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Santa Claus came to town Monday, December 3. Area children stopped by the courthouse in Robert Lee to tell Santa their Christmas wishes and get a candy cane.

Filing period for county government positions opens

The filing period for Coke County government positions on the primary election ballot has begun. Election filing began December 3, 2001, and will continue through January 2, 2002, at 6:00 pm.

Current officeholders whose four-year terms expire are County Judge Jackie Walker; Precinct #4 Commissioner David Rawlings; County Treasurer Phelan Wrinkle; County Tax Assessor/Collector Gayle Sisemore (unexpired term of Kristy Roe); Justice of the Peace Precinct #1 D. Joan Davis; and Justice of the Peace, Precinct #2 Jack G. Moore.

According to county party chairs Patti Ivey (Democratic) and Kathy Pentecost (Republican), the following candidates have filed for these offices (all in the Democratic Primary) at the present time: County Judge - Jackie Walker and Roy Blair; County Treasurer - Phelan Wrinkle; County Tax Assessor/Collector - Gayle Sisemore; County Commissioner, Precinct #4 -

George Snapp; County Justice of the Peace, Precinct #1 - D. Joan Davis; and County Justice of the Peace, Precinct #2 - Jack G. Moore.

Primary election day is set for March 12, 2002, with the runoff primary election on April 9, 2002, if necessary. Filings continue through January 2, 2002. Candidates are reminded that all filings for public office must be received in the party chair's office (not mailed) by the January 2 deadline.

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.

Old county jail fundraiser set December 8th

The Coke County Historical Commission members and the Downtown Association members will be holding a fund raiser for the Old Coke County Jail, Saturday, December 8, from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. The event will take place at the gazebo in the mini park. Hot drinks will be served to those on their way to Bryan's Barn down 7th Street as well as to anyone who stops by to donate to the cause.

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.

Bronte Christmas celebration

The top ten reasons to attend the "All American Christmas" in Bronte.

10. No high school basketball games on this night
9. The parade
8. No city traffic
7. Time to visit with friends
6. Santa Claus
5. Too much TV rots your brain
4. Great prizes to be given away
3. Shopping - Shopping - Shopping
2. Cute kids on floats

And the number one reason to attend the "All American Christmas" celebration is...

1. President Bush says we should support our local economy

First National Bank slates open house

Everyone is invited to attend Holiday Open House today (Friday, December 7) in Bronte at the First National Bank. Refreshments will be served from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm. Don't forget to stop by and take advantage of all the good food and fellowship.

Volunteers are making cookies to be served with the drinks. Anyone wishing to bake cookies for this event can do so and bring them to the gazebo some time during the early evening.

Cathy's Flowers, on Austin Street, will be open from 6-9 pm with 10% off all gift items.

DJ's gift shop will also be open from 6-9 pm with 10% off all items, except Merle Norman. Debbie McCabe invites everyone to see the light display at the shop on 6th Street.

The jail has been decorated, and a sign will be placed on 7th Street to call attention to the building for anyone wishing to drive by. The jail will be renovated at some future date. Neglect and harsh weather have taken a toll and if the building is to survive, positive steps must be taken now. Those with items in the museum have been asked to pick them up for storage while the building undergoes renovation. Call Jackie Walker's office in the courthouse for the key, 453-2641.

The fund raiser is being held prior to making application to the Texas Historical Commission for inclusion in

their Visionary and Preservation program.

This project is community-wide. Anyone with an interest in preservation and promotion will be welcomed to this group. Call 453-2495 to add your name to a growing list of interested people.

Bronte ladies' Bible study

A different Bible study will begin at First Baptist Church in Bronte on Wednesday, Dec. 12 from 5:30 - 6:45. The study is titled *Serving God, Discovering & Using Your Spiritual Gifts*. The study includes a weekly video session taught by Dr. Ken Hemphill, a discussion time, prayer time, and workbook. This is an 8 week study with five homework sessions each week that will take about 15 minutes to complete. Child-care will be provided if requested at least a day in advance.

While this is a busy time of year, what better time than Christmas to learn how to better serve Christ? For more information call the FBC office at 473-2331 or Susan Graves at 473-7521. All ladies of the community are invited to attend.



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Letter to the Editor
 Dear Editor,
 I would like to take this opportunity to help inform Coke County residents of how our emergency 911 works. In the wake of the September 11th tragedy, security and readiness are in the minds of all Americans. Coke County should not settle for anything less than minimal preparedness. With the help of the County's Emergency Management Coordinator, Keith Eubanks, we have held a few meetings concerning how to prepare for a disaster or county-wide emergency. These meetings have shed light on the fact that not all citizens in our communities know how it works when 911 is called.

To make it brief, any 911 calls made on the East side of the county are routed to the Bronte Health and Rehab Center. All 911 calls on the West side of the county are routed to the Robert Lee Care Center. From there the call is dispatched via radio. For sheriff's needs, it is preferred that the sheriff's office be called due to the fact that they have their own dispatch between 8:00 and 5:00, and the wives of the sheriff's department dispatch all other times. In the event of a 911 call, the dispatcher chooses from different radio stations and tone generators to alert the correct emergency responder, which entails in-depth training on top of their normal duties. With it being difficult to train so many employees and the legal ramifications, it is not hard to see how complicated this can all get.

At present, the only answer I have heard on remedying any problems or concerns would have to be led by the voters of Coke County. This has never made it to any public poll that I am aware of; it is only tabled or killed at the county level.

It's time for you as citizens

of Coke County to speak your concerns about having more or less a "volunteer" 911 dispatch as well as volunteer emergency organizations. The only way that this will ever change, and Coke County moves on into the present century, our County Commissioners need to hear your voice. Please discuss this amongst any and all community gatherings and if you have any questions, please call the county courthouse and ask. I will be more than happy to answer any questions that are presented to me as well. We are coming up on an election year, and now is the time to make a difference. Please join the few of us that know about the situations, and have your voice heard.

David Hargrave
 East Coke County Ambulance
 Service
 President

Editor's Response:
 Mr. Hargrave,
 Your letter appears to contain two main points. The first point is that Coke County citizens are in danger because of a faulty "volunteer" dispatch system. The second point is to urge county citizens to promote a 24 hour paid dispatch system.

Under the present dispatch system, all calls received are answered and the required emergency services are sent to help. The nursing homes in Coke County were chosen years ago to be the emergency answering stations because they were the only facilities in the county open 24 hours per day. Since the original system was put in place, improvements have been implemented. In years past, you couldn't dial 911 in an emergency. If you had a fire or needed an ambulance, you had to dial 473-3621 in Bronte or 453-2511 in Robert Lee - the nursing homes' regular business phones.

Now in an emergency, you only have to dial 911 and your call is immediately routed to the 911 answering station nearest to your location.

The problem you have outlined with the 911 stations located in the nursing homes appears to be with the employees dispatching the required emergency services. You mention how complicated training employees can be. You are correct and this leads to your second point - a 24 hour paid dispatch system. In Coke County, are their competent people willing to work for minimum wage (or close to minimum wage) to staff this system? If these potential employees can be found, are the citizens of Coke County willing to support the tax increase funding this system would surely require. At present, the county spends \$10,800 for dispatching services. The four women who dispatch for the Sheriff's Department after business hours, on weekends, and holidays are the recipients. The money equates to approximately \$1.50 per hour for their services. I am one of these women and I can tell you that I and the others don't do it for the money. We do it because of our dedication to the Sheriff's Department and the citizens of Coke County. We do it so that when the Sheriff's Department number is called, anytime - day or night, someone answers that phone who can send help. Before former Sheriff Mike Harris implemented this system, the Sheriff's home phone number and that of all of the deputies were published in the phone book and in an emergency, citizens had to call these numbers until they found someone at home. As the wife of one of these deputies, I have reservations about a paid 24 hour dispatch system being able to obtain competent employees. The lives of the citizens and

the officers often rest on the dispatcher's shoulders.

Small communities have always depended on volunteers to meet the needs that arise. I personally would rather have a volunteer that cares answer the phone in an emergency than someone there just to draw a paycheck.

