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## Bryan's Barn, Open Houses will begin Christmas season

The annual tradition of Bryan's Barn, by now a well-known attraction, will be joined this year by a night of welcome to visitors, in the way of drinks and homemade cookies.

The Turn Around Downtown Association and the Coke County Historical Commission will be setting up a welcome booth at 7th Street in Robert Lee, just off Highway 158 and 208. Visitors to Bryan's Barn are invited to stop for refreshments as well as an opportunity to view Christmas decorations at the Old Coke County Jail. Cokes, cocoa, spiced tea and homemade cookies will be available to guests. Several local businesses plan to extend their hours to benefit any visitors that would like a chance to do some extra Christmas shopping in a festive atmosphere.

A trip to Bryan's Barn has become an annual must-see for many folks and is certainly worth the journey. Family collectibles and hundreds upon hundreds of lights enchant visitors year after year.

Plan to stop by the Old Jail to view the decorations on display there. After seeing all the great lights and displays

fortify yourself for some downtown shopping with a drink and cookies. Put December 8th on your calendar as a date to start a new Christmas tradition with a trip to Robert Lee.

### Bryan's Barn hours listed

Bryan's Barn, located one mile west of Robert Lee, will be open December 1 through December 31, 2001, from 6:00 to 10:00 pm every evening. This local treasure features six acres of Christmas Lights, which are BIGGER and BETTER than ever this year. For more information, contact 453-2692, 453-2831, or 453-2957.

### Christmas Greetings set for Dec. 21

It is time once again for Christmas Greetings! The Observer/Enterprise would like to remind businesses and individuals wishing to place a Christmas greeting in the newspaper to call or stop by and choose your greeting for the Dec. 21st paper.

Deadline for this year's greetings is Tuesday, December 18. For more information or to place an ad, contact the office at 453-2433.

### Bronte holiday celebration & lighting set for Dec. 1

Several Bronte businesses will have their Holiday Open House celebrations this Saturday, December 1. Come in and register for prizes. December 1st will also be the evening Bronte officially lights up for Christmas.

### Bronte Parade set for December 18

It's time to sign up for Bronte's "All American Christmas Parade". The parade will be held on Tuesday, December 18, at 5:00 pm.

All clubs, organizations, and individuals are invited to participate. Ideas for entries include floats, decorated bicycles, tractors, old cars, etc. Prizes will be given for the best entries.

To sign up for this year's parade, please contact one of the following: Jeanna Lee at Hometown Hardware 473-3811; or Annie Gill at Annie G's 473-2324. Contacts at the school are Brian Arrott, Susan Graves, and Donna Poehls.

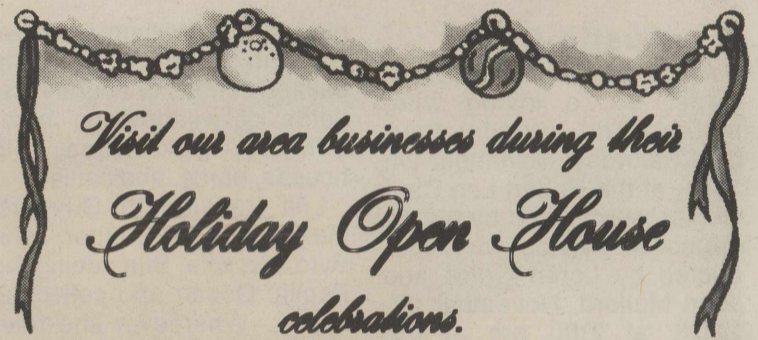
### "National Day of Reconciliation"

God told us "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." (2 Chron. chap. 7:14)

Tuesday, December 4th, from 5 pm-7 pm, both Houses of the U.S. Congress will gather for a time of prayer for forgiveness and reconciliation. Representative Joseph Pitts said, "We need to recognize that the source of our blessing is not our superior wisdom, and our superior resources, or our superior form of government. The source of our blessings is God. As we recognize His sovereignty, His blessing on the country and our lack of appreciation for that, hopefully it will help us humble ourselves and turn to God."

In support of this historic prayer meeting, Robert Lee Baptist Church will be open Tuesday, December 4th from 5 pm - 7 pm. You are invited to come as you are and stay as long as you like.

There will not be an organized prayer service but rather



a time for people of our community and area to come and pray for repentance, forgiveness, reconciliation, and healing. For more information call Robert Lee Baptist Church at 453-2724.

### Poinsettia sales

The Coke County 4-H Clubs will be selling poinsettia plants for their annual fund raiser. These plants will come from Magic Farms Nursery. Each plant will have 5-6 blooms. Cost of the poinsettia plant is \$10.00. Delivery date will be December 5th. If you have not been contacted by a 4-H member and are interested in purchasing a plant, please contact the Coke County Cooperative Extension office at 453-2461.

### Robert Lee Christmas Parade

The annual Robert Lee Christmas parade, sponsored by the Coke County Ministerial Alliance, will be this coming Monday, Dec. 3rd, beginning at 3:30 pm. The parade will form at the high school parking lot and travel west to 8th street and down 8th street in front of the Care Center to Austin, then right on Austin to the parking lot west of the courthouse. Participants are asked to be at the parking lot by 3:15 in order to get everyone lined up. All entries are welcome including classic

cars, floats, bicycles, etc. Santa will be riding on the fire truck.

### Retirement reception to honor Deere

Bruce Deere, Soil Conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service, is retiring December 31, 2001. The Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District is hosting a come and go reception for Bruce on Tuesday, December 11, 2001, from 1:00-4:00 pm. This reception will be held at the SWCD Office, 214 East 7th Street, Robert Lee. The District will be honoring Bruce with a money tree and anyone wishing to contribute can send their check to Coke County SWCD, PO Box 50, Robert Lee, Texas 76945.

### Gospel Singing Sunday

The regular monthly community gospel singing will be held Sunday, Dec. 2nd, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Central Baptist Church in Bronte. Everyone in the area is invited to come and enjoy this fellowship time together.

### Alzheimer caregivers meeting set

The Alzheimer's Association caregivers meeting will be at 6:30 pm, Dec. 6 at the Bronte Nursing Home.



Terrah (left) and C. J. Macon display the nine point buck taken over the Thanksgiving holiday on the Macon ranch in Nolan County. Both girls, along with their brother, Will, are anxious for some good eating.



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**Obituaries**

**Austin-Cope**

Angie DeLila Byrd Austin-Cope, 93, a loving wife, mother and grandmother, died Saturday, November 24, 2001, at the Robert Lee Care Center, surrounded by family. Memorial service was conducted by Loren Quick and John Mulford, November 27, 2001, at 2:00 pm at the Robert Lee Recreation Center, followed by burial at the Sanco Cemetery. Pall bearers were her grandsons, Monty Austin, James Taylor, Stephen Taylor, Travis Austin, Ted Bruckner, Warren Taylor, Garrett Taylor, and Clayton Austin.

Born in Coke County in 1908, she was the daughter of Wylie and Eva Nunn Byrd, Coke County pioneers. She attended Graham Valley Schools and was graduated from Sanger Texas High School before marrying Isham Austin, son of Jordan and Arminta DeLong Austin. Traveling to Colorado on their honeymoon, they returned to the Austin ranch north of Robert Lee, to begin their ranching life and to start a family. They eventually had six children and a deep, rich love of God and family.

Widowed in 1959, she lived in Tulia, Texas for three years, where she sewed for the public and sat with the elderly. She was married briefly to George Cope, until his death.

In her early years, she studied oil painting with Miss Mollie Everett at the Graham Valley School. Years later, widowed and visiting her daughter, she took drawing classes at the Flint, Michigan Art Center. While visiting grandchildren in New Jersey, she studied painting tech-

niques with William Gorman. Back in Coke County, she painted scenes of country life, fields of wildflowers, blue-bonnets, oak trees, old houses, barns, and cattle.

