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## Candidate filing period ends for local governmental posts

The filing period for Coke County government positions on the primary election ballot ended Wednesday, January 2, 2002. 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) as of press time on Wednesday, January 2: County Judge - Jackie Walker and Roy Blair; County Treasurer - Phelan Wrinkle; County Tax Assessor/Collector - Gayle Sisemore; County/District Clerk - Mary Grim; County Commissioner, Precinct #4 - George Snapp, David Rawlings, and William J. Thomas; Commissioner, Precinct #2 - Bill Wheat; County Justice of the Peace, Precinct #1 - D. Joan Davis;

### Rehab 2002 telethon

Coke County residents have an opportunity between now and midnight on January 19 to help West Texas Rehabilitation Center by making a gift to Rehab 2002, the Center's 32nd annual telethon.

Diane Luckett and Pat Martindale are once again spearheading the Bronte solicitation effort and have arranged for the phone bank to be in operation on telethon night at the Bronte City Hall from 7 pm to 10 pm. In Robert Lee, the "64" Study Club led by Leta Caston and Beth Prather, will be manning phones at Ivey Motor Company from 7 pm to 10 pm.

Rehab friends in the area who won't be able to call in their pledge on January 19 are encouraged to make an advance donation. Checks payable to WTRC may be mailed directly to the coordinators.

The five-hour television special will be aired from 7 pm to midnight on 10 Texas stations including KLST-TV in San Angelo.

Country music singer Brad Paisley will be the telethon's featured entertainer. Peter Marshall and Charlie Chase will emcee the show, which will also include entertainment by Florence LaRue of the 5th Dimension, rising new talent Jay Michaels and long-time Rehab telethon regulars Bill and Susan Hayes and Anacani.

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.

### New Voter Certificates mailed

Registered voters of Coke County need to watch their mailboxes for their new voter registration certificates for 2001-2002. The certificates were mailed Wednesday, January 2, 2002 by the Coke County Tax Assessor-Collector's Office.

The new cards are dark orange and white, and will replace the old yellow and white cards. Voters need to check the information on the certificates for accuracy, then sign the front. Both physical and mailing addresses need to be checked carefully, as well as precinct number and correct spelling of the voter's name and birthdate.

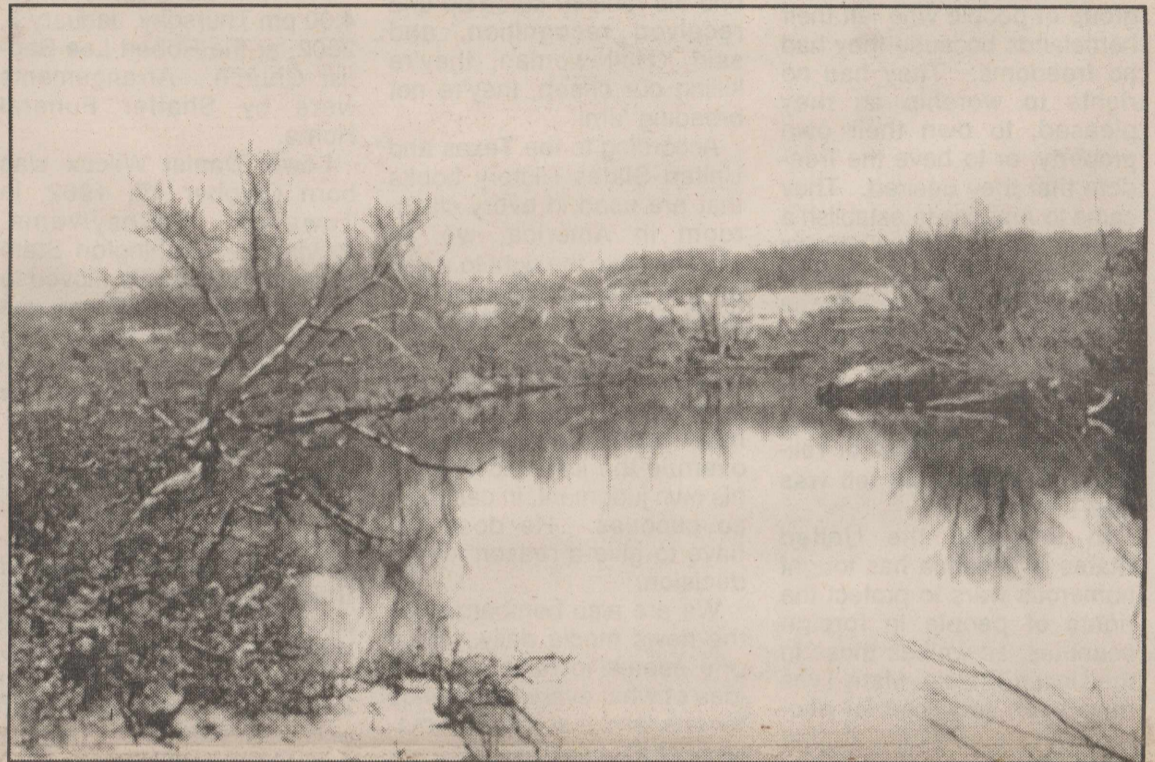
If corrections are needed, the corrected information can be entered on the back of the certificate. The voter must sign the back of the card and return it to the Coke County Tax Office, PO Box 169, Robert Lee, Texas 76945, or drop it by the tax office in the courthouse.

