
 Rev. Loyd Thurman, Pastor  
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
 11 am & 6 pm Worship  
 Wed. 7 pm, Worship

**Robert Lee Baptist Church**  
 PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th  
 (915) 453-2724  
 Rev. Garry Bivins, Pastor  
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship  
 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church**  
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**Royalls celebrate 40th Anniversary**

Mr. and Mrs. James Royall celebrated their 40th anniversary on December 15th. James Royall and Dean House were married December 15, 1958, in Arkansas.

Mrs. Royall is a homemaker and Mr. Royall works for the City of Robert Lee. They moved here 15 years ago from Littlefield.

They have two children, a daughter and son-in-law, Brenda and Jimmy Skinner, of Robert Lee, and their children Becca, Kasie and Zack; and a son and daughter-in-law, Ricky and Tammy Royall of Bronte, Texas, and their children Ashley, Paige and Mariah Royall.



Mr. & Mrs. James Royall

**Blood Drive scheduled at Wackenhut**

The Wackenhut Correctional Facility will sponsor a community blood drive in Bronte Tuesday, December 22nd, from 12 noon until 4 pm, inside the visitation area of the facility.

United Blood Services of San Angelo will conduct the drive, where organizers hope to draw 15 to 20 donors. Donors are asked to provide identification, such as a driver's license or UBS donor card. Donors are also asked to know the name of any medication they are currently taking.

Appointments are available, but not mandatory, by contacting Donna Andrews at 473-5700. Donors with appointments will be taken before walk-ins. The entire donation procedure takes approximately 45 minutes.

Patients in need at area hospitals rely on volunteer blood donors to keep the blood supply ample. Because a unit of whole blood is separated into components, one donation can help up to three patients.

Not everyone is able to donate blood. Some people have a medical condition that would keep them from ever donating, or they may have a condition that results in a temporary deferral. Listed below are some of the qualifications that must be met before someone can donate blood. The donor must:

- Feel well and healthy at time of donation;
- Be at least 17 and no older than 79;
- Weigh at least 110 pounds;
- Not have received a tattoo or accidental needle stick in the past 12 months;
- and must not have had a positive test for hepatitis.

However, many medications and vaccines do not defer a donor. For example, someone can donate if they are taking the following types of

medications: anti-inflammatory, hormones, asthma medications, antihistamines, decongestants, analgesics, antacids, diuretics, vitamins, blood pressure medication, laxatives, muscle relaxers, anti-depressants, contraceptives and others.

Anyone interested in more information on the blood drive or donating blood may contact UBS at 653-1308 or (800) 756-0024

**RL Care Center residents take tour of SA lights**

Eleven residents and five employees loaded up at 4:30 pm on December 8th, to enjoy a meal at The Cotton Patch Cafe and to view the many pretty lights in San Angelo.

Those residents going on the outing were Floy Sawyer, La Rue Harmon, Tommy Hood, David Chesshir, Veda King, Cora Allen, Irene Maples, Thelma Preston, Essie Childress, Velma Smith and Ernest Gesch. This year they had to take three vehicles to transport everyone. Those driving and helping out were Cleata Timmons, Van Driver; Joan Burns, Activity Director; Mary Beth Drennan, AAD.; Barbara Smith, Director of Nursing; and Joyce Roach, RN.

Everyone had an appetite built up by the time they arrived at the cafe, and although everyone had a choice of what to eat, the most popular fare was the special of the night....Chicken and

Dumplings.

After eating heartily, they loaded up again to see the lights. They viewed the Town Lake lights in West San Angelo, the Santa Rita area "Night Before Christmas" display, the Campos Family lights on Hill Street, and the more than two million lights along the river and the Paseo area. They also saw many pretty lights in all areas between these stops.

Residents expressed a real pleasure in the outing and want to do it again next year! This was the third year for the event, sponsored by the Activity Dept. of RLCC. Some residents were so excited that upon returning they stated they could not go to sleep until 11 pm!

**Pierce receives Service award**

Jason Pierce was recently awarded the Outstanding Performance Award for Service - 1998, by the Lynn Alexander Autoplex company. This award was for the outstanding technician in all of the Lynn Alexander dealerships, including All American Chevrolet and Lynn Alexander's Autoplex in San Angelo, Fiesta Dodge in Big Spring and Fiesta Toyota in Lawton, Oklahoma.

Jason and his wife, Opal, and their three sons reside in San Angelo. He is the son of Fran and Freddie Crumpler of Bronte. His grandparents are Earl and Mary Glenn of Bronte.

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# BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

## Bronte Longhorn Basketball Miles Tournament

The Longhorns participated in the Miles Tournament recently.

In the 1st game, Bronte beat Menard 52-45. Dustin Holland had 10 points and 8 rebounds. Jerrod McClure had 6 points. Zeb Speary had 14 points, 5 assists, and 3 steals. Brandon Gibbs had 7 points, 10 rebounds and 4 steals. Henry White had 4 points and 10 rebounds. Ryan McCorkle had 5 points. Josh Schoenfield had 3 assists. Steve Eldred had 6 points and 4 steals.

In the 2nd game, Bronte lost to Winters 33-61. Dustin Holland had 12 points and 7 rebounds. Jerrod McClure and Zeb Speary each had 4 points. Brandon Gibbs had 4 points and 5 rebounds. Henry White had 1 point and 6 rebounds. Steve Eldred had 8 points and 3 steals.

The Longhorns lost to Miles in the 3rd game by a score of 40-51. Dustin Holland had 7 points and 7 rebounds. Zeb Speary had 4 points and 4 assists. Brandon Gibbs had 9 points, 8 rebounds and 4 assists. Henry White had 8 points. Ryan McCorkle had 4 points, 5 rebounds and 4 assists. Josh Schoenfield had 3 steals. Steve Eldred had 8 points and 6 rebounds.

## Ballinger Tournament

The Bronte Longhorns played in the Ballinger Tournament recently.

In the 1st game, the Longhorns lost to Colorado City 51-27. Dustin Holland had 6 points and 7 rebounds. Zeb Speary had 6 points. Brandon Gibbs had 5 points and 5 rebounds. Henry White had 5 points and 5 rebounds. Ryan McCorkle had 1 point and 4 assists. Steve Eldred had 4 points.

In the 2nd game, Bronte lost to Albany in overtime 70-69. Dustin Holland had 11 points, 8 rebounds, and 8 assists. Jerrod McClure had 2 points. Zeb Speary had 3 points. Brandon Gibbs had 15 points, 9 rebounds and 5 assists. Henry White had 12 points, 10 rebounds and 3 assists. Ryan McCorkle had 14 points. Josh Schoenfield had 3 points and 3 assists. Steve Eldred had 9 points.

Bronte lost the 3rd game to Sterling City 56-42. Dustin

Holland had 3 points and 5 rebounds. Jerrod McClure had 9 points and 4 assists. Zeb Speary had 5 points and 5 rebounds. Brandon Gibbs had 12 points and 5 rebounds. Henry White had 3 points and 3 assists. Ryan McCorkle had 6 points. Steve Eldred had 4 points and 5 rebounds.

## Bronte vs. Highland

The Longhorns played Highland on December 8, and won 44-34. Dustin Holland had 12 points and 15 rebounds. Jerrod McClure had 3 points, 4 assists, and 3 steals. Zeb Speary had 9 points and 4 assists. Brandon Gibbs had 8 points and 5 rebounds. Henry White had 4 points, 7 rebounds, 5 assists, and 3 steals. Ryan McCorkle had 4 assists. Josh Schoenfield had 3 points and 3 steals. Steve Eldred had 5 points.

## Bronte Jr. High Basketball

The Bronte Jr. High teams played several games recently. The results are as follows:

### A-Team

Bronte lost to Robert Lee 29-36. Scoring for Bronte were Charlie Bettis with 21 points, James Graves had 4, and Joel Webb and B.J. Hall each had 2.

Bronte beat Sterling City 36-35. Charlie Bettis had 12 points, B.J. Hall and Joel Webb had 8 points, and Lyndon Butler and James Graves

each had 4.

Bronte lost to Garden City 37-34. Scoring were Charlie Bettis with 22 points, Joel Webb had 9, B.J. Hall had 4 and James Graves had 2.

### B-Team

Bronte won over Robert Lee 23-13. Scoring were Chase Williams with 6 points, Casey McKee had 5, and Jesse Rodriguez had 4. Cody Lee, Joseph Israel, Tyson Baker and Josh Eubanks each 2 points.

Bronte lost to Sterling City 5-24. Scoring were Chase Williams and Casey McKee with 2 points each, and Cody Lee had 1.

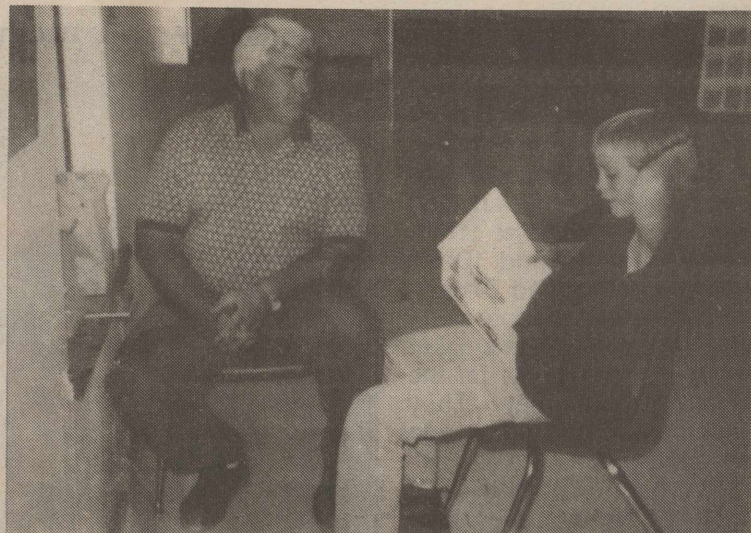
Bronte was defeated by Garden City 13-34. Joseph Israel had 7 points, Chase Williams had 4, and Jesse Rodriguez had 2.

## Bronte Jr. High Tournament

The Bronte A-Team finished in 2nd place, losing to Garden City in the Finals.

In the first game, Bronte defeated Miles 22-19. Scoring for Bronte were Charlie Bettis with 11 points, B.J. Hall with 5, James Graves had 4, and Joel Webb and Lyndon Butler each had 1.

In the finals, Bronte lost to Garden City 34-36. Scoring were Charlie Bettis with 23 points, James Graves had 4, Garrett Fiveash had 3, and Joel Webb and B.J. Hall each had 2.




Garland Richards listens to Cody Moore during the Read-In for Mrs. Rawlings' Bronte Elementary 6th grade class.



Johnnie Beavers (right) and Cory Glover listen as Justin Frazee reads during the students' trip to the Bronte Nursing Home November 25.

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Bronte High School Lady Longhorns completed an outstanding and successful year in Volleyball. The Lady Horns won the district title and advanced to the Regional 1-1A Tournament. The Lady Horns placed several spots on the District 8-1A selections for 1998.

Bonnie DeLaughter, a senior middle hitter, was named as the Most Valuable Player of the district. DeLaughter, is one of the three Bronte players to be named to the First Team. Seniors, Brittany Barrett, middle/outside hitter and Nicole Butts, setter, also earned spots on the first team.

Receiving Honorable Mention for the district was Kala Arrott, sophomore middle/outside hitter, seniors, Stacie McKee, outside hitter, and Yvette Bedell, outside hitter.

The Lady Horns defeated Grandfalls to advance to the Final Championship match and were defeated by state-ranked Wink. Lady Horns selected to the Region 1-1A All Tournament team were Brittany Barrett, Bonnie DeLaughter and Nicole Butts.

Recently, three members of the team were selected to the All-West Texas Volleyball Team. Bonnie DeLaughter received First Team All-West Texas, Brittany Barrett and Nicole Butts received Second Team All-West Texas.

Congratulations to the Lady Longhorns, we are very proud of you!

### Richey receives scholarship

Alan Richey, superintendent at Bronte ISD, has been chosen as one of thirty-six superintendents to receive a scholarship to the Lamar University Superintendent Academy, an advanced leadership training program on Lamar's Beaumont campus. Funded by a grant from the Texas Education Agency and supported by IBM, the Academy provides advanced executive level training for superintendents recognized as leaders among their peers. The scholarship pays all tuition, fees, training costs, and materials associated with the

Academy.