Lila traveled to Guymas, Mexico with her brother, John Byrd and wife, Etta seeing the Pacific Ocean and collecting shells. Wherever she traveled, she observed the sky and light and colors, which were reflected in her oil paintings, handmade quilts and sewing ability.

She believed the work of God and read her Bible daily. For years she opened her home for Sunday morning services to followers of "the truth" or Christian Conventions Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Isham Austin; second husband, George Cope, two sons, Don Austin and Clint Austin; and granddaughter, Janet Lea Austin.

Survivors include four children, Isham M. Austin, II of Robert Lee, Ruth Austin Taylor and husband, Charles of Marshfield, Missouri, Stanley Austin and wife, Janice of Porter, Texas and Jane Austin Bruckner of Fort Worth; grandson Monty Austin and wife, Neva of Robert Lee; other grandsons and great grandsons listed above; granddaughters, Pam Bruckner Walker and husband, John of Dallas, Martha Taylor Davis and husband, Tom, of Springfield, Missouri, Connie Austin Gettings and husband Ray of Bloomington, California, Venita Austin Price and husband, Dennis of Odessa, Texas; also great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

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**Death Notices**

**Shoemaker**

Services for Delbert Shoemaker, 68, Lindale, TX, were held August 5, 2001, at Caudle-Rutledge Funeral Home chapel, Lindale, with the Revs. Billy Combest and Tommy Lyles officiating. Burial was in Holly Lake Cemetery. Mr. Shoemaker died August 2, 2001, in a Tyler hospital.

Survivors include his wife, Sue Dozier Shoemaker, Lindale; son, Stephen D. Shoemaker, Valparaiso, IN; daughters, Debra S. Young, Frisco, and Emily L. Andrew Hartwig, Wylie; mother, Estelle Shoemaker, Holly Lake Ranch; brothers, A.T. Shoemaker, Jr. and Richard Shoemaker, both of Holly Lake Ranch; sisters, Kathleen Thomson, Holly Lake Ranch, Betty Gardner, Monroe, LA, and Mary Jo Hill, Denison; and five grandchildren.

Delbert and Sue Shoemaker lived in Robert Lee in the late 50's and the 60's. They were members of the Robert Lee Eastern Star Chapter No. 187.

**Wallace**

Donna Mae Burgdorff Wallace, of Clifton, Texas, passed away November 17, 2001.

She is survived by her husband Morris Wallace; one daughter, Roby and husband Gary Anz of Clifton, Texas; two sons, Lindsey and wife, Janet of Robert Lee, and Marshall and wife Tammy of Whitesboro, Texas. She is also survived by two brothers and their wives, Herman Burgdorff and wife Jewell of Clifton and Benny Burgdorff and wife Clara of Houston. She is also survived by six grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

**Wallace**

Joe P. Wallace died November 20, 2001. Funeral services were held November 23, in the Crespo-Broadway chapel with interment at Forest Lawn cemetery in Houston.

He is survived by his wife Verlyne Wallace; daughters: Jonelle Sullivan and husband Jack of Los Alamos, New Mexico; Carolyn J. Smith and husband Ray of Houston; brothers: Wendell Wallace (Mary Nell) of Pasadena; and Morris Wallace (Donna Mae, deceased) of Clifton, Texas and nephew Lindsey (and Janet) Wallace of Robert Lee. He is also survived by 8 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren and a host of relatives.

**25 shopping days until Christmas**

The Robert Lee City Council reminds residents that there are 25 shopping days until Christmas. The Council also reminds citizens that subtracting the 25 days of the holiday season from the 365 of the rest of the year leaves 340 other days that local business people serve this community as well.

"Shopping locally during the holiday season is one way the community can express appreciation for the daily service local businesses provide," one of the council members said. Residents can count on the flower shop, the grocery stores, the pharmacy, the beauty shops, the cosmetic shop, the specialty store, the convenience store, the hardware store, the feed store, the communications store, and the restaurants to provide goods and services whenever they are needed throughout the year.

Many of the city's businesses offer gift certificates. Gift certificates for hamburgers, burritos, hair-dos, movie rentals are always appreciated. Several local businesses carry attractive lines of gifts. Monogrammed items are popular. Some local grocery stores prepare special food items. A pre-paid subscription to the local paper would appeal to anyone living out of town - or in town. Any local business can prepare a gift certificate for goods from their stores. Local business people can offer gift suggestions.

For the person who has everything - or for the person who doesn't want anything - a donation in his or her name to

the Food Pantry, the Volunteer Fire Department, the EMS, the Library, the Robert Lee Care Center, the Hayrick Cemetery Association, or any school group, would be an appreciated gesture. All of these organizations serve the community on a daily basis and all can use an extra boost.

For 365 days a year the community depends on local business people. These folks are friends and neighbors and contribute to the community regularly. A home-bought gift will be a gift twice appreciated.

**Letter to the Editor**

**Respect?**  
 A family visit to the Divide Cemetery, Friday after Thanksgiving, was a sad one. Someone, with a high powered rifle, has shot 19 holes in the state historical marker and shot a picture tile twice on Jack Pinkston's headstone.

I have had relatives buried there since 1914 along with many of Coke County's Pioneers.

It is a terrible feeling to know there are people who have no Respect for our dead and their resting place. It is still worse to know they are or have been here among us.

*Sincerely,*  
 Pat Watson-Fredrickson  
 Robert Lee

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 PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne  
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Rev. Jim Reeves, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School  
 11 am Worship

Wed. 7 pm Choir

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 (915) 453-2619 or 453-2270

Tommy Williams, Minister  
 Services: Sun. 10 am & 6 pm;  
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 PO Box 542 • 12 W. Sterling City Hwy  
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Rev. Dale Patterson, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship

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 (915) 453-2176

Frank J. Daniels, Preacher  
 Sun. 10 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

Bro. Waide Messer, Pastor  
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting  
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(915) 365-2687  
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 Sat. 6 pm

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**Voters of Precincts 1 and 3:**

**I am announcing my candidacy for re-election to the Coke County Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1, position. I would appreciate your continued influence and support in the March 12, 2002, Democratic Primary.**

**Thank you,  
 Joan Davis**

Pol. Adv. Pd. by Joan Davis, PO Box 396, Robert Lee, TX 76945



**Cobb - Varnadore exchange vows**

Melissa Darlene Cobb and William Clay Varnadore were married March 17, 2001, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, Mobile, Alabama. The Rev. Kenneth Klepac officiated.

Parents of the bride are Linda Darlene Welch of Birmingham, Alabama, and Gary Joseph Cobb of Mobile, Alabama. Grandparents of the bride are Inez Brown and the late Isaac Brown and Madge Cobb and the late Robert Cobb, all of Mobile, Alabama.

The bridegroom is the son of Betty Hughes Varnadore, Athens, Georgia, and William Lee Varnadore of Acworth, Georgia. The bridegroom is the grandson of the late A.V. and Daisy Hughes, Edna Walker Russell and William K. Varnadore, all of Robert Lee.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose her sister, Lori M. Cobb, as maid of honor. Also attending the bride were Kimberly L. Baker of Fairhope, Alabama, Melissa L. Tew, Rhonda L. Collings and Sandra J. Tillman, all of Mobile, Alabama.

The bridegroom's brother, Clint L. Varnadore, served as best man. Groomsman were Greg Pittman of Nicholson, Georgia, Adam McCollough and Pat Bryan, both of Killeen, Texas; and Steve Snyder of Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Flower girl was Abigail Baker and ring bearer was Mitchell Baker.

A reception was held at the home of Alfred and Ramona McNab. Following a honeymoon in St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands, the couple resides in Mobile, Alabama.

**Sorosis Club of Bronte news**

The Sorosis Club of Bronte met November 8 in the home of Peggy Hembree.