Please call the tax office if you do not receive a new certificate. If you have any questions, or if you need information on how to register to vote. The number is 453-2614.

### Time to re-register your brand

Brand re-registration is under way in Texas and will continue through February 28, 2002. A visible brand is the best way to protect cattle and horses against theft; however, many persons who don't own either register brands for historical or nostalgic purposes.

It is illegal to use a brand without first recording it, and re-recording is required every 10 years by Texas law. Brands that are not re-recorded by February 28, 2002, will become available



Coke County residents were greeted New Year's Day with scenes of a winter wonderland. Most areas in the county received 2-4 inches. However, warmer ground temperatures melted most of the snow before night fell. This is the second snow storm of the season in Coke County - perhaps a record.

for other persons to use.

Brands must be registered with the county clerk in every county where you intend to use them; therefore, if you run cattle in four counties, you must register your brands with each of those county clerks.

Brands used on horses must be registered separately, even if they are the same ones used on your cattle. Each county charges a small registration fee, ranging from \$8 to \$17.

A brand may be registered by more than one person in

each county, if it will be used in a different place on the animal. Some ranchers prefer to register their brands in all locations to prevent others from using them.

Most county agents send a copy of each brand registration record to Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. TSCRA headquarters is the only location where brand records are kept for all 254 Texas counties.

For more information, contact Mary Grim, County Clerk, at 453-2631.

### Lions Club meeting scheduled

The Bronte Evening Lions Club will meet Tuesday, January 8 at 7 pm at the Cowboy Cafe.

### Gospel Singing Sunday

The regular monthly community gospel singing will be held Sunday, January 6, 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.



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**Letter to the Editor**

**"Cowboy Mentality"**

The constitution of the United States was formed by a group of people who left their homelands because they had no freedoms. They had no rights to worship as they pleased, to own their own property, or to have the freedom that they desired. They came to America to establish a Nation where these things could be done without fear of oppression. This is not the case in most other parts of the world. This group of men envisioned a Nation where each individual could pursue whatever type of business or religious belief that he felt was best for him.

In the past the United States of America has fought numerous wars to protect the rights of people in foreign countries, as well as those in the United States. Many lives have been sacrificed for people in these countries, and to keep this type of ideology from our shores. We are now being approached by groups in our own nation that think that we should let the minority set the rules that our nation needs to be governed by.