According to Dr. Bob Thompson, Executive Director of the Academy, participation is by invitation only. The thirty-six superintendents were chosen from a list of over one hundred nominees. To be elected is an honor not only to the superintendent, Thompson said, but also to his or her board and district. Without the support of forward-looking boards and a quality district no superintendent could have achieved the level of success and recognition necessary to be nominated and selected to the Academy.

As a member of the

Academy Richey will review the latest technology for enhancing student learning and participate in advanced leadership training from some of the nation's foremost trainers of executives from business and industry. Academy members will also spend several sessions working in the Decision Support Center at Lamar, a high tech laboratory for improving the speed and quality of management decision making.

Also as a part of the Academy IBM hosts the superintendents for a week of training at their Advanced Business Institute at Palisades, New York. At these sessions Academy members participate in training sessions

with business and industry executives from around the country to hone their leadership and decision-making skills. The superintendents will also be taken on a field trip to an exemplary school district to study practices that have helped make that district successful.

Thompson says the knowledge superintendents glean from work in the Academy is immediately applicable to any district, regardless of size or location. To assist participating districts in incorporating these management concepts the Academy will host a three day summer conference for Academy superintendents and their boards where they will be led through joint leadership training and planning activities. Participants will also meet with boards and superintendents of similar sized districts to share ideas for increasing student achievement.

The year-long Academy is designed to provide the most professional growth opportunities with the least amount of time away from the district. During the year superintendents will meet on six different weekends at Lamar University. The schedule is planned so that half of the training will be on Saturdays or during the summer when school is not in

session. In addition Academy members will form cohort groups to work on joint projects and to visit and study other districts in the cohort group.

Executives from IBM along with Lamar faculty jointly plan the curriculum and manage Academy operations. According to Thompson, this type of cooperation between university and business insures the Academy incorporates the best of both theory and practice.

### Bronte JV Basketball

On Tuesday, December 8, the Bronte JV Boys lost a close basketball game to Highland 36-31. Scoring for Bronte were Jesse McClure 6, Anthony Gibbs 2, Andy Blair 12, Lorenzo DelaGarza 7, and Randy Johnson 4.

### Sign-up underway for Livestock Assistance

The FSA office is currently taking applications for the Livestock Assistance Program. The original sign-up period has been extended until February 5, 1999. Due to the heavy traffic in the office, producers may wish to call for an appointment. The telephone number is 453-2751, for additional information.

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# ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



Members of the Robert Lee High School Lady Steers Basketball Team include (front, from left) Kim Gloria, Jodee Helwig, Luna, Kelli Osborn, Macy Hill, Shanna Wojtek, Kizre Matthews, Whitney Millican, Whitney Montgomery, (back, from left) Coach Osborn, and DeShira Dickey.

## Lady Steers win Toe Nail Trail Tournament

The Robert Lee Lady Steers won their second basketball tournament of the season at Christoval this past weekend. The Lady Steers won 4 games over the 3-day tournament winning their 11th straight game and pushing their record to 11-0.

On Thursday, the Lady Steers defeated an inexperienced Cornerstone Christian team by a score of 89-6. Leading the way for the locals were Dixie Simpson and Whitney Montgomery with 15 points each, DeShira Dickey had 13, Kelli Osborn had 10, Whitney Millican and Kizre Matthews had 9 apiece, Shanna Wojtek had 7, Macy Hill 6, and Kim Gloria had 5.

The Lady Steers played 2 games on Friday. They defeated Veribest 79-27, then later defeated host Christoval 63-37. In the Veribest game,

Jodee Helwig led all scorers with 13, Whitney Montgomery had 12, Whitney Millican 11, Kelli Osborn 10, Macy Hill 9, Shanna Wojtek 8, Kim Gloria and Kizre Matthews had 6 each, and DeShira Dickey added 4. In the evening game, Jodee led the team with 15, Kelli added 10, Whitney Montgomery and DeShira had 8 each, Dixie had 7, Macy had 5, Kim had 4, Kizie had 3, Shanna had 2, and Whitney Millican added 1.

In the Championship game, the Lady Steers pulled out a narrow victory over the Eldorado Lady Eagles 48-47. Whitney Montgomery came up with a steal late in the game and Kelli Osborn scored the winning bucket with 5 seconds left. Jodee again led in scoring with 13, Shanna had 10, Kim and Kelli had 8 each, Whitney Montgomery and DeShira had 3 each, Whitney Millican had 2, and Dixie had 1.

Jodee Helwig was named Most Valuable Player for the Tournament. Kelli Osborn and Whitney Montgomery made the All-Tournament Team. Kim Gloria won the 3-Point Shooting Competition.



## Remembrances of Christmas Past



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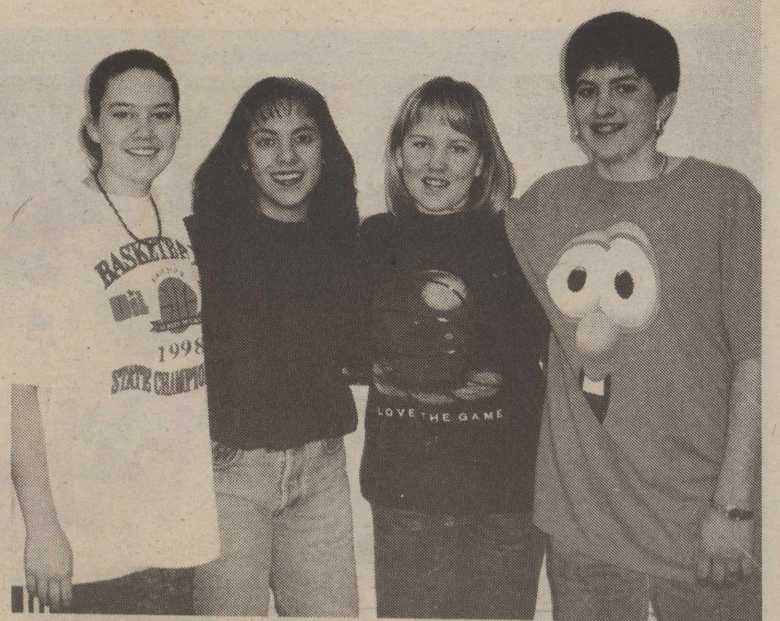
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These Lady Steers were honored at a recent basketball tournament. Kelli Osborn (from left) was named All Tournament; Kim Gloria was named 3 Point Champion; Whitney Montgomery was named All Tournament; and Jodee Helwig was named Most Valuable Player.

## Steers take 4th at Toe Nail Trail Tournament

The Robert Lee Steers took 4 place at Christoval's Toe Nail Trail Basketball Tournament which ran from Dec. 10-12.

The Steers won their opening game with a victory over Cornerstone Christian, 78-51. Leading the way for the Steers was Joel Gallegos with 20 points. Andrew McCabe added 17, Matthew Pitcock had 12, James Gallegos 11, Beau Boxell 6, Ross Schultz 4, Deric Brothers and Justin Francis had 3 each, and BJ Bessent had 2.

In the second round, the Steers lost to host Christoval by a score of 65-53. Andrew led in scoring with 19, James Gallegos threw in 10, Matthew Pitcock had 9, Joel Gallegos and Beau Boxell had 6 apiece, and Justin Francis added 3.

Robert Lee lost the 3rd game to Mason by a score of 63-41. Matthew scored 14, Andrew 9, Joel had 8, Deric had 4, and James, BJ, and Ross had 2 each.

Next up for the Robert Lee teams will be Eldorado on Friday, the 18th here in Robert Lee. The girls varsity will start at 5 pm with the boys varsity to follow.

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The Robert Lee 2nd graders made a pueblo and costumes after studying about Native Americans in their Social Studies Thanksgiving Unit.

**Robert Lee Basketball Junior High Girls**

The Junior High Girls A-team took first place in the Bronte Tourney this week.

Their first game was against Garden City, and they won 16-9. Scoring were Krystal Soliz with 10, and Ashley Millican, Misti Brothers, and Christina Middleton with 2 each.

In their second game they beat Sterling City 23-21. Scoring were Christina Middleton with 8, Kindra Matthews with 6, Krystal Soliz with 5, and Misti Brothers with 4.

Robert Lee beat Bronte in the third game 31-11, to take first place. Scoring were Krystal Soliz with 13, Christina Middleton with 6, Kindra Matthews and Misti Brothers each had 4, and April Cowart and Nicole Sanchez each scored 2.

**Junior High Boys**

The Junior High Boys A-team played in the Bronte Tournament this week. On Thursday, Dec. 10, they lost to Garden City 23-34. Scoring were Anson Lott with 4, Stewart Millican with 14, and Cooper Riley with 5.

The A-team then played Sterling City on Saturday, and won 35-11. Scoring were Travis Taylor with 5, Jaziel Gallegos with 4, Travis Pitcock with 6, Stewart Millican with 18, and Cooper Riley with 2.

**JV Girls**

The JV Girls took 2nd place in the Sterling City Tournament this week.

The Lady Longhorns played Sterling City on Thursday and lost 29-35. Scoring were G. Torres with 6, S. Cole

with 6, M. Landeros with 8, D. VanHuss with 5, and J. Hamilton with 2 each.

On December 12, the Longhorns beat Bronte 38-35, to take second in the Tournament. Scoring were S. Cole with 17, A. Freeman had 8, D. VanHuss had 6, G. Torres had 5, and A. Townsend had 2.

**JV Boys**

The Robert Lee Steers lost to Christoval on December 8, 31-48. Scoring were Lewis Samaniego with 9, Jeremy Eaton with 8, Sammy Minjarez had 7, Beau Blair had 4, Colby Eubanks had 2, and Sammy Schiwart had 1.

**Texas Cowboy Poetry Gathering**

The 13th annual Texas Cowboy Poetry Gathering will be held Feb. 26, 27, 28 on the campus of Sul Ross State University in Alpine, Texas. The Gathering is the oldest in Texas and the second oldest gathering in the United States.

The Gathering showcases cowboy poets, storytellers, singers and dancers in numerous sessions throughout the day with a Friday night campfire session followed by an open session, the Cattle Call. Saturday night there is a Stage Show followed by a foot stomping dance. This year the music for the dance will be provided by Jody Nix. Educational sessions, the Ballet Folklorica dancers and campfire breakfasts and dinners are also part of this fun-filled weekend.

Trappings of Texas, the fine western art and custom cowboy gear show will open at the Museum of the Big Bend on Saturday, Feb. 27 as part of the Gathering weekend. The Trappings exhibit features the best of the best cowboy gearmakers and fine artists from across the United States and Canada.

For more information on this event contact JJ Tucker at 915-837-8191.

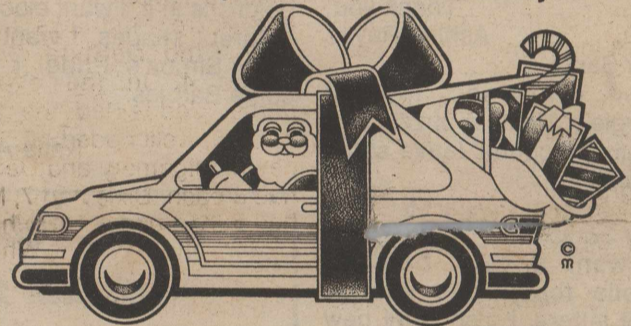


Derek Gray, 13 of Midland, took this nice 8 point buck on opening day of the season. Derek was hunting on his grandfather, Don Hamilton's, ranch.

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Dear Santa,

I want a new pair of rollerblades. That's all I want. My Dad wants a new pair of boots and some jeans. That's all.

Creed Coalson

P.S. My drumset can be plastic or real.

Dear Santa,

I want a pair of rollerblades. I want a little car from Wal-Mart. Maybe Grannie will get me the scooter.

Brent Kelly

Dear Santa,

I would like all of the small soldiers. I want a skateboard, gun, a baby pup. A real one. I want a snowman flashlight, and that's all.

Randon Eubanks

Dear Santa,

I want a new dress and a new bear that's white. I'm gonna sleep with two bears. I want a toy drum. That's all.

Madelyn Tounget

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a Barbie computer, and that's all. Crystal wants a Barbie computer and a gameboy. Thomas wants a gun.