Our current 911 dispatching system isn't perfect, but caring Coke County citizens and officials are working together to make the necessary improvements without overburdening the tax payers.

Melinda McCutchen
 Editor, Observer/Enterprise

Letter to the Editor
 Gentlemen:
 This was the first year that my sister and I were able to participate in the annual open house (at Robert Lee). I worked out of the county and Dorothea Helen always felt she didn't have enough time on her lunch hour.

It is indeed impressive what the citizens, owners, and employees of the various businesses in this community can put together. There was enough food to sink the Titanic, but that wasn't the best part. We got to see a lot of people we almost never see.

The friendliness of everyone involved reminded us again why we live in a rural county near a small town with people who have the biggest hearts in the world. I would like to thank everyone involved.

Sincerely,
 Lou Wright

4-H lamb and goat showmanship clinic
 On Sunday afternoon, December 9, beginning at 2:00 pm, there will be a showmanship clinic for 4-H lamb and goat exhibitors. If at all possible, members should bring one or two of their animals to be practiced with. Instructions on the proper showing of lambs and goat will be given with plenty of time for individ-

ual assistance and actual practice in showing conditions.

Death Notices

Estes
 Beulah Juanita Estes, 92, of Ballinger and formerly of Abilene, died Sunday, December 2, 2001, in a Ballinger nursing home. Graveside services were held at 2:00 pm Tuesday, December 4, 2001, at Fairview Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

She is survived by one son, H.W. Brock of Tuscola, Tx and two daughters Bonnie Herring and Nell Martin, both of Ballinger; and a whole passle of grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren.

Hughes
 Ona Mae Hughes, 93, of Pleasanton and formerly of Bronte, died November 30, 2001 in Pleasanton. Graveside services and interment were held at 2:00 on Monday, Dec. 3, 2001, in Pleasanton City Cemetery with Charles Woodward of Trinity Baptist Church officiating. Arrangements were under the directions of Hurley Funeral Home in Pleasanton.

She is survived by her son, Ron Hughes and wife Sandy of Pleasanton. Also two grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Churches of Robert Lee

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 Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor
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First United Methodist Church
 PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
 (915) 453-2417
 Rev. Jim Reeves, 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 & 7 pm, 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

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

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
 601 W. 10th
 (915) 365-2687
 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
 Sat. 6 pm

Victory Assembly of God
 PO Box 638 • Robert Lee
 (915) 453-2208
 Rev. Erma Johnson, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

Holiday Open House

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Thanksgiving holiday tragedy

A Lake Jackson family's Thanksgiving holiday turned to tragedy on Nov. 23 when their 16 year old daughter died in a four wheeler accident 1/4 mile past Tennyson on the Sayner Lane county road.

Michelle Partin was visiting a family near that location with her parents. She was driving an all-terrain vehicle when it struck an embankment and flipped over. Her 14 year old passenger was uninjured, and Michelle was transported to a San Angelo hospital by East Coke County ambulance service. She was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital, apparently of a broken neck.

Coke County Sheriff's Deputy Jim Sailer said that a number of 4 wheeler accidents have been documented in the county over the last 2-3 years, especially around Lake Spence but no fatalities have occurred. The accident was investigated by DPS Trooper Scott Frasier and Deputy Sailer. Deputy Adam Richter responded to the emergency call.

Bluegrass Festival set for Bronte

Come on out to the city park on Saturday, December 8, and share the afternoon with good fellowship and family entertainment. The pickin' and singin' will start around 12:00 noon and go 'til about 6:00 pm inside the community center. Bring your instruments and jam or bring your whole band and help put on a good show.

For more information call Ricky Rogers (915) 653-7030, Jimmy Warren (915) 368-5558, or mobile (915) 553-6575.

Little League meeting

The Coke County Little League will be holding its final meeting of the year to elect officers of the board to serve for the next 2 year term. The meeting will be Monday, December the 17th, at 7:00 pm in the Bronte Church of Christ Annex. If you live in Bronte, Blackwell, or Robert Lee and your child is playing baseball or softball, you are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting. For more information or to elect an officer, please call Angie Hoyt 468-5106.



Red E. Fox was just one of the parade participants in the Robert Lee Christmas Parade Monday, December 3. The parade was sponsored by the Coke County Ministerial Alliance.

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.

Angel Tree Project

Our community will participate again this year in the Angel Tree Project.

The "Angels" will appear on the Christmas tree in the lobby of the Robert Lee State Bank on Monday, December 10th.

Gifts should be wrapped, the Angel placed on top of the package, and the gift returned to the tree no later than Wednesday, December 19th.

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.

LOOK WHO'S NEW!

Sydney Nicole Hayes
Misti and Wayne Hayes are proud to announce the arrival of daughter Sydney Nicole Hayes. Sydney arrived at 3:38 pm December 4, 2001, at Community Hospital in San Angelo. She weighed 6 lbs. 8 ozs., and is 21 inches long.

She is also welcomed by brother Kaden and grandparents Karen and David Hayes and Gayle and Tommy Sisemore, all of Robert Lee, and James Williams of Midland.

I would like to announce my candidacy for County Judge of Coke County. I will make a sincere effort to contact each voter personally prior to the March 12th, 2002, Democratic Primary.

I would very much appreciate your support and your vote.

Roy Blair
Candidate for
Coke County Judge

Pol. Adv. Pd. by Judy Blair, Treasurer, PO Box 245, Robert Lee, TX 76945

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TUESDAY • DECEMBER 18
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DOWNTOWN BRONTE

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 5:00 • **Parade** - The parade will begin at the nursing home and end at the old depot.
- 5:30 • **Shop & Sign Up** - Shop local merchants and sign up for prizes to be given away - Bronte Bucks, Gift Certificates, Turkeys.
- 5:30 • **Santa Pics** - Children may have their picture made and talk to Santa at the old WTU building.
- 6:45 • **Prize Drawings** - Prize drawings will be held and winners announced.

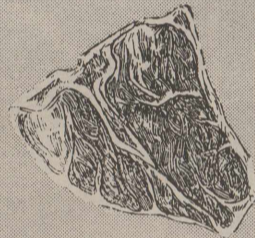
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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Bronte UIL practice meet

The UIL Math/Science practice meet for junior high school/high school took place at Central High School on Saturday, November 10, 2001. Junior high held their District UIL competition Saturday, December 1, at ASU in San Angelo. High school will have their District UIL contest Friday, March 29, at Ranger Junior College in Ranger. Students and the events they entered are:

Crystal Waller - Calculator, Math; Jonathan Marrs - Science; Logan Rawls - Science; Amy Morgan - Science; Casey McKee - Number Sense, Math; Jasmine Kresta - Math; Jonathan Tomes - Math; Anthony Flores - Science; Ashleigh Kelly - Calculator; Desiree Mirelez - Calculator; Scott Snyder - Calculator; Heather Richey - Calculator; Garrett Jackson - Number Sense; Brandon Poehls - Science; Logan Acker - Number Sense

Bronte UIL meet results

High school science - team was 4th place. 4th - Anthony Flores, 1st Biology, 4th Chemistry; 5th - Brandon Poehls, 4th Biology, 6th Chemistry, 2nd Physics; 8th - Amy Morgan

Middle School Science - Logan Rawls 29 out of 52 and Jonathan Marrs 34 out of 52.

High School Math - team was 4th place. 2nd - Ashleigh

Kelly; 7th Jasmine Kresta; 9th Jonathan Tomes; 3rd - Anthony Flores

High School Calculator - team was 7th place. 7th - Desiree Mirelez; 8th - Ashleigh Kelly; 4th - Heather Richey; 5th - Scott Snyder

High School Number Sense - 4th - Garrett Jackson; 9th - Logan Acker; 10th - Casey McKee

Bronte band Christmas Concert

Bronte ISD will present its annual Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 13th at 7:30 in the school auditorium. The program will begin with the 4th grade records, 5th grade beginning band, Jr. High band and end with the high school band. All parents are asked to bring cookies/baked items to the school cafeteria before 7:30 pm. A reception will follow in the school cafeteria immediately after the concert.