Many times in the past year I have turned on the TV set to hear one of our liberal left members of congress, or some foreign leader that the taxpayer is keeping in power, complain about America's "Cowboy Mentality". Most of the time they are people that have no idea what the "Cowboy Mentality" means. They were raised with everything they desired and with the idea that all their food was made in the grocery store. Please let me explain what the "Cowboy Mentality" means to most Texans. Someone with a "Cowboy Mentality" takes responsibility for those things in his charge. He does not wait for someone to come to his assistance or do the things that he is responsible for. Whether this has to do with family, friends or livestock it is his responsibility to see that it is done. We use whatever means necessary to get the job done.

There are those who would limit or remove some of the tools necessary for us to do our job. A few years ago at a meeting of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association in San Angelo, Texas, a member of one group wanted to present a solution for the coyote problem. It was a very simple solution that would stop the killing of the coyote. A very refined lady addressed the group and told them that

to solve the problem, the male coyote should be trapped in a live trap, castrated, and released back into the wild. After a few minutes of silence, one old rancher stood up and received recognition, and said, "Hell woman, they're killing our sheep, they're not breeding 'em."

According to the Texas and United States History books that are used in every classroom in America, we as citizens have the right to a trial by our peers in all civil and criminal matters. Because judges have been given the right to overrule the jury, this is no longer true. The judges have been given the right to overrule the jury and enforce his own judgment, in cases he so chooses. He does not have to give a reason for his decision.

We are also bombarded by the news media daily. Each one seems to have his own idea of what every occurrence means, and that the vast majority of American citizens are not smart enough to listen to a speech and know what is said. We have to be told what each word really means.

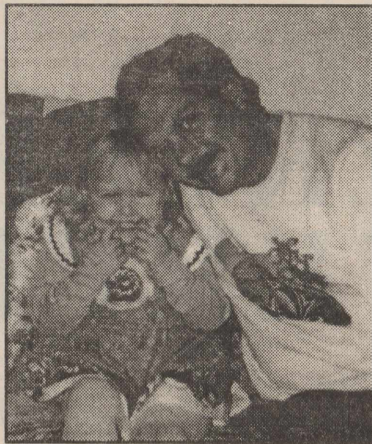
I guess what I am trying to say is that it is too bad that we all do not have more of the "Cowboy Mentality". We are now involved in a war in Afghanistan that has already cost thousands of lives and billions of dollars. A minority that decided to enforce their own version of the Muslim religion on a nation brought this about. After this succeeded they decided to go worldwide. When will America decide to go back to the way that the constitution was meant to be enforced and not let the minority decide how everything is to be run? It is time for us to all develop more of a "Cowboy Mentality".

Calvin Helm  
Bronte, Texas

**Tags now required**

Premise Identification Tags are now required on sheep and goats before they can be moved from their farms. The US Department of Agriculture issued the new regulations as part of a federal program to track scrapie, a fatal degenerative brain disease which affects sheep and goats. The American Sheep Institute estimates that scrapie costs the industry more than \$20 million each year in lost export sales, extra disposal costs for dead sheep and offal and lost productivity. For a brochure explaining details on the new requirements, call the Texas Animal Health Commission at 1 (800) 550-8242, ext. 710.

**Obituaries**



**Wilcox**

Louie Wilcox, 39, of Robert Lee died December 22, 2001 at his residence.

Memorial service was held at 4:00 pm Thursday, January 3, 2002, at the Robert Lee Baptist Church. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Lewis Daniel Wilcox was born October 17, 1962, in Towanda, Pennsylvania, moving to Washington State at an early age. He moved to Robert Lee in 1995 and was employed by the Robert Lee Care Center and was well known in the community for his airbrush artwork.

Survivors include his wife, Brenda Amyx of Robert Lee; his mother, Fern Wilcox of Robert Lee; a step-son, Andrew Amyx and wife, Misty of San Angelo; two brothers, John Wilcox, Jr. of Longview, Washington and Earl Eugene Wilcox and wife Connie of Woodland, Washington; and one granddaughter, Destiny Amyx of San Angelo.