Thank you,  
Ashley Reyes

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want Froggie's ABCs, a puzzle and a doll. I'm gonna leave some cookies for you.

Crystal McAnnis

Dear Santa,

I want a bunk bed, an Emelio robot, and sponge paint letters. I also want new picture frames, big and little, all the colors of frames - pink, brown, white, purple, orange, green, yellow, blue, brown, black, and gray.

Austin Mertz

Dear Santa,

I want a black bike with training whils, Barbie house, a Barbie car, a pink rabbit. I have been good!

Love,  
Sara Lara

My 4th grade buddy Jamie helped me write this.

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like a puppy. And some close. Some pencils, and Barbies. I want a bicycle. And some earrings, and some necklaces. And bracelete's and a Rug Rat watch. I want a balloon, and toy monkeys. And some dinosaur cookies, and crayons. Some makeup. Why do you were a red suit?

Your Friend,  
Haylee Hoyt

Dear Santa,

I waont a toy air plane a toy train and markers a toy gun and a toy bullets for the gun and a cowboy hat and a roket ship and a knike and I woan to tell you are your rainder good for Cristmas and I ben good for Cristmas are you going to my house thak you.

Your friend  
Mitchell Butler  
and My Buddy Juston

Dear Santa Claus

Santa I would like my own desk to do my work on and study on. Santa I want you to please get my sister a horse. Why do you stick presents under the Christmas trees? I would like a fish tank with two goldfishs in it. I want blocks all different shapes. I want Lion King Simba's Pride. I want some Barbies.

Love  
Katie Austin

Dear Santa,

One think I want for Christmas is a doll and a doll house Barbie house and a dancing barbie. Santa Clause how are your raindeer? How are you Santa Clause? Buggie that turns around and fly's. Merry Christmas!

From,  
Rani Parks

My friend Philip Rawlings helped me write this!

Dear Santa,

One, thing I want for Christmas is a double barel shot gun. A bow and arrow. I also want a Choo Choo train. Four claws that go over your fingers. My own house, and I also want a real cat. How are your raindeer? How are you Santa Clause. I also want some cloths. I also want a gautar. Hurcules

Merry Christmas!

From,  
Beau Grigg

My friend Philip Rawlings helped me write this!

Dear Santa,

I want a bike. I want a earrings. Please bring mom some angels. I will leave you somecookies. I've been a good girl.

Love,  
Leticia Pena

Dear Santa,

I've been a good boy this year. And I won't a Bow and arow, Small Solger toys, a new green, yellow, black, and purple jaket, new maroon shorts, a maroon basball helmet, a new basball bat and ball, new Nike shoes, a new eagle water bed with fish, a new maroon pool with a Longhorn on it, 1.3 million dollars with longhorns on it.

Love,  
Jordan Rowan

Dear Santa

I've been a good girl this year and these are the things I want. I want a barbie and a new Longhorn jacket. also I want some barbie makeup and some new rings for my big pony named goober. I want some halters for my big pony. I want a new satel for my big pony. I want some walking horses. I want some new clothes and a new barbie shirt.

From,  
Kaitlin Moore

Dear Santa,

I've been a good girl this year and these are the things I want. I want a poo baby, a tiger beeny baby, and a new dress and a green tiger jacket. And a bike for my brother Ty. And I want a pool. I'm going to leave you some milk and cookies. And I want some Barbie makeup. Santa I want to take a picture with you. And a green rabbit.

From,  
Kimberly Lee

Dear Santa Claus,

One thing I want for Christmas is alot of toy horses and cows. I also want a toy choo choo train and maby lots of toy animal like zebras, lions, bear, and elaphants. I also want some close. I have been extra special and good. If this is to much trouble than you can get me whatever you think I should have.

From:  
Jayton Cooper  
and big buddy Ben

P.S. Mary Cristmas Santa, and tell your raindeer I said that to them also!

Dear Santa,

I want a bike with a bike with a water bottle and training wheels and a brake. I want a batman car. I want some blocks. I have been good.

Love,  
Joshus Barnes

My friend Jamie helped me write this letter to Santa Claus,

I want two water guns one black and the other one orange and Army men a pair of nike shoes, Skydriver, large blanket.

Love,  
Vaughn Stilley

to Santa Claus

An Army tank with bombs a fire truck, flash light, bike, Skydriver, large blanket, bucket.

Love  
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Dear Santa Claus,  
Thomas my Buddy wants a toy Gun and a big truck make that double big. He wants a few shirts and shorts and especialy some pants. He also wants a computer game and he also wants a talking big bird toy. He also wants a spiderman toy and a Space jam alien toy. He also wants a swimming pool in are back yard. He wants a ladder to go with the swimming pool. He also wants a Television for his own room. He alsowants two walky talkys. He also wants some new shoes.

Merry Christmas. My sister Crystal helped me write this letter.

Love:  
Thomas Reyes

Dear Santa,  
I want a watch, a big bike, a batman & Robin, sunglasses and a basketball, Winnie the Pooh. I also want a doggy, a pencil, a key, a longhorn blanket, a butterfly.

From,  
Grady Barnett

Dear Santa,  
I've been really good this year I wont....I wont a pink doll, a Mikle Jordon toy, new shoes, new pants, a new heart shirt, hair bows, a dog house, a Christmas tree, a new jaket, a vest, a walking Barbie, and a new car. I'll leave cookies and milk for you!

Love,  
Maria Fuentes

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike, a batman, a spiderman, a Buzz Light yeer, Small Soldiers. I also want a pig, Archer, a longhorn blacket, a stapler.

From,  
Jonathan Reyes

**Bronte Kindergarten**  
Dear Santa,  
I love you. I want a ballarina suit. I love you, Santa. I want a Skipper Barbie. I miss you. I love Rudolf too. Santa is the best Santa. I love Santa. My sister Madison wants a bear, a fuzzy bear. My cousins are the best. I love my whole class. I want a barbie house and some barbie clothes. I want some dresses and skirts too. I love dear Santa. I want some play makeup too.

Love,  
Brittani H.

P.S. Please write me back.  
Dear Santa,

I want a play choo choo train. I want an army truck. A rudolph deer made out of metal. A Bugs Life movie.

Love,  
Arlis

P.S. Please write me back.

Dear Santa,  
How are all of the reindeer? How hard are the elves working? I want a bicycle. And I want a race car. I want twenty Beenie Babies. I want Dr. Doolittle. I want a baby dog (alive). And I want a T.V., a small one. I want a go-cart. I want a baby bird (alive). I want a stuffed duck and a toy frog. I want some christmas lights to put in my room.

Love,  
Heath

P.S. Please write me back.  
Dear Santa,

How are you? For Christmas please bring me a b.b. gun, a Santa Clause bed, and an airplane. also bring a toy truck, a teady bear, and a Santa Clause suit.

Love,  
Reid

P.S. Please write back.

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a hair thing that changes my hair to different colors. I want some play fingernails to wear and paint. I want a stuffed kitty cat. I love you Santa! My brother, Jayton, wants a tractor and a little choo choo train that goes on tracks and can move all by itself.

Are your elves working very hard? I like your reindeer. Can I have my own real tape?

Love,  
Taylor

P.S. Please write back!

Dear Santa,  
Can I have a dinosaur toy? Please Santa! I also want a remote control car. I need a lot of good stuff like a vehicle and a little small soldier. My sister Elizabeth wants baby dolls and Barbies. She likes plates and stuff. Is it really cold at the North Pole. Is it far away? What are you making in your workshop? Do you need more stuff?

Love,  
Nicholas

P.S. Please write back soon!

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Love,  
Joshua

P.S. Please write back!  
Dear Santa,

You have a nice reindeer. I want for Christmas a Barbie Angle with a suit for me. Please bring me a Hushpuppy remote control that has puppies in a car. For Christmas I want a Barbie car to drive. My baby brother wants Winnie the Pooh shoes. And, Santa we will leave milk and cookies out for you. I really want some makeup and a makeup box, too.

Love,  
Brittanie

P.S. Write back please!  
Dear Santa,

Are the elves working hard? Is Mrs. Clause feeding you good? How is Rudolph? How is your sled? What does your house look like inside? Do you have too many toys? I would like race-car Walky Talky's. I want a real Bee-Bee Gun. A statue of a scary monster. A fire-man jacket. A bowling ball. A real work helmet, a fishing pole, hooks, and bait. A teddy bear. And my brother wants batman stuff. Lots of Batman toys. And a water gun. My brother wants a Christmas Tree.

Love,  
Terra

P.S. Please write me back!

Dear Santa,  
How is your reindeer feeling? I love you! I want a Barbie for Christmas. How is Rudolph doing? I need a new gown. Bye Santa!

Love,  
Kelsey

P.S. Please write back soon!  
Dear Santa,

I want a Beebee gun. I sleep in it with my bed. It will help when I watch scary movies. I want extra Beebees. I also want a brand new water gun. I need a motorcycle. I want a present with water and flowers in it for my mom. Jr. has the movie about Rudolph the Nosed Reindeer and I need that movie.

Love,  
Justin

P.S. Write back soon!  
Dear Santa,

How is Rudolph? How are the elves? Are all the other reindeers going pretty good? Can I have a BeeBee gun? Can you bring me a remote control race car that can crash and bends and then goes back together? Bring my sister, Casey, some stuff too.

Love,  
Chase

P.S. Please write me back!  
Dear Santa,

How are you? I am doing good. Please bring me candy for Christmas this year. I also want a bike. I'll leave cookies for you.

Love,  
Benny

P.S. Please write back.

Dear Santa,  
I want a tie-dye Barbie and a barbie that has a baby and a stroller with it. Please bring me a baby doll too. I would like a T.V. What are your reindeers names? I would like a makeup set that has eyelash stuff and all that lip stuff too. It has spray stuff too that you put on your neck. It has fingernail paint with all colors. It has stuff to put on your cheeks and sparkles in your hair, and for your whole face.

Love,  
Cheyenne

P.S. Please write back!  
Dear Santa,

I want a remote control car, and a beebee gun. Please bring me a Beanie Baby Raccoon. I want a Santa Claus suit to wear. I would like a remote control pickup. Santa do you really have a deer named Rudolph? Santa can you bring me a bullet gun? I want a new black NIKE jacket, and black sweat pants to go with it.

Love,  
Kerwin

P.S. Please write back!  
Dear Santa,

What are your reindeer doing? I want to know when your birthday is. I want you to bring me a b.b. gun, a puppy, and a computer. Bring some Christmas lights for the outside of my house. I also want a CD player and a new Christmas tree. Please ask your elves if they can make a Bronte Longhorn jacket. I will leave cookies out for you.

Love,  
Dakota

Dear Santa,  
How are your elves. Are they making a new bicycle for my brother? I want a new bicycle for my littlest cousin Darren. I want a new T-shirt with animals on it. I want a new horn for my brother's bike. I want a doll with a bottle. Bring a BIG Angel for the top of my tree.

Love,  
Peyton

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I have been really good this year! For Christmas I want a sled. Please get a red one. I want a fast remote control car. I also want a Santa Suit. I want a stereo. Please bring me a new lamp too.

Love,  
Dustin

P.S. Please write back.

**Bronte 1st Grade**  
Dear Santa,

How are you? How is Rudlf? How is Mrs Claus? I am find. Pleaes bring a re mote control batman car, and a turbo man. I will leave milk and cookies.

Love,  
Hayda White

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Im in first grade. I lik to read. Please bring me a drum. I will leave you a snack.

Love,  
Chris Bryan

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolf? We have a new teacher. Please bring me a bunch of toys.

Love,  
Nathan Fidler

Dear Santa,  
How are you and Rudolf? I have me ers pierced. Please bring me a radio and a Giga pet Teddy. I will leave you a snack. Bye.

Love,  
Ashley Michelle Fisher

Dear Santa,  
How are you feeling? I have a new frind. Please bring me some jewelry, a puppy, and a bike. I will leave you some cookies.

Love,  
Emily Fiveash

Der Santa,  
How is Rudolf? I have a friend. Please bring me a teddy bear. Please bring me a frum set.

I will leave you a snack.

Love,  
Kasey Glover

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I love my friends. I love you. I hope you have a good time. Please bring me a drum set. I will leave you a hot dog. I am fine.