For more specifics on what the students need to do and bring, all parents may expect a letter by Tuesday, December 11th. Please support our students by inviting everyone you know to the concert. Admission is free.

Big winner

Brad Lehmann was the lucky person for the BHS Senior 2002 gun drawing.

Lady Longhorn basketball

In the Irion County tournament the first game against Forsan was a forfeit due to weather on Forsan's part. The Lady Longhorns won a close game against Eden by a score of 32-29. Individual stats are as follows; B. McCutchen 3 rebounds, 4 steals; N. Reed 2 points, 5 rebounds, 4 steals; C. Monsey 7 points, 4 rebounds, 7 steals; S. White 3 points, 3 rebounds, 2 steals;

K. Hilliard 1 rebound; L. Williams 10 points, 10 rebounds, 2 steals; L. Springer 6 points, 3 rebounds, 1 steal, H. Richey 4 points, 3 rebounds, 5 steals.

In the championship game, it was Bronte against Robert Lee. Bronte lost this game by a score of 48-67 but won runner-up in the tournament. Also, Lauren Williams was selected to the All-Tournament team. Individual stats are as follows: B. McCutchen had 7 points, 4 rebounds; N. Reed 3 points, 3 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 assist; C. Monsey 10 points, 4 rebounds, 1 steal, 4 assists; K. Coalson 6 points, 1 rebound, 2 steals; S. White 1 point, 4 rebound; K. Hilliard 1 steal; L. Williams 9 points, 8 rebounds, 3 steals, 1 assist; L. Springer 3 rebounds; H. Richey 12 points, 8 rebounds and 4 steals.

Lady Longhorn JV

In the JV tournament on the 29th, Bronte girls lost to Lakeview by a score of 33-20. Individual scoring is as follows: Natalee Reed 4 points; Corin Garcia 2 points; Kailey Howell 4 points; Ryan Martinez 4 points; and Jasmine Kresta had 6 points.

In the second round Bronte lost to Reagan County by a score of 50-15. Individual

scoring is as follows: Natalee Reed 3 points; Kailey Howell 3 points; Ashley Torres 2 points; Monica DeLaGarza 3 points; and Jasmine Kresta 4.

Bronte junior high girls

On the 3rd, Bronte junior high "A" team won their game against Water Valley by a score of 25-17. Individual scoring is as follows: Rebecca Rawlings 8, Lillian McMullan 5, Megan Gibbs & Christan Kelly 4, Cheyenne Webb 3, and Sarah Basquez 1.

The junior high "B" team racked up a good score with a 21-2 victory against Water Valley. Individual scoring is as follows: Katie Cooper & Patty Galvan 6 each, Crystal Waller 5 and Melissa Palmer 4.

Bronte junior high boys

In the Wall basketball tournament on Nov. 30, Bronte lost to Wall by a score 40 - 21. Individual scoring is as follows: J. Minjarez 6; C. Williams 2; C. Moore 3; K. Hoyt 6, and J. Isreal 4.

In the next game it was a loss to Big Lake by a score of 43-15. Individual scoring is as follows: J. Minjarez 5; G. Jackson 3; C. Williams 1; C. Moore 1; K. Hoyt 3, and S. Griffin 2.

SCHOOL MENU

Breakfast

Monday, Dec. 10
Cereal, pineapple tidbits, toast, milk

Tuesday, Dec. 11
Pancake and sausage on a stick, apple juice, milk

Wednesday, Dec. 12
Grilled cheese sandwich, trail mix, milk

Thursday, Dec. 13
Sausage roll, potato wedges, milk

Friday, Dec. 14
Breakfast burrito, grape juice, milk

Lunch

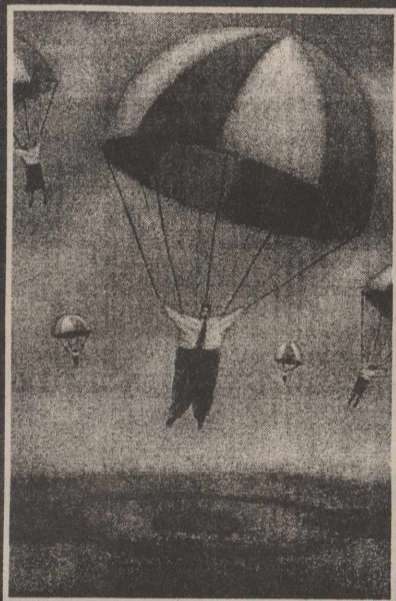
Monday, Dec. 10
Chicken nugget with gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, banana pudding, milk

Tuesday, Dec. 11
Spaghetti, tossed salad, pineapple tidbits, corn on the cob, bread sticks, milk

Wednesday, Dec. 12
Taco salad with cheese, lettuce, tomato, pinto beans, Spanish Rice, chips, cinnamon rolls, milk

Thursday, Dec. 13
Spud day, chili & cheese, potato (baked), steamed broccoli, crackers, jello, milk

Friday, Dec. 14
Chick-fil-lay sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickle, potato wedges, bun, chocolate chip cookies, milk



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Bronte elementary UIL news

On Saturday, December 1, 2001, forty-seven Bronte elementary students traveled to Angelo State University to compete in the UIL Academic meet.

Students and events which they participated in are: Art 4th grade: Stephanie Frasier, Kimberly Wommack, Tyler Riney - Art 5th grade: Sam Rawlings, Matthew Allen, Prescilla Lara - Calculator Applications: Brett Wills, Stephanie Flores, Savannah Martinez - Dictionary Skills 5th grade: Geoffrey Ehl, Nicole Reed, Chase Hoyt - Dictionary Skills 6th grade: Gus Saunders, Cody Wallace, Beth Sanchez - Listening 5th grade: Ariel Coalson, Samuel Rawlings, Reece Springer - Listening 6th grade: Terah Macon, Savannah Martinez, Bret Wills - Mathematics 6th grade: Cody Wallace, Savannah Martinez, Stephanie Flores - Maps, Graphs, & Charts 5th grade: Matthew Allen, Samuel Rawlings, Reece Springer - Maps, Graphs & Charts 6th grade: Casey Harris - Music Memory 3rd grade: Dustin Brown, Cheyenne Hunter, Kelsey Sedden, Tori Acevedo - Music Memory 4th grade: Kasey Glover, Chloe Grigg, Hayden White, Ashley Royall, Chelsea Cook - Music Memory 5th grade: Matthew Allen, Crystal Minjarez, Geoffrey Ehl, Ty Mackey, Cory Glover - Music Memory 6th grade - Gus Saunders, Stephanie Flores, Chris Brown, Casey Harris - Number Sense 4th grade: Tyler Riney, Kasey Glover, Chloe Grigg - Number Sense 5th grade: Jessica Grash, Samuel Rawlings, Geoffrey Ehl - Oral Reading 4th grade: Chelsea Cook, Emily Fiveash, Shelbi Waller - Oral Reading 5th grade: Jessi England, Will Macon, Nicole Reed - Oral Reading 6th grade: Terah Macon, Gus Saunders, Chris Brown - Spelling 3rd grade: Michael Evans, Chase Harris, Dakota Rawls - Spelling 4th grade: Chelsea Cook, Bill Miller, Louie Martinez - Spelling 5th grade: Chase Hoyt, Eddie May - Storytelling 2nd grade: Harley Wallace, Ashley Reyes - Storytelling 3rd grade: Kerwin Rawls, Chase Harris, Tori Acevedo

Students that participated in UIL academic events held on November 15 are: Creative Writing: Katie Austin, Kimberly Lee, Harley Wallace - Ready Writing 3rd grade: Heath Richey, Dakota Rawls, Arlis McMullan, Tori Acevedo - Ready Writing 4th grade: Emily Fiveash, Tyler Riney, Shelby Waller - Ready Writing 5th grade: Nicole Reed, Ariel Coalson, Jessi England -