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**Burtram**

Tommy Burtram, 26, went home to the Lord on December 26, 2001, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Service will be at 2:00 pm Saturday, January 5, 2002, at the Southside Church of Christ, in Robert Lee, Texas with Frank Daniels officiating. Burial will follow in Robert Lee Cemetery. Arrangements are by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Tommy was born June 29, 1975, in Garland, Texas. He and his family moved to Kenai, Alaska in 1981. After high school, he worked in the oil-field, in fire control work, and in computer repair.

Tommy was baptized into Christ in 1996.

He was once married to Caroline Smith of Anchorage, Alaska.

Survivors include one daughter, Victoria Wyntr Bur-

tram of Anchorage, Alaska; two brothers, Keith Burtram of Portland, Oregon and Jimmy Burtram of Kenai, Alaska; and one step-brother, Rex Burtram of Kenai, Alaska. Tommy is also survived by his parents, William and Loretta Burtram of Kenai, Alaska and one grandmother, Mildred Brown of Munday, Texas; and a host of relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers the family request that donations be made to the Southside Church of Christ in Robert Lee, Texas in memorial to him.

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**Jacobs**

Otis B. Jacobs, Jr., 85, died Saturday, December 29, 2001, in a local hospital.

O.B. was born in Rockwall, Texas on March 11, 1916, the first child of Otis and Mattie Jacobs.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Otis B. Jacobs, Sr. and Mattie Walker Jacobs, his wife, Mary Vivian Jacobs; brothers, Willis Langdon Jacobs and Jack Jacobs; and a sister, Mary Brod.

He is survived by his sons, John Jacobs and wife, Jeanette of Robert Lee and Jim Jacobs and wife, Valerie of Deer Park; four grandchildren, Richard Jacobs and wife, Kim of Bronte, Jim Bob Jacobs and wife, Rhonda of Houston, Chad Jacobs and wife, Nikki of Pasadena and Carrie Jacobs of Deer Park; four great-grandchildren, Brady Jacobs, Blaine Jacobs, Justin Jacobs, and Emily Jacobs; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

O.B. and Vivian were married July 1, 1939, in Abilene, Texas. In 1942, he was one of the first Coke County married men drafted into World War II, serving in North Africa and Italy. Since his Army days, O.B. has been a Deputy Sheriff of Coke County, a roughneck, a rancher, and retired as Coke County Tax Assessor Collector in 1985.

He was a Methodist and belonged to the First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee. He was a 50 years plus active member of the Hayrick Masonic Lodge #696 and a member of the Robert Lee Eastern Star.

Services were held on Monday, December 31, 2001, at 2:00 pm at the First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee. Burial followed in the Robert Lee Cemetery. Pallbearers were Wayland Dren-

nen, Billy Wayne Roe, Jay Service, Joe David Key, Donnie Robertson, and Jimmy Bell. Honorary pallbearer was Weldon Fikes.

**Volunteer training**

It's time to make those New Years Resolutions again. How about helping a few times a month with someone who needs some special assistance. Want a volunteer a couple of hours a week? Want to make your own agenda and hours? VistaCare Hospice needs your skills and talents.

VistaCare Hospice is offering free training for anyone wanting to become a hospice volunteer. The training is fun and educational, and it will be a good opportunity to start the new year with an easy resolution to keep.

The training will be held on Mondays starting on January 7 and ending February 11.

Training will begin at 6:30 pm and end at 8:30 pm.

The training sessions will be held at VistaCare Hospice located at 940-B Arroyo Drive in San Angelo.

Call Jill Stewart to register for the training. The VistaCare Hospice phone number is 947-0123.

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Rev. Jim Reeves, Pastor  
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Wed. 7 pm Choir

**Northside Church of Christ**  
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(915) 453-2619 or 453-2270

Tommy Williams, Minister  
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**Pecan Baptist**  
PO Box 542 • 12 W. Sterling City Hwy  
(915) 453-4645

Rev. Dale Patterson, Pastor  
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
11 am & 6 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  
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Luis Charles took this unusual photo of snow in Bronte following the first snow storm of the the 2001-2002 winter season. This storm dropped 6-10 inches in Coke County in early November.