Love,  
Chloe L. Grigg

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Dear Santa,  
How are you Rudolf? I am fixing to be eight after Christmas. Please bring me one pacich of glue with nails. Please bring me two GiGapat. Please bring me make up. I will leave package of cookies and cake so you won't be hungry.  
Love,  
Ashley K. Royall

Dear Santa,  
How are you reindeers? I wish I had a baby sister. Please bring me a Flip and Dive Barbie. Please bring me a puppy. I will leave a bowl of oatmeal for the reindeers.  
Love,  
Samantha Jones

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I have a new baby boy. Please bring me a Nintedo 64. I love Nintedo 64. I love you.  
Love,  
Allen Chambers

Der Santa,  
How are your reindeers and Rudolf? I am in first grade. Please bring me go cart and Jumanji. I will leave you chcholate.  
Skyler York

Dear Santa,  
How are you filen? I have a baby boy. Please, bring me a Bebe gun, and a remote control. I am going to put milk and cookies.  
Love,  
Crawford James

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolf? I am learning good. Please bring me a teddy and bean bag cat and I will have two cat. I am going to put chocolate chip cookies.  
Love  
Emilie Jiminez

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Mi team is Jaguars. Please bring me a go cart.  
Love,  
Louis Martinez

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Pleas bring me a bike, Flip ad Dive Barbie, and Nintendo 64.  
Love,  
Kristin Moore

Dear Santa,  
How is your reindee, My football team is Long Hows. Ples bring me a water gun and a Pawagrs to. I will lleve food four your falmles and radirs to your fade.  
Your friend Jackson Rowan  
Love,  
Jackson Rowan

Dea Sata,  
How are you? I am going to Bronte School now. Please bring me a bike, Laser Dozer and Ninteendo 64. I love you Sata.  
Love,  
Tyler Riney

Dear Santa,  
How are you feeling? I am seven yers old now. Please bring me a pupy a skateboard, and a basketball.  
Love,  
Ali Tounget

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I lik to do math. Please bring me some games, Flip and Dive Barbie, and Nintend 46. I hope you don't get too tred.  
Love,  
Kimberly Womack

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolf? I like his redd. Please bring me Lazr Dozer and a Nintendo 64. I lev milk and cookies.  
Love,  
Zachary Boyd

Dear Santa,  
How are you. How is Rudolf? I want a Flip an a Dive Barbie, jewelry, and a puppy.  
Love,  
Aaron Martin

**Bronte 2nd Grade**  
Dear Santa,  
How are you? How are the elfs. And how are the raindeer.  
Can you and your elves help all together? Is it very cold out there? I hope your elves do a good job on the toys. I hope you are not cold up there.  
Your Friend,  
Maranda

Dear Santa,  
How were the elfs. I whuner if it is cold up there. I will live you some milk and cookies. I whont baby slap and burb and a bick and rolerskats. and two more a radieow, and a Gogu pets. I can't wait to christmas. I love christmas. How is radalph and the others. we dot have a chimunie.  
Goodbye  
Haleigh Bryant

Dear Santa,  
How is Roodoff? How is the elfes? Is it cold in the nothpold. I wout for cresnus, I a backball a seabed a, fish-gaboy a two nasls a, pack.  
Your friend,  
Israel Cecilio

Dear Santa,  
How are you and mrs. clause doing? Fine, I hope. I am writing to say thank you for all of the gifts' you have given me in the past. I want for christmas is a: bike, swing set, trampoline, go-cart, tree house thats all thank you!  
Your friend,  
Amber Chambers

Dear Santa,  
How are you and how is Rudolph and the Reindeers? can you bring me some toys? I want Power Rangers football games car dr dolittle nirf baster Small Soldiers and games.  
Your friend  
Callan Clark

Dear Santa,  
How are your elves? How is Rudolf? How is Mrs. Claus? I want charms for my charm bracelet. I am ready for you to come. Better go, bye.  
Your friend,  
Ariel Coalson

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I am fine. Heres a list of things I want. I want Mrs. Filds. I want beannie babys. I want a beanbag. I want huge fake garla. I want a big fake frog. I want a set of make-up and hair beretts. Well thats all I want.  
Love,  
Jessi England

P.S. GOOD LUCK  
Dear Santa,  
How are you today? I feel great. How are the raindear. tell them I said hello. Are the elves sleepy? I think I will give you a present if my mom and dad do not care. What is your favorite movie? mine is the lost world. How is rudoloh's nose? I will tell you a joke. Why did the man see the carderdock? to get his carderdock. the ead  
Your friend  
Cory T. Glover

Dear Santa,  
Can I please have bagy pants and bagy shorts, and a dallas cowboy cap, and a football.  
From: Chase Hoyt  
to: Santa

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# To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa,  
For crismas I want a Babie doll, Doll make up, shoes, dress, highhills, Earwings, necalis, brasu lits and a lunch box. How is Rufoff? How is the elfs? Is it cold at the nourth pole? And a Longh horn blanit too.

Your friend  
Prescilla Lara

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Are the elves done with the toys? I would like Remote control car and VCR with Titanic Movie and Dinosaur Cage and telescope and c.d. of Titanic and a toy space shuttle bye.

Your friend,  
Ty Mackey

Dear Santa,  
How is Roodoff? I hope you will come to my hous and wacke me up. Oh and Santa Anthany in the 3rd grade don't beleav in you but I beleav in you. I hav bin a good boy this year.

1. I would like a ticko R.L. cre.
  2. now couboy cloths
  3. now couboy hat
  4. would you please gema a army tanke.
  5. an army areplaen to.
- Thats all Santa I will see you next year.

Your friend,  
Will Macon

Dear Santa,  
How are you? How is Rudolph? Please bring me a bike. There will be cookies and a Coca Cola can on the fireplace. How are your elves? I want 4 more things: A fishing knife, Dallas Cowboy socks, and a basketball and football. Thanks for the presents last year. I Love them a lot. I have been a good boy all year.

Love,  
Samuel Rawlings

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? How is Rudolph? Will his nose be shining? I want KC and Jo Jo CD and Llean Rimes CD. I am 8 years old. Besides how old are you? How is your dear wife? Please rite back!

Youre friend,  
Nicole Reed

Dear Santa,  
How are you my sister Stephanie, want Telly Tubby, and I'whant a Dallas cowboy suit and how is rudolph. Are you going to whar a green suit? and het my dad some tools and my mom wants a spice rack.

Your friend,  
Jeremy Sanchez

Dear Santa,  
How is prancer and rudoff? I want a cletoen of rock and I want a stuffed raindeer. And my dog needs a dog hous and a toy. And she is 6 montes old.

Your friend  
Brittany Peables

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I have been very good. Will you bring a set of drums with a shoulder holder, Bronte Longhorn jersey and helmet, and a gocart. Bring Lindsay a cd, Dad a fench, a road to a new garage.

I Love you,  
Reece Springer

Dear Santa,  
I wood like a robot for Christmas and a remote control car and a new bike and skates and nintendo 64 and a golden retriever pup a girl PC Pandlaser tag set.

Your frend  
John Dickson

Dear Santa,  
I want A Bug's Life video game for my Play Station. I want an Air Hog. I want Hush puppy controler. I'll leave cookies out for you.

Your friend,  
Toby Styron

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RL Pre-Kindergarten

Dear Santa,  
How are your reindeer? I want a kite, a Barbie house, and a bike for Christmas.

Love,  
Luisa Carrera

Dear Santa,  
Please give me Samantha, and a make-up Barbie.

Love,  
Sara Heard

Dear Santa,  
I want the Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer movie please.

From,  
Beeanca Bower

Dear Santa,  
Please can I have Spider-man, a stuffed animal reindeer toy, and a little stuffed animal squirrel. I love you.

Love,  
Cooper Chambers

Dear Santa,  
I want grocery stuff, kitchen stuff, and play stuff please.

Thank You,  
Zachary Sanchez

Dear Santa,  
Thank you Santa for the toys. Thank you for the food. Thank you for the drinks. Thank you for the people. I want a small go-cart please, a camping set, and a big and white workshop. Thank you for those toys.

From,  
Chad Martin

Dear Santa,  
I love you. I wish you a happy Christmas. I want a make-up Barbie please.

From,  
Kimberly Roach

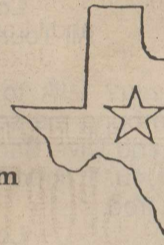
Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a nice Christmas. I want a Barbie, a star ring, and a car for you please.

Love,  
Meagan Ross

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for letting me write you a letter. For Christmas, I want a play farm, a dog, and a book.

Thank you,  
Dylan VanDeventer

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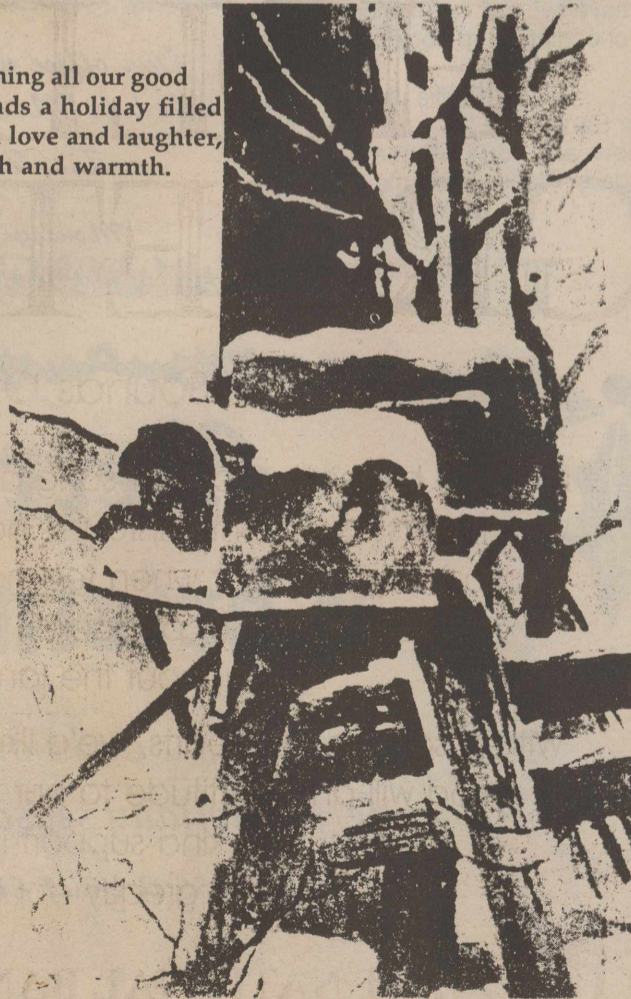
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# To Santa, With Love

## RL Kindergarten

Dear Santa,  
May I please have a gocart for Christmas, a new stocking with my name on it filled with nuts and candy, a new stuffed animal tiger, a robot, new ducks, a cop bike, a Play Station, a waterbed, a new stuffed animal bear, a rocking chair, and real birds in a cage. One more thing please a dog. I hope I see you for Christmas.

Thanks,  
Matthew Corona

Dear Santa,

I have been very good. I would like a computer, a barbie, a horse, a real horse. I would also like an angel, a picture, lots of candy, cloths, a teddy bear, movies, a real cat, dog. I would like to have a happy Christmas, a baby bird, and a tiger.

Thanks,  
Skyler Rainwater

Dear Santa,

I want an angle and a new barbie. I want a barbie house, too. I also want a teddy bear. A pony that makes noises. Lots and lots of candy. The movie "Black Beuty. A new dress. I want a Bible, and a Bunny. I want a stuffed animal like Garfield. I want a zebra. I want a baby bird.

Love,  
Callie Chambers

Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas Santa! I've been a good boy mostly this year. For Christmas I would like a grey teddy bear, race car with remote control, two micomachine cars: green and blue. I would also like a Mario Kasts video game, a movie called Mars Attacks, some underpants, and two mechanical pencils with lead.

Your buddy,  
Joshua Rowoldt

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy this year. I would like a cho cho train, a new sled, a puppy, a bear that plays. I would also like an angel, and some new cloths. I do want a new slide, a new kitten, and a new parrot and fish, and a robot.

Thank you for all you did for me.

I will see you sometime soon and I Love you,  
Jake Cotter

Dear Santa,

This is wha I want for Christmas, bike, barbie, pants, shirts, headbands, crying baby doll, teady bear, brush, roller blades, nintendo, Cinderella movie (Brandy), "Simba's Pride" movie, Sky-dancers, play-do, red wagon, jewelry, dress.