Ready Writing 6th grade: Emily Austin, Savannah Martinez, Cody Wallace

Awards were given to the following students: Art 4th grade: Second Place - Stephanie Frasier, Kim Wommack, Tyler Riney - Art 5th grade: First Place - Sam Rawlings, Matthew Allen, Prescilla Lara - Dictionary Skills 6th grade: Second Place - Gus Saunders - Sixth Place - Cody Wallace - Listening 5th grade: Fourth place - Ariel Coalson - Mathematics 6th grade: Second Place - Cody Wallace - Third Place - Stephanie Flores - Fourth Place - Savannah Martinez - Music Memory 3rd grade: Second Place - Dustin Brown, Cheyenne Hunter, Kelsey Sedden, Tori Acevedo - Music Memory 4th grade: Second grade - Kasey Glover, Chloe Grigg, Hayden White, Ashley Royall, Chelsea Cook - Music Memory 5th grade: Second Place - Matthew Allen, Crystal Minjarez, Geoffrey Ehl, Ty Mackey, Cory Glover - Music Memory 6th grade: First Place - Gus Saunders, Stephanie Flores, Chris Brown, Casey Harris - Number Sense 5th grade: Fourth Place - Jessica Grash - Oral Reading 5th grade: Fourth Place - Will Macon - Oral Reading 6th grade: Fifth Place - Gus Saunders - Spelling 3rd grade: Third Place - Chase Harris - Creative Writing 2nd grade: Fourth Place - Kimberly Lee - Ready Writing 4th grade: Fourth Place Tyler Riney - Ready Writing 5th grade: First Place - Jessi England

Matthew Allen, Gus Saunders, Stephanie Flores, and Casey Harris all received perfect scores in Music Memory.

Bronte JH District UIL results told

7th grade
 Mathematics - Eric Hendrickson - 4th; Philip Rawlings - 2nd; Johnathan Ehl
 Oral Reading - Logan Rawls, Mason Jackson, Rebekah Beauchamp - 6th
 Maps, Graphs, and Charts - Jonathan Marrs - 6th; Philip Rawlings - 4th; Johnathan Ehl
 Impromptu Speaking - Katie Cooper, Rebekah Beauchamp, Lauren White
 Number Sense - Johnathan Ehl
 Dictionary Skills - Crystal Waller, Heather Mitchell, Patricia Galvan
 Calculator Applications - Crystal Waller
 Spelling - Jonathan Marrs - 1st; Eric Hendrickson - 3rd
 Science - Jonathan Marrs - 5th tie, Philip Rawlings, Eric Hendrickson - 5th tie
 Listening Skills - Crystal Waller, Lauren White, Philip



The Bronte Lady Longhorns captured the Runner-Up trophy at the Irion County Basketball Tournament last weekend.

Rawlings - 1st
 Ready Writing - Katie Cooper - 5th, Eric Hendrickson - 2nd, Logan Rawls
 All Star Cast One-Act Play - Cheyenne Webb, Katie Cooper
 Honorable Mention One-Act Play - Megan Gibbs, Philip Rawlings

8th grade
 Mathematics - Lindsey Butler, Bailey Saunders, Zach White

Maps, Graphs, and Charts - Jaylon Saunders - 2nd, C.T. Lloyd, Christan Kelly
 Impromptu Speaking - Garrett Acker, Cheyenne Webb
 Dictionary Skills - Christan Kelly, Curtis Moore, Rebecca Rawlings

Calculator Applications - Jaylon Saunders, Reese Braswell, Zach White - 5th
 Spelling - Cheyenne Webb, Rosie Lara, Lindsey Butler - 5th

Science - Jaylon Saunders - 4th, Rebecca Rawlings, Sarah Basquez - 2nd

Listening Skills - Rebecca Rawlings, Reese Braswell, Zach White - 4th tie

Ready Writing - Lillian McMullan, Rebecca Rawlings, Bailey Saunders

Carr scholarship applications being accepted at ASU

Applications from high school seniors are being accepted by Angelo State University for Carr Academic Scholarships for 2002-2003. In order to be eligible, students must normally be in the

top 15 percent of their high school class, and present a combined math and verbal score of 1140 or higher on the SAT1 or a composite score of 25 or higher on the Enhanced ACT Assessment. Financial need is also a criterion for selection.

The priority deadline for submitting applications, and all supporting materials is Feb. 1, 2002, although completed applications from outstanding students may be considered up until June 1, 2002, to the extent that funds are still available.

Application materials and information regarding the Carr Academic Scholarships can be obtained by contacting or writing to: Financial Aid Office, Angelo State University, Box 11015, ASU Station, San Angelo, Texas 76909 (915 942-2246 or toll free 800/933-6299). Additional information and the application form are available through the Angelo State University web site on the Internet at <http://www.angelo.edu>.

Bronte district 4-1A team selected

Academic All-District - Britni Adams, Kayla Hilliard, Britney McCutchen, Tasha Reed, Heather Richey, Lacy Schoenfield, Lindsay Springer, Stormy White and Lauren Williams

District Selections - Lacy Schoenfield was selected MVP Setter

1st team - Tasha Reed, Lauren Williams, Britney McCutchen

2nd team - Stormy White
 Honorable Mention - Britni Adams and Heather Richey

Hometown Hardware Open House

On Saturday, December 1st, Hometown Hardware held their Open House and some of their visitors were very lucky. Winners include Charles Timmons, Donna Scott, Jean Guthrie, C.T. Lloyd, Mike Saunders, Rhonda Moore, Joe Draper, Kay Hambright and LeDrew Arrott.

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During the time I have served you as County Judge, I have attended Judicial Education training seminars and County Government Management Conferences. These sessions have provided the training necessary to properly and legally conduct county business.

Being your County Judge has offered me the opportunity to serve on many boards and associations on behalf of Coke County and in the interest of the County's progress.

I give full time to the office of Coke County Judge. Maintaining county integrity and progress requires total commitment. I feel the people want and need a full time judge. The job is demanding, but it is one that I love.

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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

Lady Steers are IC champions

For the fourth year in a row, the Lady Steers captured the Irion County Tournament Championship by defeating Bronte in the tournament finals by a score of 67-48. The Lady Steers jumped out to a 28-8 lead at the end of the first quarter and maintained the twenty point deficit through the final three periods. Jodee Helwig led the Lady Steers with 28 points, connecting on 9 of 12 field goal attempts and 9 of 11 from the free throw line. Whitney Millican had 19 points and 7 rebounds. Jennifer Alexander hit on 4 of 6 from the field and finished with 10 points and 4 assists. Shanna Wojtek had 7 points and 7 assists. Rachelle Mills and Kindra Matthews rounded out the scoring with 2 and 1 point respectively.

In the opening round, the Lady Steers faced Water Valley and struggled with their shooting but finished on top 55-37. Shanna Wojtek had a season high 20 points, connecting on four 3 pointers. Helwig had 10, Millican and Kizre Matthews had 8 each, Mills 5, and Alexander and Krystal Soliz had 2 each.

In the semi-final game, it was Robert Lee 61 Grape Creek 47. Millican had the big game, scoring 24 points and added 6 rebounds. Wojtek had 12 points to go with 10 assists and 10 rebounds. Helwig finished with 19 points, Alexander and Kizre Matthews rounded out the scoring with 3 points each.

Three Lady Steers were honored on the All-Tournament team. Jodee Helwig was selected as the tournament's MVP and Wojtek and Millican were both chosen for the all-tournament team.

Junior Varsity results

In the Grape Creek tournament, the junior varsity girls won over Miles by a score of 37-18. Lott was high scorer with 5; Rodriguez, Fluhmann, Middleton, N. Sanchez, and Kendall 4 each; Roe 3; Soliz, Honse, Wallace, and Riley with 2 and Cerritos rounded out the scoring with 1 point.

In the junior varsity game against Eldorado, Robert Lee won by a score of 32-14. Middleton was high with 10; Lott followed with 5; Riley had 4; Soliz, Honse, Rodriguez, Parker, Wallace, Sanchez each had 2 and Cerritos 1 point.