The meeting was called to order by President Doris Sims. Because of the nature of the program, she turned it over to Merle Kelsey and Carolyn Allen of Bronte Independent School District. They presented the U.I.L. Oral Reading participants who did their readings for us. The participants from the fourth grade were Chelsea Cook, Miranda Alix, Shelbi Waller; from the fifth grade, Jessi England, Nicole Reed, Will Macon and Eddie May; from the sixth grade, Chris Brown, Terah Macon and Gus Saunders. They were all delightful. In addition to the students and their teachers, there were several mothers in attendance.

After the students had refreshments, they were presented with a gift by the hostess and then went home.

The business meeting continued with a report from Janet Wommack that she had bought five books to donate to the library at the Wackenhut Unit of CCJJC.

Marilyn Bivins said she had ordered a plant for Jean Fancher who has been in the hospital.

Members voted to donate two \$20 gift certificates to the drawing for Christmas in Old Bronte.

The nominating committee for next year's officers were elected. It consists of Marilyn



Mr. and Mrs. William Clay Varnadore

Bivins, Chairman, Lou Ann Peters, Janet Wommack and Swan Archinal.

Members present were: Swan Archinal, Marilyn Bivins, Celia Bowden, Mary Frances Glenn, Mary Glenn, Peggy Hembree, Diane Luckett, Fredna Moore, Lou Ann Peters, Doris Sims and Janet Wommack.

The meeting was adjourned and the members enjoyed the delicious refreshments. The Chinese Auction was won by Diane Luckett. It was a decorative jar opener.

Another guest was Fredna Moore's granddaughter, Lisa.

**Planning for the future**

In preparation for making application to the Visionaries in Preservation program of the Texas Historical Commission for their assistance in planning for the future of the local historical resources, local support for the project must be in evidence.

Monday evening such support was evident. Several volunteers of the historical committee, residents, the Lions Club and interested people work intently to beat sundown and the coming cold

front to complete decoration of the jail. The jail has been decorated to raise awareness of the building and its importance as a piece of the Coke County historical picture.

The president of the local historical committee spent most of a day taking 24 slides which will accompany the request to the Texas Historical Commission. The help of WTU is appreciated in this effort.

On December 8, hot cocoa and spiced tea will be served to visitors and residents who are on their way to take part in the Bryan's Barn Christmas experience. Volunteers will serve drinks and cookies donated to the cause. The gazebo in Bryan's Mini Park will be the location of the fund raiser. Anyone with an interest in historical preservation is asked to call 453-2495 to offer support.

A sign will be placed on 7th Street to point out to visitors the location of the historic jail.

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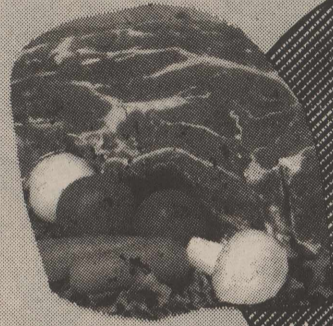


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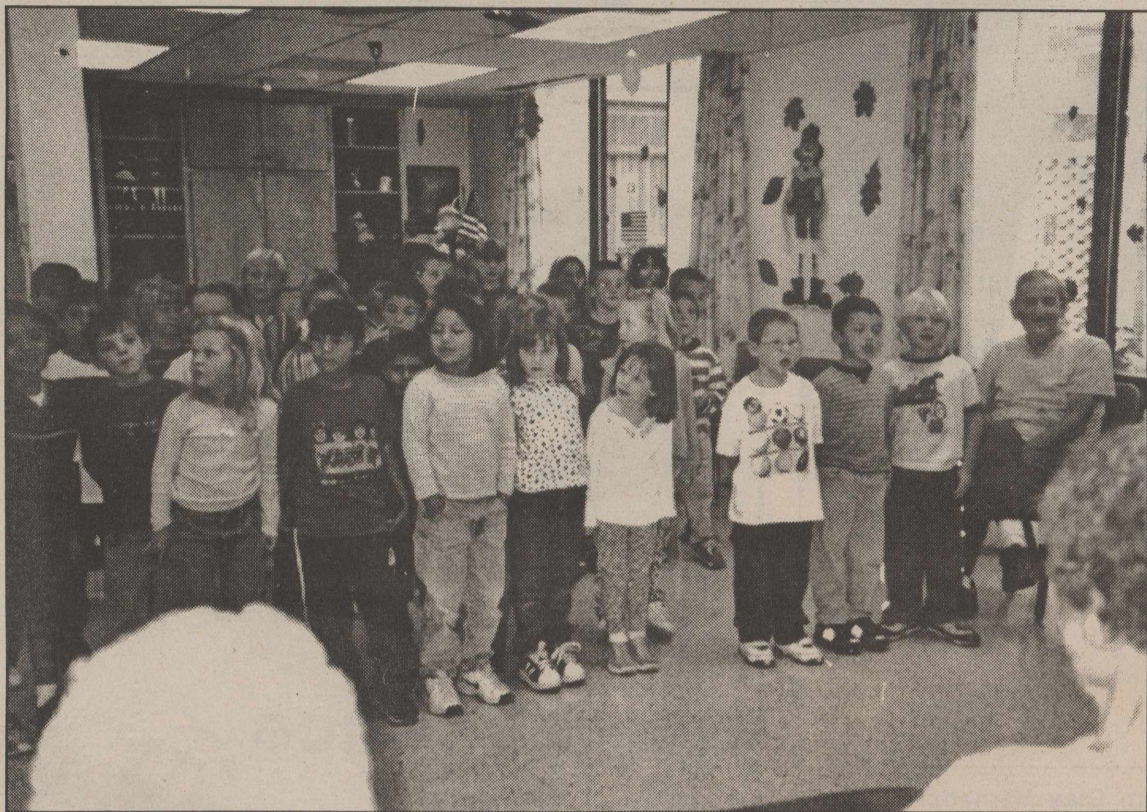


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# ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



Robert Lee Elementary students presented a concert of patriotic music to the Robert Lee Care Center residents in honor of Veterans Day.

## Lady Steers varsity basketball

On November 19, the Lady Steers were able to overcome a 19-22 halftime deficit against the Winters Lady Blizzards and brought a 39-34 victory home. Jodee Helwig once

again led the Lady Steers with 13 points and 11 rebounds. Whitney Millican had 10 points to go with her 10 rebounds. Kizre Matthews added 9 points. Others scoring were Shanna Wojtek with 4 points and 5 assists. Jennifer Alexander had 2 points and Bobbie Sparks had 1 point. The Lady Steers will be in action Nov. 29-Dec. 1, at the Irion County Tournament, then play Christoval at home Dec. 4th.

## JV girls basketball

The JV girls lost their game to Winters by a score of 17-27. Individual scoring is as follows: Amie Kendall 7; Julie Riley 4; Tyler Lott 2; Christine Middleton 2; Nicole Sanchez 2.

## 9th grade girls basketball

One the 26th, the 9th graders lost their game against Grape Creek by a close 15-20. Individual scoring is as follows: Brittany Soliz 4; Kayli Dickey 1; Veronica Cerritos 1; Julie Riley 2; Michelle Sanchez 7.

## JH girls basketball

The junior high "A" girls won a close game as they defeated Garden City on the 19th by a score of 29-26. Individual scoring is as follows: Cara Eaton led the home team with 15 points and Cassidy Wink right behind her scoring

10 points. Sarah Philley rounded out the scoring with 4 points.

The RLJH "B" girls did not play.

On the 26th, the junior high "A" girls defeated Water Valley "A" girls by a score of 28-8. Individual scoring is as follows: Sarah Philley and Cara Eaton connected with 6 points each; Tiffany Bagwell 4; Stephanie Trejos, Kyla Millican, Kayla Medrano, Kelsey Duncan, Rebecca Skinner and Carolina Vera had 2 points each.