Your friend,  
Amanda Mendoza

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl this year. I would like 3 barbies this Christmas. I would also like a Little Mermaid and a computer. Also I want a Thinguma-jig book.

Thank you,  
Anita Saucedo

Dear Santa,

I have been a very good boy! This year I need a Nintendo 64 and a sword with a shild. I also want a race car for Christmas if that's ok.

Thank you,  
Jared Long

Dear Santa,

I would like a remote control car. Also I want a valcano blowout. I would like a dump truck that I can ride in. I want a toy store. I also want a play station and two big water guns.

Your Friend,  
Devon

Dear Santa,

I want a silver power Ranger, mega winger, and mega voyager, brown teddy bear, bucket, puppy, santa toy, watch, soldier, flag.

Love,  
Paul Pineda

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a make-up Barbie, Spice Girls movie, a new bicycle, radio, my size barbie, power rangers in space, computer, and a spice girls movie.

Love,  
Heather Smith

Dear Santa,

The things I want for Christmas are Nintindo 64, Ramote Race car, Batman toy, Silver Power Ranger with the Mega Zord, a Puppy (real one), computer with C.D. Legos, a Teddy Bear, & a Skate Board.

Sincerely,  
Tanner Brickey

Dear Santa

Could you get me a car for Christmas. Also could you ge me a Nintindo for Christmas. One more thing Santa a toy gun.

Your friend,  
Joe Estrada



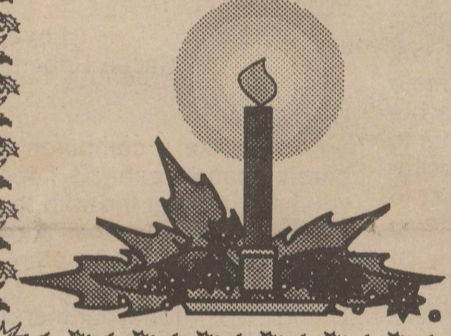
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# To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa,  
One think I want for Christmas is a barbie house. I have been a good girl so if I could have a barbie dog I would want one. The last think I want is some pink and purple golf balls.

Love,  
Jessica Burns

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a Dalmation hunting dog, one that smells good. I would also like a blue jeep to play with. The last thing I would like is a Nintendo game.

Thanks Santa,  
Foster Allen

Dear Santa,  
I would like a teddy bear, a doll, stuffed animal that is a pony. I would also like a beany baby. I would like a kite that has a happy face on it, and a bow for my dog Misty. I hope that your trip to my house is good.

Your friend,  
Heidi Austin

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie - a girl one with blonde hair. I want a Barbie shirt that glows in the dark for my doll. Please bring me a Barbie tent and a Barbie swimming. I want by brother to have a boy bathing with decorations on it. I want my sissy to have a little like with training wheels. Thank you, Santa.

Your friend,  
Ginny Caston

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Firetruck with the sirens that come on. I also want a fake racecar with steering wheel the last think I would really like is army guys.

Your friend,  
J.P. Conner

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a Toy Army Jeep. This is the day that I would like a Nintento 64 this is Haden Santa was your trip good last week? I hope you're ready for your next trip. Dear Santa I hope your trip is good.

Your friend,  
Haden Dillard

Dear Santa,  
I would like a hula hoop. I would also like a Furby. I would like some beanie babies. Merry Christmas!! My sister wants a pogo stick!

Thank you  
Love,  
Brooke Glosser

Dear Santa,  
Could you bring me a Toy solider for Christmas? Also could you get me a kit for Christmas? One more thing, a police car for Christmas.

Your friend,  
Gregory Gonzales

Dear Santa,  
I would like to get a go-kart, 4-wheeler, dirt bike with a helmet and a metal suit, and my sister wants a new bike. Have a Merry Christmas Santa, and have a good time making toys.

Your friend,  
Logan Philley

Dear Santa Clause,  
I'm Sterling and I would like roller blades. I will also like a skateboard. Since I got a Playstation I would like a wrestling game for my Play station. I would also like a remote control monster truck. Mary Christmas Santa!

Your friend,  
Sterling Reeves

Dear Santa,  
I want a hula hoop, and I want a kite, and a play calf of a beanie baby. Please! I LOVE YOU SANTA!

Love,  
Kacee Roberts

Dear Santa,  
I would like a computer, a barbie, candy cane. I hope you have a great trip with the raideer across the world and I hope you bring me all the presents I want.

from your friend,  
Tiffany Saucedo

Dear Santa,  
I would like two new kites, and a roll of tape. I would also like some candycanes, and a new stocking. I would like a yo yo! Thank you Santa for the great presents.

Your friend,  
Cody Taylor

Dear Mr. Clause,  
I would like a brown football that has white strips on it. I would also like 3 machine guns to play with after Chrstimas. The last thing is a remote control police car that the lights flash and the doors open.

Love,  
Travis Sailor

RL 1st Grade  
Dear Santa,  
How old is Rudolph? I would like a skateboard. I would like two angels to play with and a four-wheeler to share with my brother.

Love,  
Sarah Coppedge

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I want a skateboard, a telescope and a four-wheeler.

Love,  
Justina Gloria

Dear Santa,  
How old is Rudolph? I want Rudolph to play with me on Christmas. I want a dog to play with and a sled.

Love,  
Tanner Haiagan

Dear Santa,  
I wonder if you get tired going around the world. I would like a green power ranger, a four-wheeler, and micro-machines.

Love,  
Garret Heard

Dear Santa,  
Is Rudolph real? I want a green power ranger and a real four-wheeler and a skateboard.

Love,  
Terry McDonald

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I'm fine. I hope you are too. I would like a puppy and a skateboard. I would like a toy Rudolph.

Love,  
Jacob Moreno

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolph? I want a four-wheeler. I want two dolls and a play butterfly. How old is Rudolph?

Love,  
Olivia Trejo

Dear Santa,  
How old is Rudolph? How old are the elves? How old are you? I would like a camera and a nerf bow. I would also like a hunting game.

Love,  
Jathan Williams

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolph? I would like a puppy. I would like a cat. I would like a barbie.

Love,  
Emilee Yanez

Dear Santa,  
I'm glad that you give me toys. I want a Deer Hunt Computer and a sled and a dove hunting vest.

Love,  
Blake Paden Millican

Dear Santa,  
I love you. I wish for a fish and a drum set and a Silver Ranger.

Love,  
Nathan Gregston

Dear Santa,  
I want something that is cute for me. It is a puppy. I want a Nintendo Sixty 4 and Silver Ranger. Santa what do your elves do?

Love,  
Dylan Deanda

Dear Santa,  
How are you, Santa? How is your home? I want Silver Ranger. I want Nitrodozer. I want clothes.

Love,  
Cayetano Carrera Jr.


Dear Santa,  
How are you? I want a computer. I want a Nitrodozer. I want a bigger Motorcycle. I hope you can make it for me. You can make it, won't you?

Love,  
Cody Brosh

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie. I want some earrings. I want a ring.

Love,  
Briana Brisbin

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# To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa,  
How are your reindeers? How is Mrs. Claus? I hope you are doing good. I Love you. Are your reindeer are they good? I want a Play Station. I want a WWF War Zone. I want a play Beeny Bag cat.

Love,  
Emily Arellano

Dear Santa,  
How is Mrs. Claus doing? I wish I could have a Bike and a computer and a Silver Power Ranger.

Love,  
Stetson Nesbit

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie with a car, a doll with black hair and a baby doll bed.

Love,  
Nancy Landeros

Dear Santa,  
I wish for a bow and arrows, a motorcycle and Silver Ranger. Are you OK, Santa?

Love,  
Ivan Landeros

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? How are your elves? I would like a Barbie car. I would like rings. I would like a big computer.

Love,  
Sarah Jones

RL 2nd Grade  
Dear Santa,  
I wish for a pair of roller blades and a chance to pull your beard. I wish you a Merry Christmas.

Love,  
Amy Barnett

Dear Santa,  
I want a puppy, a gigga-pet, and a CD player. I hope you like my chocolate chip cookies.

Love,  
Breana Anderson

Dear Santa,  
I want a go-cart and a paint gun. I also want the mega-winger toy from Power Rangers and I would like a computer with computer games.

Love,  
Caleb Millican

Dear Santa,  
I wish for a Gigga pet and a C.D. player. I would also like a real horse and a computer. Merry Christmas Santa.

Love,  
Cori Torres

Dear Santa,  
I would like a paint-gun and a go-cart for Christmas. I would also like a power train to play with. Have a good Christmas.

Love,  
Michael Rodriguez

Dear Santa,  
I want a C.D. player and a Gigga-pet. I would also like a four-wheeler and a real horse. Merry Christmas!

Love,  
Rebecka Saucedo

Dear Santa,  
I want a play station and a paint gun. I would like a bike so I could ride around my house.

Love,  
Jimmy Womack

Dear Santa,  
I want a 525 power telescope and a go-cart. I would also like a Dream garden and a real horse. Have a Merry Christmas. Tell Mrs. Claus I Love both of ya'll.

Love,  
Jasmine N. Gloria

Dear Santa,  
I wish for a TV and a Go-cart. I also wish for a Mule and a four-wheeler.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas!

Love,  
Morgan Hope Hill

Dear Santa,  
I want an angel barbie. I want clothes too. I would also like a cat and a puppy. I want a bike to ride. Merry Christmas.

Love,  
Megan Robinson

Dear Santa,  
I would like some glittery nailpolish and a big teddy bear and clip on ear rings. How is Mrs. Claus? I am glad we have Christmas.

Love,  
Holly Austin

Dear Santa,  
I would like a barbie for Christmas and a watch and a new pair of sandals. Happy New Year!

Love,  
Norma Rojas

Dear Santa,  
I wish you did not have to travel around the erath but I wish all the children get toys. I want a metal molder, a lazer tag and a big bad bow.

Love,  
Cody Williamson

Dear Santa,  
I will want some clothes and two or three toys and may you have a Happy New Year!

Love,  
Olga Perez

Dear Santa,  
I want a Vortex Tornado, Game Day 98 and a foot ball helmet.  
Dear Santa, even if I do not get all of these things I am going skiing.

Love,  
Kaden Duncan

Dear Santa,  
I would like to get a doll for Christmas. I hope you have a nice Christmas. My mom and dad are giving us presents. Also I would want a doll stroller.

Love,  
Gaby Saucedo

Dear Santa,  
I want a new football helmet, a race car and a new swimming pool. I hope you don't get sleepy when you go in the chimney. How is Rudolph and the other reindeer?

Love,  
Dustin Moreno



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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year  
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# To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa,  
I want a computer and a barbie and a book. Happy Christmas Santa and thank you for the presents. I hope my brother gets some presents. Happy New Year to Mrs. Claus.

Love,  
Jennifer Barrett

Dear Santa,  
I would like a computer. Please get a puppy for my sister. Please get me a C.D. The name is Shania Twain.

Have a Happy Christmas Santa.

Love,  
Arrin Minjarez

Dear Santa,  
How's Rudolph and his gang? For Christmas I would like some roller blades, a Plaston, and some Grand Prize Horses. I love you very very much. Thanks alot.

Love,  
Mason Ross

3rd Grade  
Dear Santa,  
I thank you for the presents that you give me each year. I love them. How is Mrs. Claus? How are you? I would like clue, a real horse (some poeple say you can't do it but I think your magical), and a tomagochy.

Love Like CRAZY!  
Molly B

Dear Santa,  
I want a baby and a flipping baby, a mario game and play horse.

How is Mrs. Claus? How are you?

Love,  
Chelsea Conner  
You are cool!!!

Dear Santa,  
How are you this year? I want a Broncos helmet and an autographed football of Terrel Davis. How's Mrs. Claus and the reindeer?

Love,  
Cody Denton

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for bringing presents last year. Can you try to get a gocart and a gameboy and a telescope and a nintendo 64?

Love  
Joshua Gallegos

Dear Santa,  
What have you been doing up there? How is rudolph doing? Thank you for all the presents last year. This is my Christmas list for this year: I want some rollerblabes and some Jnco's, but what I really want is a Nintindo 64 and a Playstion game called, NFL Gameday 99.