The JV girls lost their game against Grape Creek by a

score of 14-28. Lott scored 6, Rodriguez 4, Middleton 3, and Fluhmann 1.

Junior high boys results

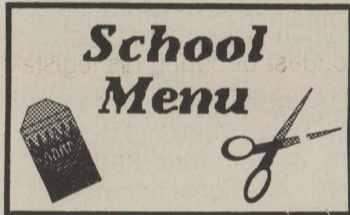
The 8th grade boys lost a close game against Eden by a score of 25-20. Individual scoring is as follows: Josh Conner led with 8 points; Vincent McClelland 6; Chris Torres, Lance Millican, and Sammy Reyes each had 2 points.

The 7th grade boys game was also a close game, but Eden won by a score of 13-8. Individual scoring is as follows: Kevin Honse 4, and Clay Antilley and Eleasar Vera each had 2 points.

Junior high girls results

On the 3rd, the junior high "A" girls won against Eden by a score of 37-22. Individual scoring is as follows: Sarah Philley led with 11 followed by Cara Eaton with 8. Kelsey Duncan had 6 with Cassidy Wink and Tiffany Bagwell close with 4. Kyla Millican and Kayla Medrano rounded out the scoring with 2 each.

The junior high "B" girls did their part with a 26-12 win over Eden. Individual scoring is as follows: Reed and Taylor both hit for 10 each; and Brown, Nesbit, and Bessent each had 2 points.



School Menu	
Breakfast	
Monday, Dec. 10	Juice, breakfast pizza, cereal, milk
Tuesday, Dec. 11	Juice, burrito, cereal, milk
Wednesday, Dec. 12	Juice, pancake on stick, cereal, milk
Thursday, Dec. 13	Juice, biscuit, sausage, cereal, milk
Friday, Dec. 14	Juice, pop tart, cereal, milk
Lunch	
Monday, Dec. 10	Bean chalupe, salad, Spanish rice, fruit cocktail, milk
Tuesday, Dec. 11	Frito pie, crackers, tator tots, peaches, milk
Wednesday, Dec. 12	Chicken nuggets, potato wedges, green beans, pineapple, rolls, milk
Thursday, Dec. 13	Baked potato, chili, crackers, broccoli, fresh fruit, milk
Friday, Dec. 14	Chick-fil-a, pickles, potato patty, pears, milk

Robert Lee Elementary School Awards Second Six Weeks Accelerated Reader Honor Roll

(Students who reached their Reading Goal for the Six Weeks)

Second grade - Mrs. Horn

Linsey Arellano, Beeanca Bower, Luisa Carrera, Matthew Corona, Samantha Fernandez, Chad Martin, Kimberly Roach, Brianna Robles, Rachel Rojas, Dylan Van Deventer, Diana Vera

Third grade - Mrs. Askins and Mrs. Devoll

Foster Allen, Tanner Brickey, Heidi Austin, Joe Estrada, Robbie Gonzales, Logan Philley, Skyler Rainwater, Meagan Ross, Josh Rowoldt, Diego Saucedo, Megan Sturgeon, Connie Saucedo, Ginny Caston, J.P. Conner, Jake Cotter, Haden Dillard, Amanda Mendoza,

Paul Pineda, Kacee Roberts, Cody Taylor, Sarah Walker

Fourth grade - Mrs. Bessent and Mrs. Roberts

Emily Arellano, Devin Batten, Cody Brosh, Sarah Coppedge, Ivan Landeros, Nancy Landeros, Terry McDonald, Stetson Nesbit, Kristen New, Olivia Trejo, Rebecka Saucedo, Briana Brisbin, Cayetano Carrera, Justina Gloria, Tanner Hanigan, Mollie Hinderliter, Sarah Jones, Blake Millican, Jacob Moreno, Miguel Pérez, Emilee Yanez

Fifth grade - Mrs. Byrne

Holly Austin, Garrett Blair, Kimberly Cardenas, Kaden Duncan, Jasmine Gloria, Morgan Hill, Caleb Millican, Arrin Minjarez, Cory Fields, Cody Williamson, Dustin Moreno, Olga Perez, Megan Robinson, Norma Rojas, Mason Ross, Cori Torres, Jimmy Womack, Amy Barnett, Josh Gallegos

Sixth grade - Mrs. Burns and Mrs. McCabe

Jesse Braswell, Molly Burns, Chris Larue, Cody Denton, Brody Dillard, Cameron Hodge, Ashley Hopson, Briana Longoria, Allison Millican, Taylor Percifull, Andrea Pineda, Ronald Shaw, Chase Roe, Anna Rojas, Kasie Skinner, Melissa Martinez

RLISD cafeteria plans Christmas meal

The staff of the Robert Lee ISD cafeteria will be serving a traditional Christmas meal consisting of turkey and dressing, creamed potatoes, green beans, fruit salad, and rolls on Wednesday, December 19, 2001. The staff would like to invite the citizens of Robert Lee to eat lunch with students on that day. The cost of the meal will be \$3.00. The meal will be served during the regular cafeteria times, which are 11:15 am - 12:15 pm.

If you plan to eat lunch with Robert Lee students on December 19, please call Mrs. Shook at 453-4555 by December 11 for reservations.

Robert Lee band to hold Christmas concert

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

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

At Robert Lee Baptist Church

I am filing for re-election to the office of Coke County Treasurer. I would appreciate your support and vote.

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RLVFD news

by Marian Thompson
Secretary

In conjunction with the Disaster Planning Committee, 7 members of the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department along with WCC EMS, ECC EMS, Bronte Volunteer Fire Department, Coke County Sheriff's Department, Coke County Commissioners, representatives of 911, and the schools, 40 people in all were served a brisket dinner with all the trimmings before they were taken on tour of the Wackenhut Facility.

The facility houses 200 juveniles, all male, ages from 13 to 21, with an average age of 17. All are probation violators.

The visitors toured the dormitories as well as the kitchen, hospital, and laundry

department.

The group then went to the Bronte school for a tour noting the location of all the utility cut offs as well as locations of the gym, auditorium, science labs, and access to the basement.

In the event of a tornado or any other disaster, it is important for the fire department and emergency personnel to know the locations of the cut-offs at any large facility. The local departments could be the victims. It would be up to the neighboring cities to come in these events. In the near future, the group plans to tour the Care Centers as well as the Robert Lee school

All emergency agencies have a Mutual Aid Agreement throughout Coke County and the Concho Valley. All it takes



The Robert Lee Lady Steers captured the Championship trophy at the Irion County Basketball Tournament last weekend.

is a phone or radio call for the departments to come or go to neighboring communities to help.

The next meeting will be on Dec. 17th.

Junell announces retirement

State Representative Robert A. Junell (D-San Angelo) announced recently that he will retire from the Texas House of Representatives at the end of his current term. Junell has served in the House since 1989 and has been Chairman of the Appropriation's Committee for the past five sessions. He has also served on the Legislative Budget Board and Legislative Audit Committees for the past ten years, and this past session was a member on the Select Committee on Teacher Health Insurance. He is currently Co-Chair of the Joint Interim Committee on Higher Education Excellence Funding and a member of the Fed-

eral Budget and Taxation Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures.

"There comes a time when you need to step aside and let others have the chance to be a part of the process," Junell said. "I am proud to have had the opportunity to serve the citizens of this district for fourteen years and am pleased that they wanted me to serve in the legislature for them all that time. We got a lot of things done, but there is still more that needs to be done, and now it will be someone else's chance to do it."

When asked what he was proudest of during his legislative career, Junell stated, "I'm proud that for the ten years that I was Appropriations Chair, we were able to keep politics out of the budget process and put Texas first."

98 percent of all Christmas trees are grown on farms.

Blackwell Euterpean Club news

The Blackwell Euterpean Club met in the United Methodist Fellowship Hall, President Colleen Fletcher presiding. She welcomed two visitors, Lisa Ware and Rhonda Hood.