The junior high "B" girls remained on a roll with their win against Water Valley "B" team by a score of 29-6. Individual scoring is as follows. Brettne connected with 17 points; Casey Nesbit and Dixie Johnson each had 4; Jordan Brown and Katie Bessent had 2 each.

## RLJH boys basketball

On the 19th, the 8th grade boys were defeated by Garden City 35-11. Individual scoring is as follows: Josh Conner 7; Sammy Reyes 2; Lance Millican 2.

The 7th grade boys were defeated by Garden City 15-4. Individual scoring is as follows: Cody McCabe 2 and Vera Eleasar 2.

On the 26th, the 8th grade boys defeated Water Valley 23-11. Individual scoring is as



Anna Rojas (left) and Allison Millican have reached the top level in the Accelerated Reading Program at Robert Lee Elementary School. To become a Classic Reader, they must read three books from a list of Classic Literature. After they complete this step, they become AR librarians and help keep books on the shelf and ready to check out. Anna is the daughter of Maria and Luis Rojas. Allison is the daughter of Kay and Teddy Millican.

follows: Josh Conner led the scoring with 14 points; Lance Millican 4; Vincent McClelland and Sammy Reyes each had 2; and Chris Torres had 1 point.

The 7th grade boys defeated Garden City 17-7. Individual scoring is as follows: Kevin Honse led with 8 points; Clay Antille 4; Eleasar Vera 3; and Jonathan Pagan 2 points.

## Robert Lee band to hold Christmas concert

On Thursday Dec. 13th, at 7:00 pm, the Robert Lee band will present their Christ-

mas Concert at the school auditorium. You will be able to enjoy the 4th grade Recorders, 5th grade band, 6th grade band and the high school band. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy the band as they perform their Christmas Concert.

## Personal

Thanksgiving Day visitors in the home of Bessie Brice were Pam, Eddie Wayne, Aaron and Sarah Gandy and Shirley and Dany Strakos, all of San Angelo; Darlene Gower of Ballinger; Christa, Brent and Emily McClellan of League City.

### School Menu

### Breakfast

- Monday, Dec. 3**  
Juice, muffin, cereal, milk
- Tuesday, Dec. 4**  
Juice, pancake on stick, cereal, milk
- Wednesday, Dec. 5**  
Juice, cinnamon roll, cereal, milk
- Thursday, Dec. 6**  
Juice, pigs in blanket, cereal, milk
- Friday, Dec. 7**  
Juice, donut, cereal, milk

### Lunch

- Monday, Dec. 3**  
Salisbury steak, cheesy potatoes, green beans, bread, peaches, milk
- Tuesday, Dec. 4**  
Burrito, salad, French fries, pears, almonds, milk
- Wednesday, Dec. 5**  
BBQ burger, pickles, tator tots, apple slices, milk
- Thursday, Dec. 6**  
Steakfingers, gravy, creamed potatoes, peas, rolls, fruit cocktail, milk
- Friday, Dec. 7**  
Ham/Cheese subs, salad, chips, pineapple, milk

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**Calling 9-1-1 from cell phone**

By Jackie Walker  
Coke County Judge

It has been brought to my attention that there have been some problems on reporting calls for emergencies from cellular phones. After checking with our 9-1-1 office in San Angelo, we have the following suggestions:

1. Immediately say that you're calling from a cellular phone
2. Give your name and cellular phone number in case the call is disconnected
3. Describe the nature of the emergency: fire, automobile accident, road hazard, suspicious activity or other emergency
4. Give the location of the emergency: street name and address; city, major cross streets, highway name or number, nearest highway exit, direction of traffic, landmark
5. Provide a description of the vehicle or individual (but don't risk your personal safety to obtain these facts): license number, make, model, color or special markings, and/or description of the driver or suspect.

It would be faster for all local people to attach the following numbers to your cellular phone for reports of incidents in Coke County: Bronte, 915-473-3621 and Robert Lee, 915-453-2511. If you call direct then you do not have to have calls transferred. Cellular calls do not go to the local 9-1-1 dispatching offices, usually Abilene or even further, depending on who your service is with. These local numbers will save delay of dispatch. Please still give the same information listed above.

We must all work together to make the system work efficiently. Cellular phones are wonderful, but they do require a little work on 9-1-1 calls. They have different technology from your home and business phone. This means 9-1-1 call takers do not automatically know your location or telephone number when you make a 9-1-1 call from your cellular phone.

**Roberts family hosts Thanksgiving holiday visitors**

Bobby and Jeffie Roberts of Robert Lee were pleased to have visiting in their home many of their family and friends for Thanksgiving Day, November 22, 2001. Those present were Floyd and Jessie Harmon; Marshall, Sheri, and Stewart Millican; Douglas, Denise, Kacee, and James Roberts, all of Robert Lee; Jim and Sheila Farrar, and Lauren Hammerton of Houston; Wayne and Dorene Mashburn, Rena Johnson, and Rusty Meurer, all of San Angelo; Rick and Cheri Mashburn of Salado; Howard and Lawana Perry of Carlsbad; Troy, Susan, and Cayla of Sterling City; Jessica Smith of Levelland; Crystal Hammerton and Kannan Millican of Stephenville; and Aaron Moore of Flower Mound.

The group enjoyed visiting, playing pool, walking on the creek and in the country as it was a beautiful day. Everyone enjoyed a traditional Thanksgiving dinner and evening meal.

**Hunters Appreciation Barbecue**

The West Coke County Community Development's 13th Annual Hunters Appreciation Barbecue held on Nov. 3 is history and, as with the previous events, was a huge success. Numbers fed were down, perhaps by 200, from approximately 1,000 last year.

The big feed cannot happen without the generous donations of businesses, land owners, and individuals. Our wonderful volunteers also make it happen - Chairman Gaylon Pitcock, who's also the chief cook, and the other cooks, Roy Tinkler, Clark Tinkler, Wayland Drennan, Rick Drennan and Curtis Walker; the team of meat cutters; the servers; the clean-up crew; the bean cookers; and all who helped in any way. It's almost impossible to name everyone without leaving someone out but the WCCCD would especially like to thank Carla Wojtek and Joe David Key for accepting donations and being responsible for the tickets and to Charlotte Crain for all the super help she was to the event.

Our sincere appreciation to all of you!

A complete list of donors appears elsewhere in this week's paper.

**Coke County Jail to be renovated**

Preserving the Coke County Jail (circa 1907) in Robert Lee is the reason for a joint venture of the Coke County Historical Commission and the Downtown Association to begin raising funds to preserve the jail.

On the evening of Saturday, December 8, from 6-9 pm, volunteers will man a coke booth on 7th Street by the Bryan's Mini Park gazebo. Hot cocoa, spiced tea and cokes will be sold to visitors on their way to Bryan's Barn. Volunteers are making cookies to give free to those who purchase a drink.

Also, the jail will be decorated for Christmas, and a sign will be placed so that folks can drive by to see the historic structure. Some stores are considering remaining open the evening of December 8.

The groups will gladly welcome interested citizens who want to help. There is a need for volunteers to man the drink booth, decorate the jail, make cookies and cocoa and tea mix, and give moral support to the effort. Call the library (453-2495) or call City Hall (453-2831) to offer your help. Donations will be accepted at this event as well.

An all-out effort is being made to hold a successful fund raiser preceding making application to the Texas Historical Commission for inclusion in their Visionaries in Preservation Program. This program "empowers Texas communities to shape the future of their historic preservation efforts through planning, and provides training and assistance tailored to achieve local preservation goals."

In preparation for renovation, anyone who has an object or collection in the jail should call Judge Walker's office (453-2641) to remove the artifacts until renovation is completed. Items will be stored in a local unit otherwise.

**Historical & Genealogy Society sets meeting**

The San Angelo Genealogical & Historical Society will meet at 7:30 pm on Tuesday Dec. 4, 2001, at the Church of Christ at 901 N. Main Street fellowship hall in San Angelo. This will be the annual Christmas party also with lots of good food to eat and to visit.