Well, I have to go now. Bye!  
Love,  
Cameron Hodge

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for all the presents you gave me all these years I really liked them. Oh and how is Mrs. Clause and the reindeer doing? I hope they are doing fine. Well now lets talk about what I want for Christmas. I would like a game called clue, a real horse, a telescope and a tomagochy.

Love, Your Secret Angel  
Briana Longoria

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I am fine. How is Mrs. Claus? How are the Reindeer? Thank you for all you've given me these years!! This year I would like a Beagle Puppy and a Telescope and a Breyer Plank Jump. I have to go, so good bye Santa!!!

Love,  
Allison Millican

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for all the presents you've given me This Year I want a John Elway jersey. Santa I want a Terrel Davis jersey and a bronco helmet, and a fighting airplane play station game. How are your reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus doing? Here is some cookies and carrots for you and your reindeer.

Love,  
Taylor Franklin Percifull

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for bring presents last year. Can you try to get a game boy and a go cart plus I want a bike.

Love  
Michael Smith

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing at the North pole? How is Rudolph? Well for Christmas I would like a small soldier toy and a toy dog. I think that is all I want for Christmas!

Love,  
Eddie May

Dear Santa,  
Hey Santa How are thing's going up North? It is fine down here in Robert Lee. I bet you are very busy so I am not going to ask for very much. I would like a Nintendo 64 and a James Bond game to go with it. Don't forget my mom, dad and my little brother Haden.

Love,  
Brody Dillard

Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeer and Mrs. Claus. I know you are very very busy so I won't ask for much. I have been a good boy all year and I would like a play-station and a soccer ball. Also could I have a new set of golf clubs.

Sincerely,  
Sterlin Ebenstein

Dear Santa,  
How is it going up there! How does Mrs. Claus feel? Tell her I said hello. All I wish for Christmas is a Bop-it and a bike! I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Thank you,  
Ashley Hopson

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing. I hope you can come here for Christmas. A would like a Spice girl CD please. I would like to have a CD player. I would like a computer too.

Love,  
Melissa Martinez  
P.S. I would like to have a Happy loving Christmas.

Dear Santa,  
How are you, Santa? I hope you're good. I wish that I could have a CD player, some pants, and a Bop-It. How is Rudolf the red nose reindeer? I hope he is good too. Well I think thats all Santa.

Love,  
Andrea Pineda

Dear Santa,  
How are things up North. Are you excited that Christmas is right around the corner? How is Rudolph doing and the other reindeer. Is Mrs. Santa doing ok? Are the elves? I wish that you would bring me some presents.

From,  
Anna Rojas

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? What's up north? Since it's getting close to Christmas, I decided to write you. I guess it gets a little old just talking to the elves and Mrs. Claus. How are the reindeer? Is Rudolph getting ready to lead the sleigh? One reason I wrote you is because I wanted to know how you were doing. The other reason is would you be able to make three little things, a playstation, playstation games, and a nice thing for everybody.

Thanks Again,  
Chase Roe

Dear Santa,  
How is it down there? How is Rudolph? How is the weather? How is Mrs. Claus? Will you please bring me a sled, Bop-it, and ear rings.

Thank you,  
Kasie Skinner

HAPPY CHRISTMAS



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

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**AUDITOR'S OFFICE**  
Stover, Jerita, & Sheryl



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These Coke County Library Story Hour children enjoyed an early visit from Santa Claus Tuesday morning.

### Texas Events Calendar

It looks like cool weather is finally upon us! Winters in Texas are generally mild and clear with only a few days of really cold weather. This means it's a great time for getting outdoors and enjoying the sights, sounds and tastes of Texas. The latest *Texas Events Calendar*, released by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), lists more than 1,200 ways Texans can have fun in winter. Covering the period from December through February, the calendar features everything from Christmas parades and pageants to Mardi Gras celebrations and livestock shows.

If you're in the Houston area during December, stop by the George Ranch, near Richmond, for their Campfire Christmas celebration. The setting is a beautifully restored 1890s Victorian mansion on the grounds of a real working ranch and features live entertainment, hayrides and tours of the home.

Visitors can find the magic of Christmas at special holiday events throughout the state. One of the most colorful is San Antonio's Fiestas Navi-

denas at Market Square with performers, food, pinata parties and visits with Pancho Claus.

In February, the cities of Jefferson, Port Arthur and Galveston celebrate Mardi Gras. You'll find just as much of the revelry, music, costumes and great food you would in New Orleans. *Laissez les bon temps rouler!*

The *Texas Events Calendar* is free for the asking by calling 1-800-452-9292 from 8 am to 6 pm. Trained professional travel counselors can help plan your next Texas trip and offer an abundance of other free travel literature.

# To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa,  
I like you. I like your reindeer. I like your sleigh. I like your presents. For Christmas I want a go cart, a workshop, a camping set and a dirt devil set. That's all I want.

Chad Martin

P.S. I want crash 3 for my Playstation

Dear Santa,  
I would like Rudolf to play with me at Christmas. If Rudolf's not around, I can play with Dancer.

I would like:

1. An army nutcracker or a baseball player nutcracker
2. Micro machine van
3. a Gameboy
4. a Nutcracker keychain.

Love,

Garrett Skyles Heard

P.S. I'll leave some extra cookies for the elves.

Dear Santa,  
Please give me:

1. Samantha (American Girl)
2. Pink makeup Barbie
3. Rugrats bike
4. Nutcracker Princess

Love,

Sara Kate Heard

St. Nick,

Hey! What's shaking? As Christmas nears, Coke Co. is well into the swing of things. Gaiety is in the air. What with all these sunny days in the 70's, there's no sign of a White Christmas for us in these parts. But we don't need snow and all that jazz, to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Bye for now. God bless you for all the good you do for the children, the shut-ins, the widows and the down-trodden.

Merry Christmas to one and all.

Millicent M. Morgenstern

P.S. I'm enclosing a Christmas card for you.

Dear Santa Clause,

My name is Samantha Fernandez! I am 5 years old. I would like you to bring me a Bug's Life Doll, the purple one and also a New Born Baby Deluxe set, and a Purple teletubbie tinkly winkly and a Heart Breaker Bike, and a Magna Doodle Learning Bus, and some boots and tennies shoes with lights and some new cloths and some Elmo sleepers, new penicels. I hope to see you soon. Love always your freind Samantha Fernandez of Rowena, Texas.

Love your freind,  
Samantha Fernandez

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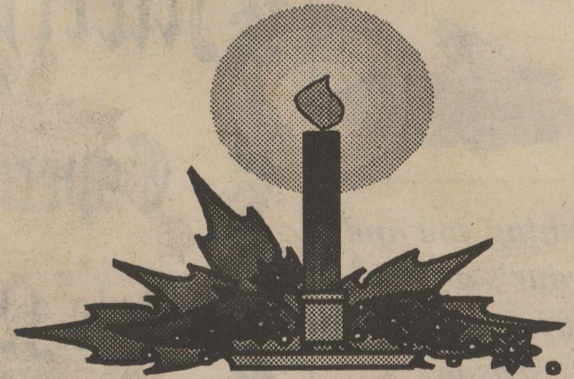
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# Slow-cooked sweets make great desserts

It's no surprise that a good roast or stew comes from a slow cooker. But after dinner, when it's time to bring in the dessert, most people don't know that a savory selection of sweets can be made in a Rival Crock-Pot® slow cooker.

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As you prepare dinner, you can rest assured knowing that a delectable dessert is slow cooking away. So, for satisfying that after-dinner sweet tooth, fire up the slow cooker and remember to save room for dessert!

Try these scrumptious sweets:

### Peanut Butter and Hot Fudge Pudding Cake

- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 3/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/3 cup milk
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/4 cup peanut butter
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 cup boiling water

In a bowl, combine flour, 1/4 cup sugar and baking powder. Add milk, oil and vanilla. Stir until smooth. Mix in peanut butter. Pour into Crock-Pot® slow cooker.

In the same mixing bowl, stir together the 1/2 cup sugar and cocoa powder. Gradually stir in boiling water. Pour mixture over batter in Crock-Pot. Do not stir.

Cover and cook on High 2 to 3 hours or until a toothpick inserted comes out clean. Serve warm with vanilla ice



cream, hot fudge sauce and top with nuts, if desired.

### Sweet Potatoes and Pineapple Pudding

- 3 pounds sweet potatoes, peeled and shredded
- 2 cans (8 oz) crushed pineapple in unsweetened juice, undrained
- 1 can (12 oz) evaporated milk
- 1-1/4 cups brown sugar, firmly packed
- 6 tablespoons margarine or butter, cut in cubes
- 3 eggs, slightly beaten
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

Lightly grease Crock-Pot® slow cooker. In Crock-Pot, combine sweet potatoes, pineapple, evaporated milk, brown sugar, margarine, eggs, cinnamon and nutmeg. Cover and cook on Low 7 to 8 hours or on High 4 hours, stirring every 2 hours until the potatoes are tender. Serve hot or at room temperature.

Note: This dish may appear to be curdling, however it will come together toward the end of cooking. Serves 10 to 12.



Trey Sawyer, 13 years old of Pearland, Texas, shot his first deer recently. The 8 point was taken at Mike and Fran Lomas' Cedar Canyon Ranch. He has been entered in the first big game harvest award sponsored by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Wildlife Association.

Trey is the son of Sandy and Tom Sawyer, Jr. of Pearland, Texas, and the grandson of Gay and Tom Sawyer of Robert Lee. This shot was captured on video by his father.

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

Judy & Waldon  
Ashlee & Lance  
Millican

### RLVFD News

by Marian Thompson, Secretary

The Robert Lee Fire Department needs help. They are having difficulty paying their bills. The money they receive from the City and County goes to paying for Insurance, Building Payments, Retirement, and Outstanding Debts, leaving little money for day to day repairs and maintenance.

In the past they have relied on donations, memorials and

fund raisers. It is not enough. Their equipment is all old, and parts to repair them are expensive.

The Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department has asked the City Council to add \$2 each month to the water bill, to be paid on a voluntary basis. If you wish to help support your fire department, pay it, if not just deduct it from the bill.

The red pumper fire truck is city owned, and does not leave the city. The rest of the

trucks were given to us by the Forest Service. The Forest Service made a delivery of a fire truck last Tuesday. It will not be put into service until it is equipped.

Having a local fire department benefits all who live in Coke County. As of this time, the Department has 16 volunteers, as well as a dispatcher and secretary.

To date this year, they have responded to 37 calls. 24 calls were in the county, and 13 in the city.

Happy Holidays!



Wishing you and your's a very happy holiday season!

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## Keeping an eye on Texas

### Holidays light up winter season

The dark nights of winter are brightened by numerous celebrations throughout Texas. The holidays are times of joy, gift giving, and sharing simple and elaborate meals.

#### Christmas

**December 25**  
Celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, and **January 6**, the Epiphany, or revelation of Christ to the Magi.

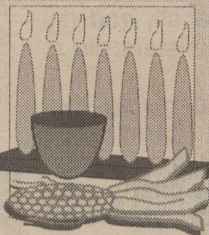
Symbols include Star of Bethlehem and manger, Santa Claus and Christmas trees. Gifts and toys are given to all. Holiday foods: turkey and dressing, as well as tamales, and German coffee cake, or stollen.



#### Kwanzaa

**December 26—  
January 1**

Celebrates African-American unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith. Symbols include seven candles, ear of corn and unity cup. Gifts are simple and handmade. Karamu feast: traditional foods such as porridge, beans and corn, as well as other dishes.

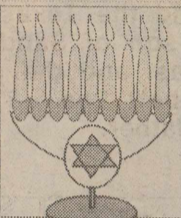


#### Hanukkah

**December 14-21**  
Marks the return to the Temple of Jerusalem in 165 BC. Eight candles

symbolize the number of days oil lamps were lit in the temple, with a ninth candle to light the others.

Traditional gifts for children include a dreidel, or four-sided top, and coins. Special food: latkas, or potato pancakes fried in oil.