Members present were Hulene Magness, Tommie Lucas, Margaret Battle, Colleen Fletcher, Karen McBride, Margaret Stout, Rosie Ten Eyck, Sue Dean, Heather Sanderson, Karen Saunders, Dona Sanderson, Sharon Taylor, and Lillie Burwick.

Lisa Ware presented the program. She gave instructions on preparing your Christmas cards, and name tags for packages. The members enjoyed making and decorating a Christmas card.

Thanksgiving decor was displayed on the tables. Delicious refreshments were served.

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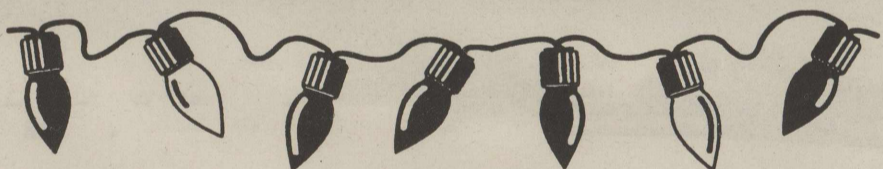
Favorite Applesauce Cake

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| 4 c All Purpose Flour | 2 c Sugar |
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| 1 tsp. Nutmeg | 1 tsp. Cloves |
| 2 c Raisins | 1 c Chopped Pecans |
| 1 c Butter or Margarine, melted | 2 1/2 c Applesauce |

Heat oven to 350°F. Grease and flour 10" tube pan. In large bowl, combine all ingredients except butter and applesauce; mix well. Stir in butter and applesauce until well mixed (batter will be thick). Spoon batter evenly into greased pan.

Bake at 350°F for 1 hour 20 minutes to 1 hour 45 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes. Remove from pan. Cool at least 1 hour or until completely cooled.

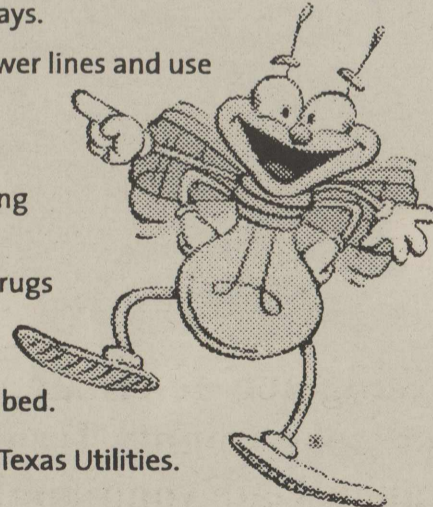
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- Never run cords under throw rugs or long drapes.
- Unplug decorations when leaving the home or going to bed.



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Shopping safely on the internet

John Cornyn
Attorney General

Q: I like the idea of shopping online for the holidays, but I have heard so many horror stories about purchases that never arrived or products that weren't as advertised. Plus it seems like Internet businesses go out of business so often these days. Any thought on how I can shop safely?

A: Online shopping is becoming an increasingly popular way of shopping for many who are pressed for time. You can take care of your entire holiday gift list with a few clicks of your mouse. However, some online companies out there are not what they seem to be.

The Consumer Protection Division of my office receives complaints about Internet companies that have not delivered as promised. Fortunately, most of these complaints are resolved quickly. But here are some tips to help you avoid running into problems in the first place.

Always try to deal with well known retailers. Be cautious of online stores that have names that are similar to other well known companies. These names may simply be a trick to get you to reveal your personal information.

Find out if the seller is based overseas. This can affect both delivery time and shipping costs. It can also make it more difficult to return items.

Only shop at sites that protect credit card information. If you don't know about a site's security program, ask the company directly.

Then use your credit card to make online purchases rather than a debit card. This way, if you have a problem with the company or the merchandise, you can dispute it through the credit card company. Or consider sending your payment by mail.



These Bronte 7th and 8th graders participated in UIL competition this year.

Make sure you find out about the site's privacy policy. Too many sites automatically collect information about you and your online shopping habits and then share it with other companies, advertisers or marketers.

Ask about shipping and delivery fees. Remember that the closer you get to the holidays, the more it may cost for you to ship your purchases. In addition, it may take longer for packages to arrive. And while a company may promise overnight delivery, they aren't always able to fill orders immediately.

Review the company's return and warranty policies carefully. Print and save copies of all your orders and receipts. In addition, you should make sure you have a physical address and telephone number for the company in case you need to return your purchase.

If you do end up having a problem with a product ordered online, contact the retailer first and give them an opportunity to resolve the situation. If that doesn't work, you can consider contesting the charge on your credit card, which means the credit card company will deal directly with the retailer.

Finally, you can take advantage of the voluntary complaint resolution service offered by my office. My Consumer Protection Division works to resolve problems between consumers and businesses, and in most cases we are successful. To file a complaint, you can visit our Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us and fill out our online consumer complaint form. You can also request a form by calling us at (800) 651-0508.

Our Web site contains tips and information for consumers on a wide variety of topics. And the Internet Bureau section of our site has more information for using the Internet safely.

Bronte band wins at region

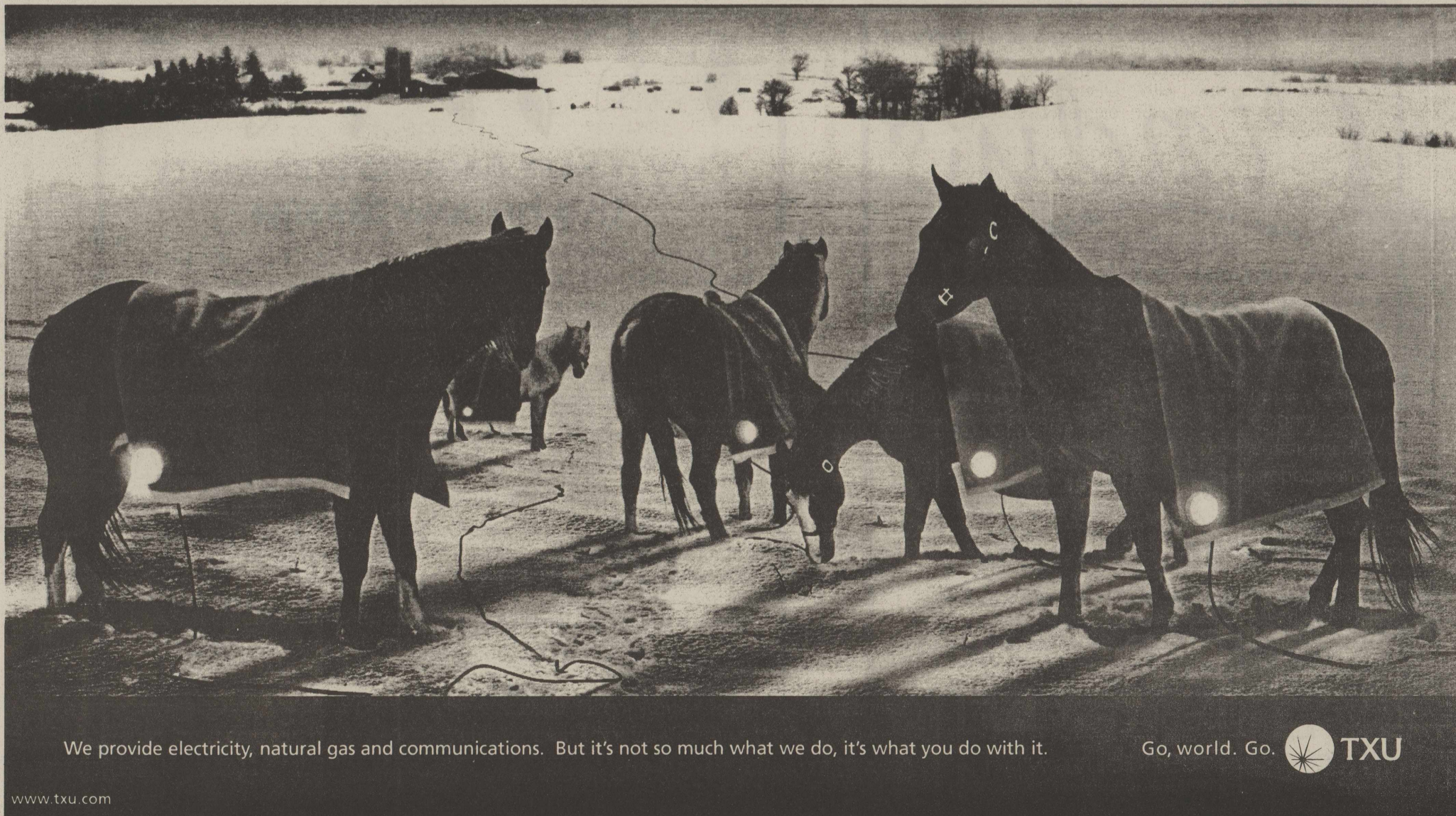
On Saturday, December 1st, high school region band auditions were held at Howard Payne University. All the students who participated in the audition competed for chairs by performing major scales and a very difficult prepared solo. Ariel Marris made the 5th chair for the concert band and Amy Morgan made 1st chair in the symphonic band. Bronte ISD and the Bronte community are very proud of these outstanding students for winning the region band chairs and their hard work in preparing for this.