All meetings are open to the public. For more information call Portia Davis, 655-6494.

**It takes 50 gallons of maple sap to make one gallon of maple sugar.**



Stephanie Doster and Hank Davis

**Doster - Davis announce engagement**

Cynthia Stephens and Tony Doster announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Doster to Hank Davis.

Davis is the son of Connie and Henry Davis. He is the grandson of Mildred (Millie) Davis of Robert Lee.

The couple plan to be wed Dec. 29 at Covenant of Joy Christian Church.

The bride-elect graduated from Texas Tech University in Lubbock with a bachelor of business administration degree in finance. She works at

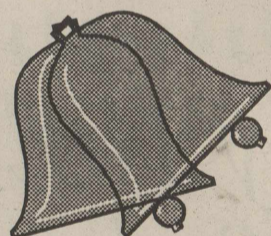
Anderson LLP in Dallas.

The prospective groom will graduate in December from Texas Tech with a bachelor of science degree in engineering. He is a member of Honors College, IEEE and the Texas Society of Professional Engineers. He will begin work in January for Lockheed Martin in Fort Worth.

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**The best executive is the one who has sense enough to pick good men to do what he wants done, and the self-restraint to keep from meddling with them while they do it.**

Theodore Roosevelt



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1 large egg white  
2 tsp. vanilla extract  
1 (9 in.) prepared reduced fat graham cracker crust

Blend cream cheese and yogurt on medium speed until creamy. Add sweet potatoes and brown sugar; mix well. Add egg and egg white; beat on low after each addition. Blend in vanilla. Spoon mixture into crust. Bake at 350 degrees F for 45 to 50 minutes or until set. Remove from oven and cool. Refrigerate 2 hours or until chilled. Makes 10 to 12 servings.

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# BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

## Bronte JV girls play Sonora and Water Valley

The Bronte Junior Varsity girls' squad consists of freshmen Ryan Martinez, Desiree Mirelez, Monica DeLaGarza, and Jasmine Kresta; and sophomores Natalee Reed, Corin Garcia, Kailey Howell, Ashley Torres, and Logan Acker.

The girls took on Sonora November 13, losing to the Lady Broncos 63-12. Scoring for Bronte were: Kailey Howell, 6 points; Ashley Torres, 4; Natalee Reed and Corin Garcia, 1 each.

On November 20 the JV girls were defeated by Water Valley by the slim margin of 17-14. Scoring were Kailey Howell, 6; Corin Garcia, 4; and Natalee Reed and Monica DeLaGarza, 2 each.

## Bronte JH girls take on Christoval and Sterling City

The Bronte Junior High girls "B" and "A" teams defeated Christoval on November 19.

The "B" girls won by a 17-13 margin, with Katie Cooper scoring 6 and Melissa Palmer 11.

The "A" girls won 25-20, with Rebecca Rawlings putting in 10 points, followed by Lillian McMullan, 5; Cheyenne Webb, 4; and 2 each for Megan Gibbs, Sarah Basquez, and Christan Kelly.

On November 26 the young ladies lost to Sterling City 14-43. Lillian McMullan put in 9, followed by Rebecca Rawlings with 3, and Christan Kelly with 2.

## SCHOOL MENU

### Breakfast

**Monday, Dec. 3**  
French toast sticks, apple juice, milk

**Tuesday, Dec. 4**  
Cereal, trail mix, toast, milk

**Wednesday, Dec. 5**  
Peanut butter sandwich, diced pears, milk

**Thursday, Dec. 6**  
Sliced ham, orange juice, biscuit, milk

**Friday, Dec. 7**  
Donut, orange half, milk

### Lunch

**Monday, Dec. 3**  
Pizza, tossed salad, sweet corn, brownies, milk

**Tuesday, Dec. 4**  
Corn dog, macaroni & cheese, baked beans, orange half, milk

**Wednesday, Dec. 5**  
Burrito, pinto beans, Spanish rice, tossed salad, pink panther cake, milk

**Thursday, Dec. 6**  
Oven fried chicken with gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, jello, milk

**Friday, Dec. 7**  
Sub. sandwiches - sliced turkey and cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle, peach cups, chips, bun, sugar cookies, milk

## Bronte one-act receives awards

Eighteen talented students from Bronte junior high traveled to Miles on November 20, to participate in the District One-Act Play festival. There were five schools including Bronte that presented plays.

Bronte presented "Alice in Wonder" by Virginia Koste. Cast members included: Cheyenne Webb-Alice, Megan Gibbs-Cheshire Cat, Reese Braswell-Tweedledum, Zach White-Tweedledee, White Rabbit-Lauhren White, Dutchess-Katie Cooper, Mad Hatter-Eric Hendrickson, March Hare-Rebekah Beauchamp, Dormouse-Lindsey Butler, White Knight/Knave-Garrett Acker, Gardener #2-Bailey Saunders, Gardener #7/Lady of the Court-Rebecca Rawlings, Soldier-Philip Rawlings, King of Hearts-Jonathan Marrs, and Queen of Hearts-Sarah Basquez. Riley Coalson, Mason Jackson, and C.T. Lloyd were members of the crew.

Four members won individual awards. Cheyenne Webb and Katie Cooper were given all-star awards. Honorable mention all-star cast awards were given to Philip Rawlings and Megan Gibbs. Directors for the play were Brian Arrott and Terri Rowan.

## "Alice in Wonder"

Bronte junior high will present their final performance of "Alice of Wonder" on Thursday, November 29th. The play will begin at 7:00 pm in the Bronte school auditorium. There will be no charge for admission, however donations will be accepted.

## Social Security news

Fredi Franki  
Social Security Manager  
San Angelo, Tx

Many of today's young workers don't recognize the value of Social Security in their lives. They're more likely to think of their Social Security taxes only as buying into a retirement program that's many years into their future. But there's more to Social Security than retirement benefits.

"It's important that young workers realize their Social Security taxes make them and certain family members eligible for disability and survivor benefits during their working lives" states Fredi Franki, Social Security manager in San Angelo.

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"We never know what's ahead of us. Disability can happen at any age. For example, the latest Social Security statistics show that about 200,000 workers under age 25 are disabled and receiving Social Security disability benefits. And about 1.5 million workers between 25-35 years of age are receiving disability benefits," continues Franki.

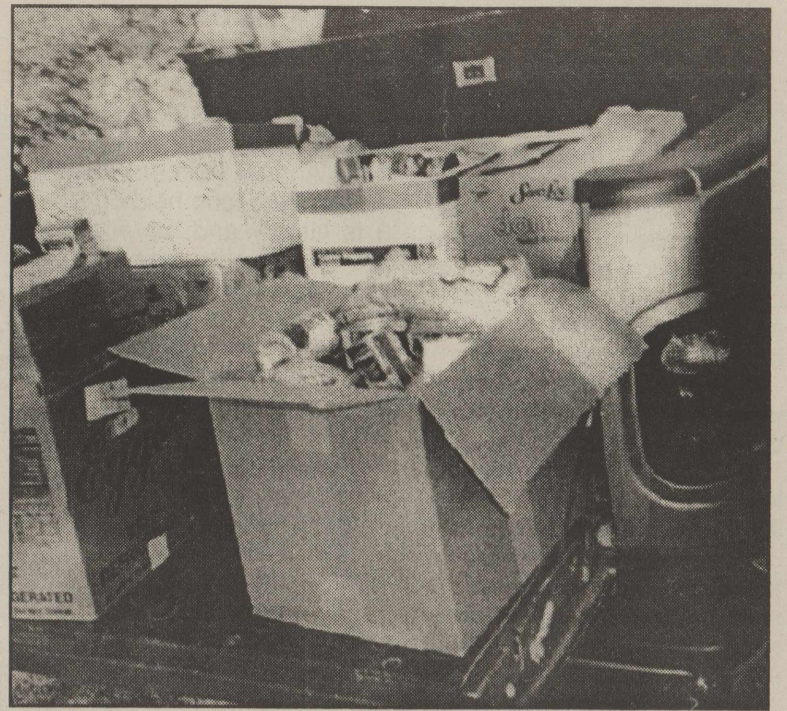
Survivors benefits are also there to help the young worker's family if he or she dies. Nearly 5 million children under age 18 are receiving monthly Social Security benefits today because one or both of their parents are disabled or dead.