#### New Years

**January 1 and  
February 16**

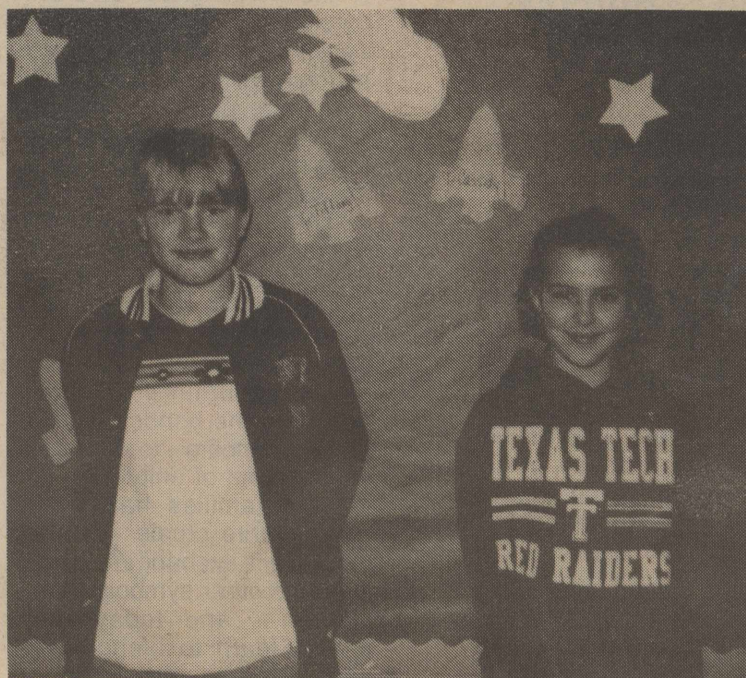
Celebrates the new year. In the Chinese lunar year, the New Year begins

**February 16, 1999—the Year of the Rabbit.**

Preparations include cleaning house and paying debts. Sweet rice is part of the festivity, along with fireworks. Gifts include "red envelopes" containing lucky money.



SOURCES: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Texas African American Heritage Association, Jewish Federation of Austin, Asian Chamber of Austin, Internet.



Tiffany Bagwell (left) and Cassidy Wink are the first students to reach the Classic Reader certification for Reading Renaissance at Robert Lee Elementary School this year. This certification is designed to motivate students to tackle novels and other more advanced literature. To attain this level, a student must read and pass tests on 3 books at a 7th grade or higher level.

*Christmas Blessings  
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### Holiday celebrations can build family traditions

As the strains of "I'll be home for Christmas" play on the radio and the sounds of jingling bells echo through stores, the holiday season brings memories of times past and special symbols that represent family, friends and fun. At the same time, the holiday season can mean stress, anger and depression, but building a sense of celebration, sharing and ritual to families can make such hectic days seem bright.

Dr. Gladys Hildreth, associate professor of family sci-

ences at Texas Woman's University, says that the holiday season can be one of joy, giving and love - if family members, parents, children, relatives and friends take time to appreciate one another in the spirit of giving.

"The holiday celebration has a special meaning for children, and it helps to build positive family memories and cohesiveness among members. The season gives people an opportunity to renew and keep the bonds between family members - to create an environment of unity."

Often families have their own favorite rituals - special meals, gift exchanges, stockings and other symbols of the season - and today they should learn to blend traditions when couples marry or children leave home. "We should learn to enjoy differences, maintain a family's system of values and adopt an attitude of 'the more the merrier,'" says Hildreth. "Be open-minded, too, and experience others' celebrations and cultures."

The holiday season also is a time when many people return home to their families, she adds. "Folks like to go home for Christmas - they get re-charged to go back into the world of work. Going home and remembering special times is the 'glue' that holds you together to go back and work for another year," Hildreth explains.

For those who can't go home, she suggests calling, writing and sending gifts (early!). "Create some contact and send some pictures, particularly if there's a milestone in your life - such as a new baby, graduation or a wedding," she adds.

"But whatever you do and however you choose to observe the holiday season, don't lose sight of its meaning and don't get caught up in other people's expectations," says Hildreth.

Listed below are some rituals that families might want to blend with their traditions, plus some other advice for the holidays:

- Put up the tree together and think about baking cookies with your children - even "grown-ups" can do that. (Hildreth's siblings, for example, have a Sisters' Day and a Brothers' Day during the holidays - a time when mothers visit daughters and fathers spend time with their sons. "My family has done this for as long as I can recall, and my mother and her sisters did it, too," she recalls.)

- Celebrate gift giving, but remember that hand-made gifts are especially appreciated, and people often prefer to have you and your time rather than a gift. For those persons who have large families and who budget their funds, choose names.

- Remember that giving is better than receiving - and teach family members through activities that this old adage is true. "Find ways to give gifts, money or time to people who are in need or who are less fortunate than you," says Hildreth. "While you may want to emphasize visiting hospitals, children's homes, the elderly and others in the community during the holidays, you should do so with the hope that family members will continue to do these things throughout the year."

- Sharing food preparation with family members and enjoy meals together - at the same table, at the same time. Hildreth's family goes one step further, setting out place cards and seating older and young generations together.

- Other holiday rituals can include preparing special dishes using favorite family recipes, decorating with poinsettias, choosing between real and artificial trees, collecting ornaments for each year

that represent special times and even shopping (again!) the day after Christmas for bargains.

Through it all, Hildreth reminds everyone: "Set your own expectations, rituals and celebrations for you and your family. Establish your family's own direction and goals so that you are not driven by others' holiday expectations. Finally, don't lose sight of the meaning of the holidays - enjoy one another, share your time and celebrate!"

### Bronte ISD Trustees meet

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on December 9, 1998, following the Public Hearing held on the District's Academic Excellence Indicator System Reports at 7:30 pm. Jeff Schoenfeld was absent from the meeting.

- The Board heard the Principals' reports.

- The Annual Audit report presented by Burl Lowery, C.P.A., was accepted by a motion by the Board.

- The 1998-99 Textbook Committee was approved.

- The Legal Services Retainer with Walsh, Anderson, Schulze, and Aldridge, P.C. was approved and renewed by a motion.

- Motion was made and passed to accept the Bid Package for Concrete work on the High School Additions and Alterations Project.

- The resignation of Nancy Bonner, teacher at CCJJC, was accepted.

- The Board heard the Superintendent's report given by Alan Richey.

- Motion was made and passed to pay the November 1998 bills.

- With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:41 pm. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, January 13, 1999, 7:30 pm.

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### Holiday travel safety urged

The holiday season can be a treacherous time on Texas roadways, but there are precautions drivers can take to protect themselves.

Janie Harris, Texas Agricultural Extension Service passenger safety specialist, said the most important priority for holiday travel is to plan the trip carefully.

"Find out what the weather conditions are going to be," Harris said. "Know what you are going to be facing as you head down the highway."

She added it is important to take into account where you will be traveling.

"If you are traveling to areas where you think there might

be a possibility of ice or snow make sure your tires are equipped to deal with those conditions," Harris said.

She said drivers must arm themselves with the tools necessary to deal with many situations if they should happen to have any car trouble.

"Take extra blankets or coats with you so that if you happen to be stranded you have some extra protection against the cold temperatures," Harris said.

Harris added that another key tool in safe travel is to equip yourself with a cellular phone.

"I read an article about a lady who was lost in a blinding snowstorm somewhere in Nebraska and she stayed on

her cellular phone with the authorities until they could find her," she said.

Col. Dudley Thomas, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, agrees that it is important to be prepared in the event of an emergency.

"Keep blankets, a first-aid kit, flares, jumper cables, tire chains, a flashlight, ice scraper and gloves in your car," he said. "Take a food supply of candy bars or dried fruit in case you become stranded."

When dealing with the mechanics of winter travel, it is important to remember to keep your car in tip-top shape.

"Check your car battery before cold weather sets in," Thomas said. "Battery power dips in colder weather."

Also, keeping the gasoline level as high as possible will prevent water from condensing in the gasoline tank.

"It also is a good idea to check the automobile's motor oil, transmission fluid, ignition system, lights, heater and wipers before leaving," Thomas said.

Once on the road, Thomas urged drivers to remember that winter travel conditions



Taylor Percifull, age 9, brought down his first buck December 11th at the Percifull Ranch on Valley View Road. Taylor is the son of Joel and Patti Percifull of Robert Lee.



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"Remember that ice forms first on bridges, overpasses and shady areas," he said. "If you hit a patch of ice, stay off your brakes and decelerate slowly, holding the car steady as you go over the ice."

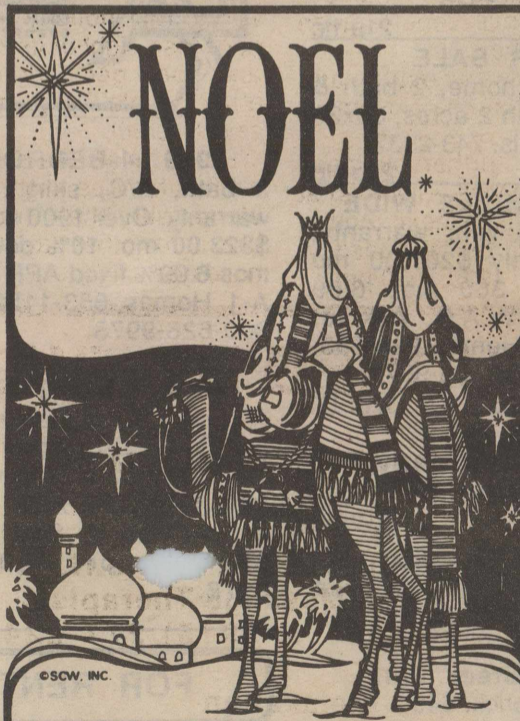
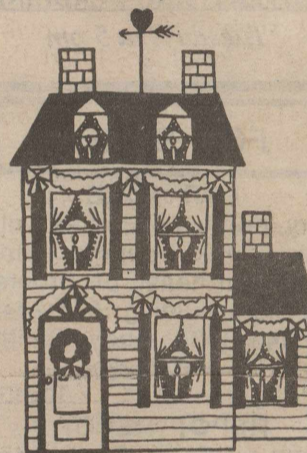
He added that speed is a major problem when driving on ice and it is important to remain a safe distance behind the car in front of you.

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Thomas said the car will regain traction and control as it begins to straighten out.

He said stranded motorists should call the DPS helpline at (800) 525-5555 for assistance.

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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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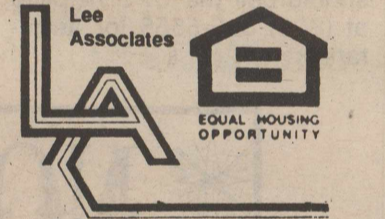
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**CARD OF THANKS**

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Our sincere appreciation for the prayergrams, the cards, the flowers, the kind words and the food that was prepared and the ladies who served the meal. May God's love shine on you.

The Family of Ruth Service 21-1tp

**THANK YOU**

I am writing on behalf of the family of Dr. Clark W. Johnson to express their thanks and appreciation for the efforts of the Bronte Ambulance Service in attempting to save the life of Clark. It is a great comfort to know that these compassionate volunteers were with Clark in his final moments. The City of Bronte should be proud of these wonderful members of its community.

Ben Clayton 21b-1tc

**THANK YOU**

A special thank you to everyone who participated in our annual Christmas Celebration in Bronte. Thanks to Bill and Diane Luckett for being in

charge of the parade. We appreciate all the various parade entries and congratulate the winners. Thanks to Pat Lee for being the Children's Open House Chairperson. Thanks to all her helpers that made it possible, and to all the children who attended.

We especially thank all of our customers and friends who support our businesses with your patronage throughout the year. Thanks to everyone who attended all of the activities with the Christmas Celebration.

A true Christmas Spirit was very evident at the Wednesday evening gathering. Thanks to Eddie Sparks, Morris Johnson, Randy Johnson, Ray Barnett, Nathan Barnett, Pat Lee, and the Busy Bee Day Care children for participating in the program. Thanks to the townspeople who attended this special event.

The Bronte Merchants Association 21b-1tc

**THANK YOU**

A very special thank you is given to the following people and organizations for making the Children's Christmas Open House a "Big" Success. Your donations, time, and efforts truly made a special memory for lots of children. Thanks to all who contributed in any way to this particular event.

Bronte Sorosis Club, Bronte Merchants, Bronte Parent-Teacher Organization, Bronte City Hall, Ray Barnett, Terry Marrs, Alisa Webb, Terri Rawls, Lisa Dyess, Merle Kelso, Peggy Kemp, Lee & Janet Wommack, David & Cary Rawlings, Julie Springer, Rebecca Rawlings, Cheyenne Webb, and Yvonne Black.