Winning or placing in 7th grade UIL competition were these Bronte students: Rebekah Beauchamp (from left), Katie Cooper, Eric Hendrickson, Philip Rawlings, and Jonathan Marrs.



Winning or placing in 8th grade UIL competition were these Bronte students: Sarah Basquez (kneeling, from left), Lindsey Butler, (standing, from left) Jaylon Saunders, and Zach White.



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Keep season safe

You better watch out...you'd better not cry...it's time to start hitting the toy stores again, in search of that perfect holiday present for that perfect little angel in your life.

Although the holiday season "officially" starts the day after Thanksgiving - Nov. 23 this year - every toy-shopping adult knows that finding just the right child's gift can be more time consuming than that.

"Hot" toys vary from season to season and age to age, but Dr. Linda Jouridine, Texas Cooperative Extension health specialist, stresses that trendy toys aren't always the best - or the safest.

In fact, she said, put children's safety first all year long. Along with having young vehicle passengers ride in age-appropriate car seats and keeping children's immunizations up to date, giving children safe toys is vital.

Nowhere is this more critical than with that classic American holiday gift - the bicycle - and other riding toys.

According to figures from the Texas Department of Health, Product Safety Division, each year about 300 deaths and 400,000 injuries in children younger than 15 are associated with bicycles, Jouridine said.

Another "hot" item in recent years has been the razor scooter - another wheeled, riding toy designed for children. "But we see 100,000 injuries (annually) associated with scooters," she said.

As far as the ever-popular inline skates and old-fashioned roller skates are concerned - injuries just naturally occur when wheels are put on kids' feet.

Many of those deaths and injuries can be prevented through the use of safety equipment designed for these young riders, Jouridine said. "What parents did was fail to heed the No. 1 safety suggestion - when giving a wheeled present, make sure to give all the appropriate safety equipment also."

For example, inline skaters should also be equipped with safety helmet as well as wrist, elbow, knee and shin pads, she said.

"Protective gear is not just a bid for manufacturers to try to get more money," she said "but it is an important part of

safety.

Another vital aspect of safety in children's toys is age-appropriateness, Jouridine said. While infants and toddlers aren't the best recipients for bicycles and inline skates, they do appreciate toys designed for children their ages.

And adult shoppers should always keep age in mind when shopping for children. "In general, make sure to read the warning labels (on toys) for age recommendations," Jouridine said. Don't go by the child's level of intelligence, she said, but by his or her age. A 2-year-old child really might be as smart as a 5-year-old, she said, but he's still only 2, and "he's still going to put buttons in his mouth."

Don't buy any items with cords or strings for children younger than about 2, Jouridine said, because these cords can wrap around a child's neck and strangle him or her.

For these young gift-recipients, Jouridine recommends toys that will stimulate the children's brain development and motor coordination through bright colors, sounds and activities.

"Make sure everything is large enough so it can't get lodged in a baby's throat," she added. In fact, never give children under age 5 toys with small parts, including marbles, small balls and balloons. As colorful and festive as they are, balloons, as well as these other items, are still a choking hazard for children, she said.

"As a general rule," Jouridine said, "buy toys with sturdy construction, and nothing (no small parts) that can come loose or come apart."

Keep these recommendations in mind even if the child receiving the gift is older, but has smaller siblings in the house.

Children who are older, up to about age 8, should still not receive any toys with sharp points or metal edges, she said. "If you buy arrows or darts, make sure they have protective tips or suction cups that stay secure."

Toys that operate through electricity or that have heating elements - such as woodworking sets or ovens - are not recommended for children younger than 8, she added.

Because of the current situation in this country and the world, Jouridine said, parents

and other adults should consider all the issues before deciding whether or not to purchase toy guns for their children.

Toy guns for children have been controversial for years, but now, Jouridine said, "I am concerned that many law enforcement officials, operating under a heightened sense of security post 9/11, might mistake a toy gun for a real one."

Over and above the current controversies involving toy guns, she added, the Texas Department of Health has issued a warning that toy cap pistols can damage a child's hearing.

Whatever the age of the child or the kind of toy purchased, Jouridine recommended, immediately discard any plastic wrapping or packaging the toy came in, "to prevent choking or suffocation."

All in all, her advice is to: (1) follow label recommendations as to use of the toy and appropriate age; (2) eliminate choking hazards; (3) include the right protective gear when purchasing riding toys; and (4) look for toys that are sturdy and will not come apart easily.

By shopping with these four steps in mind, Jouridine said, adults can "ensure a safe, happy holiday season for their children."



George Snapp

Democratic Candidate for Commissioner Precinct #4 Coke County

Personal Information: Born March 27, 1932 in Fisher County, TX. Wife: Jimmie of Bronte, Sons: David and Jimmy Snapp of Odessa, Daughters: Karen Phillips of Odessa, and Annette Dorris of Arlington, Step Daughters: Vickie Parker of Robert Lee and Terri Gardner of Blanchard, OK. Step Son: Lea Daggett of El Paso.

Education: Rotan Schools - Rotan, TX; Texas Trade School - Dallas, TX; Odessa Jr. College - Odessa, TX.

Armed Forces: US Army Cpl. Korea 1953-1955

Work History: American Meter - Garland, TX 1952-1958, Technician; Odex Engineering Inc. - Odessa, TX, and Hobbs, NM, 1958-1964, Construction Superintendent and Store Manager; Calibration Services Inc. - Odessa and Monahans, TX, 1964-1970, Co-owner and Vice President; Snapp Lease Works, Inc. - Odessa, TX, 1970-1996, Owner and President; Retired in 1996.

Community Service: Monahans, TX - Jaycees 1964-1968, Director and VP; Little League Coach 1964-1969, Secretary and Treasurer; Girls Softball Organization 1965-1969, Organizer and VP; Cub Scouts 1966-1968, Cub Master. Odessa, TX - Little League Coach 1971-1972. Bronte, TX: Lions Club 1996 - Present, Member; Bronte Nursing Home Auxiliary 1997-1998, Organizer and Vice President; Bronte Nursing Home Auxiliary 1999-2000, President; Coke County Food Bank 2000 - current Board Member; RSVP of Concho Valley 1998 - current Board Member; Economic Development 1998 - current Board Member; Bronte Community Chest 2000 - present Chairman; City Council 1998 - present Councilman.

Awards: Monahans Jaycees Distinguished Service Award 1968; Youth Work Award 1968; Director of the Year 1967; Youth Work Award Monahans Little League 1968; Named in the US Jaycees Outstanding Young Men of America 1969.

Religious Affiliation: Member of First United Methodist Church, Sunday School teacher - Monahans, TX; Member of St. Luke's Methodist Church, Youth Leader 1971 - 1977, Odessa, TX; Current member of the First Baptist Church, Teen Sunday School teacher - Bronte, TX.