One of the best features about Social Security is that it's portable. No matter how many times a worker changes jobs throughout his working lifetime his Social Security record follows him from job to job. This is rarely the case with company pensions and benefits. Another important feature is that employers match employees' contributions to Social Security dollar for dollar.

How can workers learn about Social Security and what it means to them and their families? Read the Social Security Statement, which lists their earnings record and Social Security taxes paid, also provides estimates of benefits workers and their families may be eligible to receive now and in the future. For more information about Social Security, visit [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov) or call 1-800-772-1213.

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The fastest race horse speed ever recorded was 43.26 miles per hour by "Big Racket."



The Bronte High School Senior class sponsored a Food drive before the Thanksgiving holidays. They challenged the student body to bring food for the Coke County Food Bank. Due to their efforts, they collected over 500 items of non-perishable foods. George Snapp stated that the Food Bank was almost depleted and the Senior Class has helped to replenish it for the upcoming holiday season.

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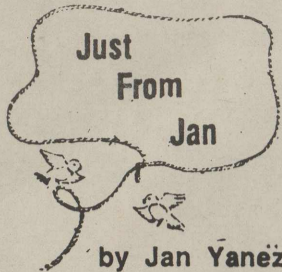
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by Jan Yanéz  
Coke County  
Ext. Agent

**Tips for healthy holiday dining**

From Thanksgiving to New Year's Eve, Americans eat more high-fat meats, sauces, and goodies than at any other season. As the social calendar fills out with office parties, family celebrations, and football gatherings, so unfortunately does the waistline. But a happy holiday can be a healthy one too. Here are some tips to carry you through the round of celebrations without feeling guilty or deprived.

When you're the guest:

\*Eat a lowfat breakfast and nutritious lunch before going to a big holiday dinner. It will help you enjoy the meal without overindulging.

\*Snack on high-fiber fruit a half hour before the feast.

\*Reach for the vegetable tray, going easy on the high-calorie dips. Sample or ignore pates and cheeses.

\*Make at least your first drink mineral water or seltzer mixed with fruit juice, and continue with non-alcoholic beverages as the only or major source of liquid.

\*If you feel you want some alcohol, order a white wine spritzer instead of a cocktail

\*Pass on processed meats and choose lean meat, turkey, or fish. Skimp on sauces and gravies.

\*Lighten your plate with salad and green vegetables garnished with lemon juice instead of dressing or butter.

\*Sample desserts as if they were rare wines.

\*Take a walk instead of seconds.

When you are the host:

\*Serve lowfat part-skim natural cheeses with crackers.

\*Make Eggless Nog using lowfat vanilla frozen yogurt and lowfat milk instead of eggs and cream.

\*Use margarine made with unsaturated vegetable oil instead of shortening, lard, or butter.

\*Try evaporated skim milk instead of whole milk, and lowfat or nonfat yogurt instead of sour cream.

Substitute egg whites for egg yolks (2 egg whites = 1 whole egg).

\*Prepare vegetable stuffing outside the turkey so it won't absorb the fat.

\*Substitute unsweetened cocoa powder for chocolate products made with cocoa butter. Use 3 Tbsp. cocoa for each ounce of chocolate called for. Sift the cocoa in with dry ingredients such as flour. Some recipes may need a teaspoon or so of vegetable oil added to keep the proper texture.

\*For dessert create a pie using fruit and lowfat yogurt.

**Holiday dishwashing**

Your finest cookware, china and crystal come out of the cabinet and onto the table at holiday time. When it is time to clean these items, some caution is in order.

As tempting as it is to put everything in the dishwasher, it is suggested that there are items better suited to washing by hand. The force and heat of water in the dishwasher can damage fragile pieces. Check with the manufacturer, if possible, to see if the item is dishwasher safe or check your dishwasher's manual for information about delicate items. The following items should usually be washed by hand: Cutlery, decorated glasses, hand painted or antique china, crystal, hollow handed knives, milk glass, pewter, plastics, silver and wooden items.

Here are some helpful tips for hand dishwashing: Change the dishwashing solution and rinse water when they cool down or before they become noticeably greasy. Clean greasy pan bottoms as well as the insides. If a greasy film remains, the bottom will blacken when the pan is used again. Oven glass casserole and dishes can show cloudy areas even when clean. This is usually a food film or protein origin like milk, cheese, egg or meat juice. Rubbing with a sponge or cloth and white vinegar will usually remove the film.

Of course most cooking and eating utensils can be washed in the dishwasher. Check the manual that came with your machine for the proper loading instructions. Here are a few loading guidelines to get you started: Place the dirtiest side of the item facing the source of the water spray. Do not let large items cover small items. Avoid stacking items together, if they are too tight, water can not get to them. Make sure delicate items are firmly secured on the rack to avoid toppling. Place sharp item with points down. Always remember, safety first!

**Local students included in Who's Who**

Who's Who, published by Educational Communications, Inc., is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving high school students. Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based upon students' academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities. Traditionally, 99% of Who's Who students have



These 64 Study Club ladies hosted the November Birthday Party for the residents of Robert Lee Care Center.

a grade point average of 'B' or better and 97% are college bound.

The following is a list of students from our area featured in the 35th Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 2000-2001: Bronte, Elizabeth Morgan; Robert Lee, Jennifer Alexander, Lane Arledge, Trichelle Gray, Jodee Helwig, Melissa Landeros, Rachelle Mills, Travis Pitcock, Cooper Riley, Shelby Roe, Nicole Sanchez, Bobbie Sparks, Shanna Wojtek; Blackwell, Ashley Ragland.

**Roberts family tours Paint Rock pictographs**

Jim and Sheila (Roberts) Farrar, and Lauren Hammerton of Houston; and Crystal Hammerton, a student at Tarleton State University in Stephenville; spent several days in the home of Sheila's parents, Bobby and Jeffie Roberts of Robert Lee. They also visited in the home of her brother and family, Douglas and Denise Roberts.

Saturday, November 24, 2001, the family - Bobby and Jeffie Roberts, Jim and Sheila Farrar, Crystal and Lauren Hammerton, and Douglas, Denise, Kacey, and James Roberts enjoyed sightseeing. The tour included "The Cross" at the edge of Ballinger, then on to Paint

Rock. Fred and Kay Campbell, personal friends of Jeffie and Bobby Roberts, took them on a tour of the Indian Pictographs located on their land owned by Kay's family (Sims) since the middle 1800's. The morning was beautiful with the sun shining on the Indian paintings, one of which they saw the sun dagger on the painting which resembles a shield. This suggests that certain tribes gathered here to join in winter solstice rituals. To the right of the shield is a stick figure with arms extended. It appears to have an arrow through its head. To the left of the solstice marker one can see a spear-point and a tally stick with four scalps attached, and many other paintings which are hundreds of years old.

**"64" Study Club Thanksgiving dinner**

Members and their guests met for their annual Thanksgiving dinner on Nov. 13th, 2001.

A lovely catered seasonal dinner was held in the Recreational Center with 56 in attendance.

President, Beth Prather, welcomed guests and introduced program chairman, Nita Duncan who gave a very enjoyable talk and reading reflecting our Thanksgiving season. In turn she introduced others that gave a Thanksgiving prayer, Scripture reading, President Lincoln's Thanksgiving Proclamation, and Presidents Proclamation 1999.

A number of door prizes were drawn by members of the club.