Pat Lee, Chairman 21b-1tc

**CARD OF THANKS**

To all the good people who helped us move in and make Robert Lee our home. Thank You.

God Bless You  
Orville & Connie Cotter 21-1tp

**Highest & lowest priced homes in North Texas**

North Texas can claim some of the highest- and lowest-priced homes in the state, according to the December issue of *Trends*, a monthly statistical report from the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University.

Four of the five highest median prices in October were in North Texas cities. three of the five lowest medians could be found there, too.

Plano's median topped the state at \$152,500. Denton was second with a \$125,000 median. Northeast Tarrant County was third with \$124,300. Irving had the fourth highest median price with \$122,900. Austin made the top five with \$118,800.

According to *Trends*, the Sherman-Denison area's median of \$62,100 was lowest in the state. Port Arthur and Odessa-Midland had the second and third lowest medians at \$63,800 and \$64,100, respectively. Paris was fourth at \$65,000. Wichita Falls' \$67,500 was the fifth lowest in Texas.

### Alternatives will have you gobbling up holiday dinner

If visions of the traditional turkey dinner are not the first to dance in your head this holiday season, you are probably not alone. Americans will consume approximately 67 million turkeys over Thanksgiving and Christmas, and though most will be baked as usual, there are ways to spice up the customary feast.

One alternative to consider is adding spices underneath the bird's skin. Dr. Sarah Birkhold, Texas Agricultural Extension Service poultry specialist, said adding seasonings between the skin and meat will help infuse the flavor more evenly.

"A good idea is to loosen the skin around the bird and add some thyme and sage with butter underneath the skin," she said. "This infuses the flavor in the meat instead of associating it directly with the skin, which some people like to cut off to reduce fat intake."

Grilling the turkey is also an option to consider. Birkhold said it is important to make sure the temperature of the grill is high enough before putting the bird on the grill.

"If you choose to grill or smoke the bird, it is important to get the temperature up to 200 to 250 degrees Fahrenheit at a minimum before you start to cook the bird," she said.

Deep fried turkeys are also becoming increasingly popu-

lar, Birkhold said. This is a method of cooking where the entire bird is submerged in a hot oil bath and fried. In addition to vastly reducing cooking time, frying the turkey can add spice to an old tradition. Birkhold suggests injecting the turkey with a marinade to bring out the bird's natural flavor.

### Local delegates attend Farm Bureau Convention

Two voting delegates from Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau recently participated in the 65th Annual Texas Farm Bureau Convention November 29 through December 2 in Lubbock. They were Bobby and Jeffie Roberts.

Policies directing the state's largest farm organization were adopted by more than 1300 delegates from 211 organized Farm Bureaus. Approved recommendations on national policies will advance to the American Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting to be held in January in Albu-

querque, New Mexico.

Featured speaker at the convention was Ira Blumenthal, an international business development expert described as a modern day business "Renaissance Man." Also addressing the delegates were Bob Stallman of Columbus, TFB president; Delmas McCormick of Floydada, secretary-treasurer; and Vernie Glasson, TFB executive director.

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

This year's youth winners were: Steffany Simon of Hansford County, Miss Farm Bureau; Laura Bland of Fort Bend County, Talent Find winner; and Brooke Snoddy of Gregg County, Free Enterprise Speech winner.

Named "Outstanding Young Farmer/Rancher of 1998," was Mark McCormick of Floydada, Floyd County.



Voting delegates representing the Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau at the 65th Annual Texas Farm Bureau Convention in Lubbock November 29 - December 2 were Bobby and Jeffie Roberts of Robert Lee.

*What better time to thank all our friends and customers for their valued business in the past year.*

**Happy Holidays**

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**Merry Christmas**

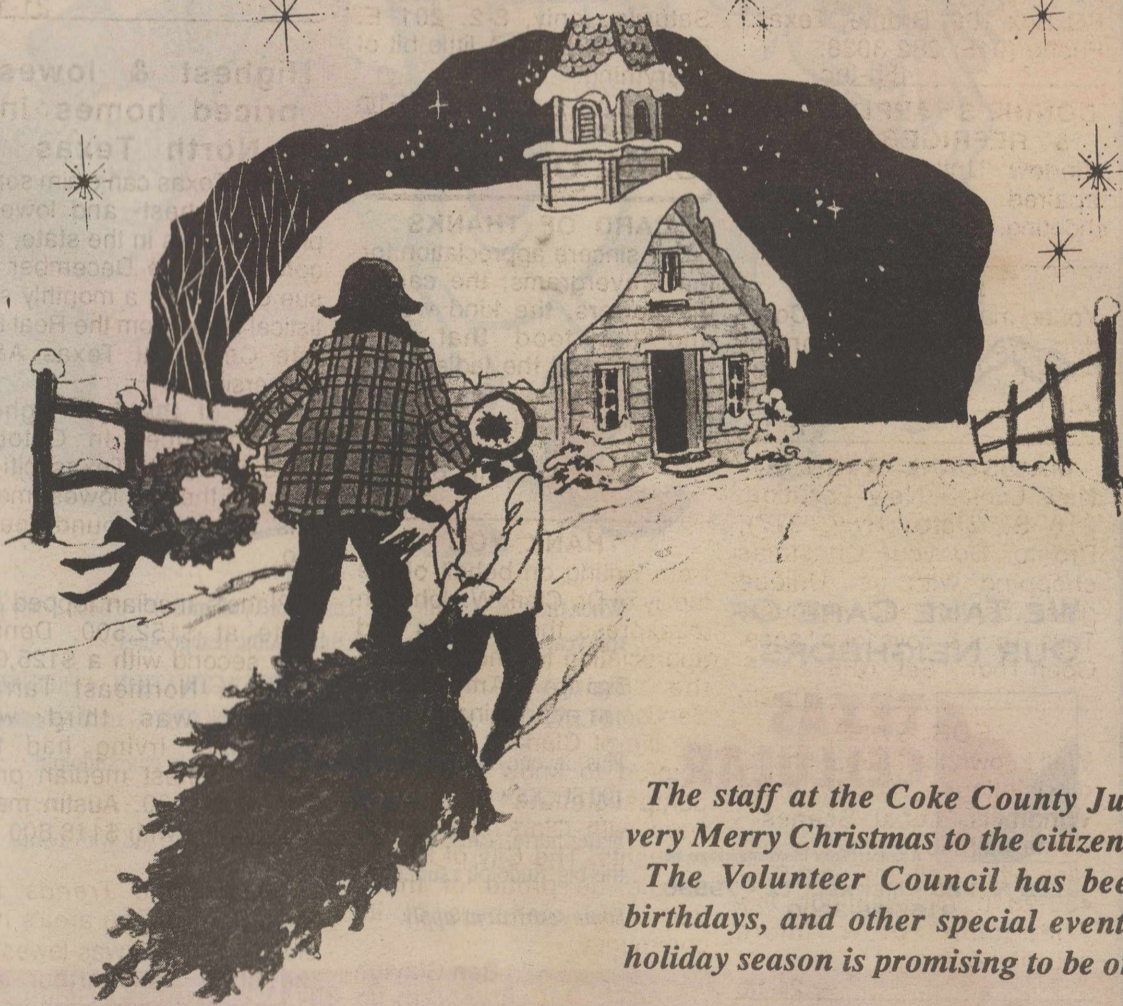


*May all good things come your way as you revel in the festivities of this special holiday. Thanks for your valued support!*

**Ettie Hubbard**

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

*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!*

### Holidays are chance to mend and build relationships

While celebration and expectation, family and friends are part of the holiday season, forgiveness often is forgotten in the rush. Family members see one another and remember old times - the good and the bad - and sometimes grudges replace giving. Instead, the holiday season can be a perfect opportunity to "mend fences" and build stronger relationships, according to family therapist Dr. Bill Anderson, associate professor of family sciences at Texas Woman's University.

"Our society has brainwashed us to think in terms of buy and spend, to expect more and to spend more and to equate money with happiness. Then we tie these ideas in with family - and it doesn't work," says Anderson. "Christmas and the holidays are a time of giving, regardless of religious orientation. It is a time to take stock of our relationships, particularly in our families - both the family of our origin and our immediate family - and to consider ways that we can give to one another. And we should forgive and ask for forgiveness."

Family, according to Anderson, is a place or an environment where people can have the best (closeness and friendship) or the worst (separation, anger and grudges). He says that families should ask themselves: how can I give to my children, spouse or parents? "What gets in the way of this process is the fact that we live together; family members know our weaknesses and we know theirs. When we live with people in the same house and share our lives, there is more possibility of hurt than with neighbors or co-workers."

"We have to remember that love is reciprocal; therefore, the higher the expectations we have of our home life, the greater the chance we will be disappointed," he adds.

What steps can families take to forgive and grow, particularly during the holiday season? Anderson suggests focusing more on time together and less on gifts. "Families today make choices: is it more important to watch TV or to turn it off and talk with a

spouse or the children, for example. We can control some of the fast pace of life - talk or go for a walk together. We still have the same amount of time together as we had as families 50 years ago - we just have to make choices to spend more time together."

He fondly remembers one family's gift to each other several years ago - love letters to one another, instead of presents from the store. Anderson says, "During the holiday season, we should ask ourselves: what would I like to contribute this Christmas? What would my family members like from me?" Families should focus on people, not consumerism because "society's focus on consumerism has made us a lonely society."

So...how can we mend family "fences" - relationships and connections that have broken down because of unrealistic expectations or hurt feelings? Forgiveness is the key, plus communication. "Life is too short to get even with everyone," says Anderson. "Holding a grudge eats away at people and makes them unhappy. People live together, hurt each other and must forgive; otherwise, we end up isolated and unhappy."

Here are some tips to help mend those fences:

- Call, write, send a card, visit or make a gift. "All of these things have a strong impact on others; these are what people are lonely for," says Anderson.
- Forgive and ask for forgiveness.
- Look at the positive aspects of a relationship and focus on those.
- If you have seen someone you don't particularly like, make a list of what you don't like about them. Then make a list of their strengths and use those ideas to communicate with them. They will respond positively to you when you recognize their strengths.
- Sometimes you must bundle your hurts and put them away and then look for the good in another person.
- Realize that "I am not perfect. I have weaknesses; therefore, maybe I can live with other people's limits and look for their good qualities."
- Remember: you can only fix yourself, not someone else.
- Also remember that com-

monalities are important. Look for ways to work together and negotiate, if necessary. Look for similarities, not differences.

"Unresolved differences that you have with other family members are very painful, particularly at this time of the year," says Anderson. "Family systems are not fooled by silence or distance. They remember. There's a void that people still see, and cutting yourself off doesn't work because you and the other person have not resolved your problems. So celebrate your family during the holidays, forgive one another and spend time together."

### Santa is coming to town. Please don't hit him.

Have Texas drivers been naughty or nice this year? Santa knows.

Santa Claus joined Texas Department of Transportation officials recently for a Capitol news conference launching a statewide ad campaign reminding Texans not to drink and drive during the holiday season.


Santa presented his list to the best and worst kinds of drivers for 1998 and reminded Texas Drivers that he and law enforcement officers will be watching out for who's naughty and who's nice on Texas roads over the holidays.

Against the backdrop of the state Capitol, a group of fifth graders from Cypress Elementary School in Leander helped Santa unveil a large replica of the campaign's roadside billboard, which is prominently posted at 19 locations across the state. In the spirit of the holidays, the brightly colored billboards adorned with retro-cartoon snowflakes read, "Santa is coming to town. Please don't hit him. Don't Drink and Drive."

Texas Department of Transportation."

Santa also introduced a new twist on a classic Christmas tune which hit the airwaves statewide recently. The public service announcement starts off with a chorus of voices singing "We wish you a Merry Christmas." But the familiar carol is interrupted with a dramatic message urging Texans to think twice before getting behind the wheel after drinking.

"So remember," cautioned Santa as he stood flanked by state troopers in front of the state Capitol, "I'll be watching out for who's naughty and who's nice on Texas roads, and these nice young fellows from the DPS will be helping Santa watch, too."



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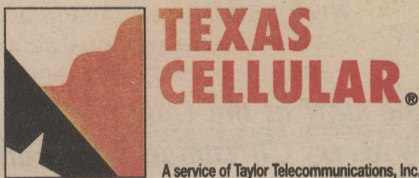
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