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HELP WANTED
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Runnels County Rehabilitation and Nursing Center
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Ballinger, Texas
915-365-2538

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453-2078
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28b-tnc

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CNA'S NEEDED
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19-2tc

GARAGE SALES

GARAGE SALE
Fri. & Sat. 9 am - 5 pm, Dec. 7 & 8. Space heaters & lots of misc. items. 715 E. Main St., Bronte.

20-1tp

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GARAGE SALE
Sat. 8:30 - 2:00. 112 West 12th, Robert Lee. Clothing items and misc.

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to our many friends for your concern, calls, visits and cards during Bill's hospital stay and recuperation. We appreciate our volunteer ambulance crew for their help. A special "Thanks" to James Tidwell for his help and support.

The Bill Thomas Family
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COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

By Tommy Antilley
Cooperative Extension Agent

Scrapie requirements: Identifying sheep and goats

Yes, beginning November, 2001, the USDA requires that certain classes of sheep and goats have PREMISE identification ear tags applied before they are moved from their farm to be sold in interstate commerce or commingled with sheep and goats from any other farm. Compliance action in Texas will not be taken until April 1, 2002.

Identification requirements extend to:

*All sheep 18 months of age or older

*All breeding sheep regardless of age

*Sexually intact show or exhibition sheep and goats

*All goats 18 months of age or older that are to have been commingled with sheep

*All breeding goats that are or have been commingled with sheep

NOTE: Identification for goats: Tattoos may be used to identify registered or meat and dairy show goats, as long as the animals are accompanied by their registration papers. A PREMISE identification number should be obtained and the ear tags should be applied to animals being culled or animals no longer accompanied by registration papers.

Commercial goats and wethers that have not had contact with sheep are exempt from identification requirements.

How much will tags cost? Aside from the time it takes to attach the ear tag prior to loading and goats for shipment, there is no cost, if you use the white metal tag or white plastic tags provided

through the state-federal program. Owners will be assigned a permanent PREMISE identification number. A free pair of tag pliers will be provided with the first shipment of tags.

To get your Premise identification number and order free tags, call the toll-free designated "tag line" at 1-866-873-2824. Tags are shipped by UPS, so be prepared to provide a physical address. This process is very simple and takes only about three or four minutes of your time.

Once sheep and or goats have been tagged, producers will be required to keep records of purchases and sales for five years for disease investigation purposes. To comply with record keeping requirements when selling sheep and goats at the livestock market, have your premise identification number recorded on the market check-in document.

This is a relatively painless ordeal and one that we must eventually all do. Once you have tagged your sheep, there are really no other requirements. For informational brochures about the program contact the Cooperative Extension office in the courthouse.

Peanut butter made fun

No more double-dipping in the peanut butter jar or peanut butter covered utensils on the counter. Peanut butter just got "funner". Finding a more convenient way to eat peanut butter was something consumers didn't know they needed until P.B.



Chris Torres bagged this heavy-bodied 10 point buck southwest of Robert Lee November 24 while hunting with his dad, Julian Torres. Chris, 13, had taken a doe before but the fine buck was his first.

Slices came along. Individually wrapped, P.B. Slices is one of the hottest foods available in supermarkets today.

The product is the creation of Stewart Kennedy, president of Kennedy Foods, who came up with the idea for sliced peanut butter during an evening with friends. Kennedy knew his first challenge would be to make peanut butter "unsticky." So he started testing the stickiness of peanut butter in his kitchen. His testing then moved to the Oklahoma State University Food and Agricultural Products Research and Technology Center. Creating P.B. Slices took Kennedy and the OSU team more than four years, 5,000 pounds of peanut butter and 432 different formulations before developing the perfect P.B. Slices.

Consumers of all ages are finding ways to enjoy the slices.

Jessica Tatum, a working mom of four in Amarillo, says she likes them because her

children eat peanut butter sandwiches every day. "It certainly makes it easier, quicker and less mess," she says.

The convenience and nutrition of P.B. Slices makes a great snack for children.

According to the National Peanut Board, the average American consumes more than six pounds of peanuts and peanut butter products yearly. Peanuts are naturally cholesterol free, as are P.B. Slices. The slices also provide an excellent source of protein, offering 5 grams per serving.

Peanut butter lovers of all ages can find P.B. Slices in the cheese section of grocery stores in Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico. National and international distribution is expected in early 2002.

WCC EMS Memorials for November 2001
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Coke County Library news

The Coke County Library was visited by many of those partaking in the Open House feast December 3. The world might be a happier place if some day could be declared Open House Day world-wide and everyone could get together and cook for one another.

The winners of the drawings for two gift bags of children's books were Kimberly Roach and Kaleb Bannert.

Several new books have been added to the shelves. Mary Higgins Clark's He Sees You When You're Sleeping; John Grisham's Skipping Christmas; and Elmer Kelton's Way of the Coyote.

Also, a new selection of children's Christmas books has been purchased with memorial funds. Memorial funds are used for special collections by the Library.

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. Food items for the Food Pantry are accepted in lieu of fines. Story Hour is at 10:00 on Tuesdays. Head Start Story Hour is Wednesday at 9:30.

Protect against winter illnesses

Recently, the national news has been full of stories about anthrax, a frightening disease associated mostly with livestock and wildlife, that someone has been attempting to spread to the human population through the mail.

"Everybody is concerned because we heard so much information about anthrax," said Dr. Carol Rice, Texas Cooperative Extension health specialist. "But what needs to be more considered is flu (and other illnesses common in winter). We're going into flu season now."

She pointed out that while the numbers of people infected with anthrax is small, thousands come down with colds, sniffles and flu every year. And while colds and sniffles are usually minor, flu can be deadly.

"We really need to be concerned about flu at this time of year - we should protect ourselves (from illness) during the holiday season," Rice said.

When families and friends travel for long distances to be together during the holiday season, they bring their germs with them, she added, and if they share these germs with others who are in close proximity, "then everybody gets sick."

Don't think staying home alone and refusing to socialize is the only protection against germs this holiday season. Rice suggested some much less drastic steps that can be taken to protect against germs and communicable illnesses, including colds, flu and other common seasonal ailments: First and foremost, she ad-

vised: "Wash your hands. That's a key thing because it will keep you from sharing germs." In fact, she said, for prevention of all kinds of infectious diseases, "hand-washing is the No. 1 issue." Washing hands will drastically reduce the numbers of germs shared by individuals, she said.

Make sure to have a ready supply of paper tissues to catch those sneezes and coughs, and then be thrown away. Rice said cloth handkerchiefs do not provide the same safety that paper tissues do, because handkerchiefs are kept close at hand after being used - which can spread germs and illness too.

Besides, a ready supply of paper tissues can help prevent children from wiping their noses on their sleeves, Rice added, which is another way germs get passed around.

And children often have germs to pass around. Rice quoted a pediatrician who once told her: "The only people who get sick more often than toddlers are their mothers." That's why teachers, child day care workers and others who spend large amounts of time with small children are among those recommended to get flu shots first. Flu shots can help anyone stay healthy, but they are especially recommended for those older than 65, people with such conditions as diabetes, heart disease or other chronic illnesses, she said.

Another way to protect against disease is to keep the immune system functioning at its best, Rice said. "Remember, our bodies have very powerful immune systems to protect us from infections. Unfortunately, we do many things to keep that system from working to its greatest level of effectiveness."

To stay as healthy as possible, Rice advised:

- *Don't smoke or use other tobacco products;
 - *If you must smoke, don't do it around others - especially children;
 - *Exercise for at least 30 minutes, five times a week;
 - *Eat at least five servings of fruits and vegetables each day;
 - *Get a full eight hours sleep at night;
 - *Don't drink more than two alcoholic drinks per day;
 - *Control stress;
 - *Stay current on immunizations. As Rice pointed out: "You are far more likely to catch the flu than anthrax."
- And have a safe and healthy holiday season.

Social Security news

Fredi Franki
 Social Security Manager
 San Angelo Office

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