**Personal**

Pat and Nelson Fredrickson had four days of holiday visitors.

Coming from Irving, Tx., Jim Ban Watson, Sherry and Kevin McClung; from Edinburg, Tx., Kenny Watson, Kelly and Ciara Watson. Two trips to find rocks produced one arrowhead and a five foot rattler.

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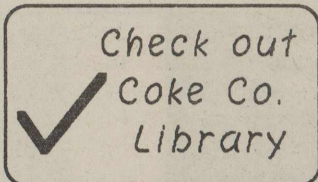
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**Coke County library news**

The Coke County Library has received several boxes of donated books in the last several weeks. There are true crime, romance, westerns, detective stories, and general fiction books now available for library patrons. Donations of new and nearly new books help increase the collection of the library and add to everyone's reading possibilities.

These donations are appreciated. The donors are special readers who know the value of reading and want to share the experience with others.

The library will be open December 3 which has been designated as Open House Day in Robert Lee. There will be cookies and a chance to win two sets of children's books. The drawing will be held at noon on December 3.

The library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; Fridays, 8-12. Books may be returned to the Main Street Market in Bronte. Donations may be made to the Food Pantry when returning books to the library. Story Hour for three to five year olds is Tuesday at 10:00 am. Story Hour for Head Start is Wednesday at 9:30.

**Saving for the future**

Are your children savers or spenders? According to a recent survey by the American Savings Education Council, ninety-four percent of students look to their parents as a financial information source. The study also found that fifty-four percent of the students surveyed view saving some of their money as important.

Have you ever heard a child ask a parent to buy them something only to have the parent respond, "I don't have the money," and the child saying, "Just write a check." Children often have no concept of earning money, much less saving it.

Does your local school district offer courses in money management? While sixty-one percent of parents say that parents and schools should teach children about financial education, only twenty-one percent of students participating in a Youth and Money Survey have taken a personal finance course at school. Many community banks across the state have worked with local school districts to create savings programs within the schools. Bank personnel volunteer their time to go to the school and help with these school savings programs. Children set up personal savings accounts and student "tellers" accept deposits at the "bank", all in an effort to teach children the value of saving money.

Sixty-eight percent of parents think it is important to save money on a regular basis. However, only forty-five percent of the parents surveyed report that they make a monthly budget and stick to it and only thirty-eight percent

of parents say they pay off credit cards completely each cycle.

Here are some ideas to teach your children to save money.

**Open a savings account**

While your children are very young, take them to the bank and open a savings account for them. Many local community banks have special savings accounts specifically designed for children. Ask bank personnel to give them a tour of the bank so they will have an understanding of how the bank works as well as feel comfortable about leaving their money there.

**Teach children to save**

Thirty-eight percent of the students in the survey said their parents require them to save some of the money they receive. Most children receive an allowance and as they get older, many work part-time mowing lawns, babysitting or working at the grocery store. Parents should require children to set aside part of those earnings in a savings account for their future.

**Include children in financial discussions**

Thirty-one percent of the students surveyed responded that their parents rarely or never discuss setting financial goals with them. While you may not want to share the entire family budget with your children, include them in some of the family budget discussions. Show them on paper how much it costs to buy a car, costs of auto insurance, auto maintenance and gasoline for the car. Write down the cost of a college education and again show them the costs of tuition, fees, books, housing, not to mention entertainment and clothes.

**Use credit cards responsibly**

With so many adults drowning in credit card debt, many children begin to think all of their spending problems can be solved with a credit card or two or three. Teach your children to use credit cards wisely and the importance of paying credit card accounts promptly to avoid expensive revolving interest fees. For more information on teaching your children about credit cards, log on to the Federal Trade Commission web site at [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov). There is a booklet entitled "Ready, Set...Credit" which will provide information to children about credit and credit cards.

It is never too late to begin saving money, but the earlier children learn about savings and financial goals, the more secure their financial outlook will be for the future.

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**Substance abuse**

Substance abuse come in many forms. Help is available for people who abuse inhalants. For more information call the National Council on Alcohol, and Drug Dependence - (800) 622-2255 or the National Inhalant Prevention Coalition - (800) 269-4237. You may also call the Mesquite Country Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse - (915) 235-8955.

**Rehab Stars announced for 2002**

When the curtain goes up on Rehab 2002 on January 19th, Brad Paisley, one of the brightest young stars in country music, will step into the center stage spotlight.

Charlie Chase, longtime co-host of the popular "Crook and Chase" talk show on the Nashville Network, will return to anchor the Rehab 2002 host desk.

Peter Marshall, who hosted "Hollywood Squares" on network television for sixteen years, will join Chase in hosting the five-hour television special that benefits the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Returning for his second appearance is fast-rising young country star Jay Michaels and his band Company.

Other regulars lined up to appear are Bill and Susan Hayes (Days of Our Lives), Brad Maule (General Hospital), Anacani (Lawrence Welk Show), and Florence LaRue (Fifth Dimension).

Television stations in Abilene, San Angelo, Dallas, Austin, Corpus Christi, Waco, Laredo, Midland/Odessa, Lubbock, Amarillo, and Law-



Celebrating November birthdays at Robert Lee Care Center were Maxine Fields (left) and Velma Smith.

ton, Oklahoma carry the show.

In addition to fast-paced entertainment, Rehab 2002 features an Internet auction of approximately 300 items donated by businesses and individuals throughout West Texas. The web site is [www.WestTexasRehab.org](http://www.WestTexasRehab.org).

The Annual Rehab Telethon raises more than \$1-million to help make it possible for the West Texas Rehabilitation Center to serve more than 21,000 men, women and children with disabilities regardless of their financial circumstances. The Center was

established in 1953 as a private non-profit outpatient rehabilitation center and has become one of the largest, most comprehensive facilities of its kind in the nation. The Center now operates facilities in Abilene, San Angelo and Ozona.

The Rehab 2002 Telecast will air live and originates from the Abilene Civic Center on January 19, 2002 beginning at 7:00 pm and ends at midnight. Tickets will be available for those who like to be a part of the Civic Center audience for this entertainment event.

# An Audience with Jesus

Robert Lee Baptist Church would like to invite you to join us for a Christmas Celebration in drama and music!

December 9th at 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM

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**Holidays give seasonal employment**

Work opportunities can be abundant around the holidays. From October through the new year, businesses or temporary holiday stores will be looking for new employees to keep their production up and increase their sales.

Employers and job seekers alike should know their legal obligations and rights. For anyone choosing seasonal staff or jobs, the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) offers the following information:

\*Temporary employees are subject to the same laws as regular full or part-time employees. Despite the fact that they know that their job will end at a specific time, temporary staff members are not contract labor. They are entitled to the same protections under the law as regular employees.

\*For students seeking jobs during the holidays, child labor laws apply to teenagers under age 18. While less stringent guidelines apply to 16- and 17- year-olds, the minimum employment age for most jobs is 14. According to federal law, during the school year, 14- and 15-year-olds cannot be scheduled to work more than three hours a day or more than 18 hours a week. When school is not in session, 14- and 15-year-olds cannot work more than eight hours a day, nor can they work more than 40 hours in one week. Additionally, the work must not start before 7 am and must end by 7 pm. The only exception is from June 1 through Labor Day, when work can be scheduled up to 9 pm. In instances where an employer is not covered by federal child labor laws, Texas child labor laws will apply. Furthermore, because teenagers are barred from performing hazardous work, office machines such as computers and copiers are the only power-driven pieces of equipment they are allowed to operate. Under both federal and Texas law, parents may employ their own children in nonhazardous work for and during unlimited hours.

\*Employers must pay Unemployment Insurance taxes even on their temporary employees. The wages earned must be reported and are subject to taxes. This law applies even though a temporary employee knows from the outset that the job will end at a set time and the employee has no plans to seek another job after that particular assignment has ended.

\*The Texas Pay Day Law requires that both temporary and regular employees receive their wages in full and in a timely manner. For any employee, employers cannot withhold any amount of a paycheck without prior written authorization from the employee, or unless authorized by state of federal law, or by court order. Additionally, current minimum wage laws apply to wages earned.

"Holiday work is a benefit for both employer and employee," said TWC Executive Director Cassie Carlson Reed. "This is a time for businesses to benefit from the extra help and possibly gain long term employees, which in turn gives workers a chance to put profit in their pocketbooks and build stronger work skills."

**Choosing appropriate gifts**

When it comes to the holidays, buying gifts for elderly relatives or friends may require some extra thought. But a Texas Woman's University professor says choosing the perfect gift doesn't have to be a challenge.

Dr. Gail Davis, a professor of nursing at TWU's Denton campus, has conducted research in the areas of older adults, arthritis and chronic conditions, among others. Since many older adults are on a fixed income, it's a good idea to get them gifts they can actually use, such as sheets and towels, she said. However, she cautions against giving too much of a good thing.

"Older people usually get a lot of robes and slippers," Davis said, adding that too many of the same types of gifts can result in unnecessary clutter.

Personal photos always make nice gifts, but Davis said some older adults in smaller homes - as well as those in nursing homes - may lack the space to display the photos. Photo albums may be a better option, she said, adding that families with several children may choose to feature each child in his or her own album. Providing material for a scrapbook the elderly can create themselves is another option.

Davis said she sometimes gives "fun boxes" as gifts. These boxes may include items to supply ongoing needs, such as stamps, cards, tape, vitamins, etc.

Davis, who teaches some courses involving osteoarthritis, recommends examining an elderly person's environment to determine if anything could easily cause a fall. In

those cases, she said, a holiday gift could involve providing nightlights, non-skid rugs or helping to equip bathtubs with bars to hold on to or a seat for a shower.

If an older adult enjoys writing, Davis recommends giving them journals in which they can write their stories and thoughts. However, some may have to be coaxed into telling their stories.

"Sometimes, older people don't realize they have this wealth of information," she said, adding that loved ones may need to convince them that telling their stories is important. Keeping a record of these thoughts and events "makes a wonderful treasure for families to have, too," Davis said.

Following are gift ideas:

- \*Gift certificates to a favorite store or restaurant
- \*Providing yard or house-keeping services
- \*Magazine subscriptions
- \*Phone cards
- \*Memberships to gyms that have exercise programs for older adults
- \*Books
- \*Games
- \*Magnifying glasses
- \*Flowers or plants
- \*A donation to their church or favorite charity

**Applying to college online**

As more and more admissions departments are allowing - even encouraging - students to fill out online applications, applying to college can

seem almost as easy as sending an e-mail.

You can go straight to a college's Web site to apply, rather than waiting for a form to arrive in the mail. You don't have to worry about your messy handwriting or inability to use a typewriter. And neatness is no longer a concern - you can't accidentally spill a cup of coffee on an online application.

Still, there are some pitfalls to watch out for, warns Ted O'Neill, Dean of College Admissions at the University of Chicago and a nationally known admissions expert.

"Electronic communication is characterized by both speed and informality," says O'Neill. "It seems very ephemeral, but a college application is not an ephemeral document. Thinking of it that way can hurt your chances of admission."

Before you hit the "send" button, O'Neill says, here are some key points to consider.

\*Do take the application essay seriously. You will probably need to write several drafts before your essay is ready to submit. Remember, it's not an e-mail, so don't be tempted to use sentence fragments or colloquial language.

\*Do proofread your work carefully. Even minor proofreading errors make a poor impression on admissions officers. Since it can be difficult to spot errors on-screen, print out your completed application and proofread the hard copy.

\*Don't limit your communication to electronic media. If you need to ask questions or discuss special problems, feel free to contact the admissions office by phone or letter.

\*Don't submit the same application to a number of different colleges. "You wouldn't do that if you were looking for a job," says O'Neill. "Just as every company is different, every college is different. When students apply to the University of Chicago, we want to know they're writing to us."

\*Don't wait until the very last day to submit your application. Online communication may be instant - but not if your computer crashes or the server is down.

\*Don't worry about whether your application is received. Many colleges will issue you a password so you can check the status of your application online.

\*Don't rely entirely on the Web for information - choosing the right college is much too important. Be sure to request a college brochure (known as a "viewbook"), which will include more information than the college's Web site. Even better, visit the colleges that interest you, says O'Neill: "A virtual tour is no substitute for a real tour."

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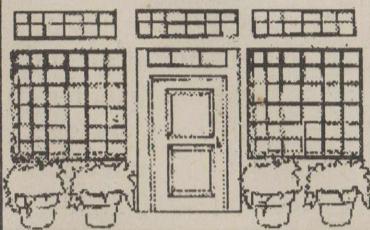
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**Taxable vs. Tax-free**

Because of the tax advantages they offer, tax-free investments often provide significantly more after-tax income than comparable taxable investments paying higher interest rates.

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Fredi Franki  
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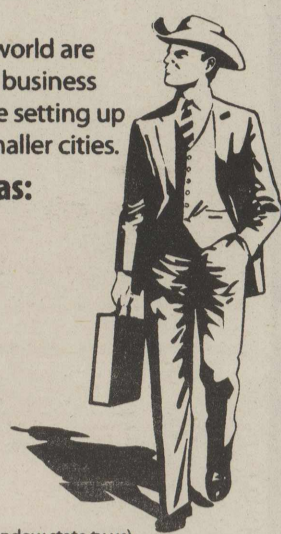
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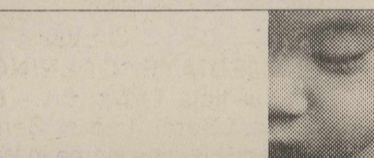
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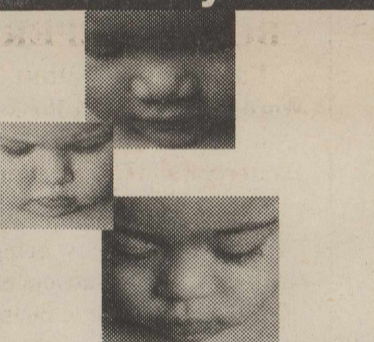
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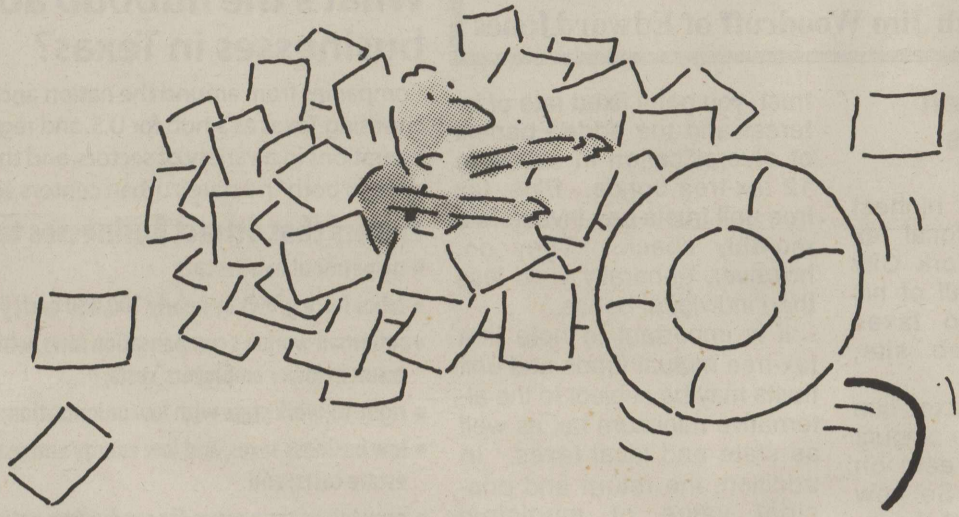
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