**Bronte holds an "All American Christmas"**

The "All American Christmas" celebration held in Bronte on Tuesday, December 18 was a huge success. The celebration began with a parade beginning at the nursing home and ending at the depot. The Bronte PTO's "Rocking Christmas" float won the \$100 prize given away by the Bronte Chamber of Commerce for their first place entry. Kathy Howell's Kindergarten won \$50 and second place for their "Lollipop Express" entry, and the "Ho-Ho Ho Down Country Christmas Dancers" float created by Michelle Bearden, Terri Rawls, and Heather Lee's 2nd and 6th grade classes took third place and a \$25 cash prize. The entries in the parade were all excellent and the Bronte crowd loved every one of them.

After the parade, the children followed Santa to the old WTU building and stood in line to sit on his knee and tell him what they wanted for Christmas. While the children visited and had their pictures made with Santa, their parents shopped at area merchants.

At the end of the evening, a drawing took place in front of the WTU building. The Chamber of Commerce gave away Bronte Bucks good at area chamber member businesses. The winners include Lori Eubanks - \$25, Ann Ellis - \$50, and Brenda Ellis - \$100. The Sorosis club donated two \$25 gift certificates, and the winners of these were Dawn Rhodes and Debbie Moore. Kerry Hall, owner of Hall's Grocery donated three turkeys for the drawing. The winners of the turkeys were Janet Rhodes, Merle Andrews, and Debora England.

Several area merchants reported that they had never had so many people shopping in their stores at one time. Everyone who was involved in the parade, shopping, and just visiting old friends made Bronte's "All American Christmas" a huge success.

County leaders meet on Downtown Renovation  
The Coke County Extension

Program Planning Council sponsored a meeting recently with several interested leaders in attendance for a meeting concerning economic development and downtown renovation. Nancy Lester, Schleicher Cooperative Extension Agent, presented a program on activities, renovation projects, funding, etc. involved in the redevelopment of Eldorado and the surrounding area. Eldorado has been extremely progressive in their renovation of the downtown area and economic development of the town and area. Nancy gave us some insights on how to get started, some pitfalls they encountered, some shortcuts that were helpful and an overview of all the projects that Eldorado has accomplished. One of the major projects they were involved in was the Texas Hospitality and Leadership program whereby area leaders meet 10 times during a year to learn more about economic development

and selling hospitality for their communities. This program was also taught in the high school. There was considerable interest in this program and the Cooperative Extension agents and Program Planning Council will be involved in assisting in starting this program for our area.

Following her program, leader asked several important questions on ideas that could assist the Robert Lee Downtown Association and the Coke County Historical Committee in improving and enhancing the economic development of our area.

Those leaders in attendance included: Peggy Davis, Kei Antilley, Loretta Bridges, Phelan Wrinkle, Jackie Walker, Joan Burns, Paul Burns, Beth Prather, Joan Davis, Nita Duncan, Donna Ash, Rev. Jim Reeves, Dave Hughes, Christi Bagwell, Weldon Koepf, Carolyn Koepf, Debbie Wilkes, Jan Yanez and Tommy Antilley.

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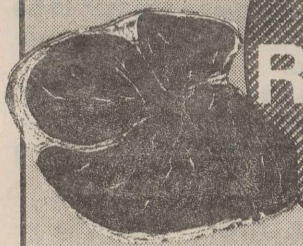
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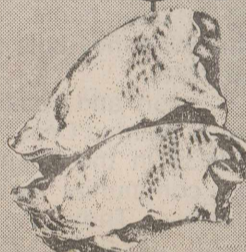
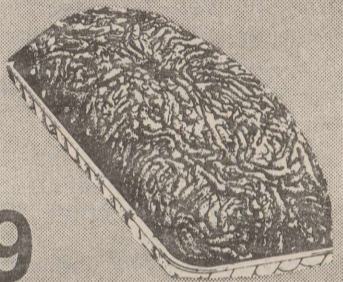
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Stacey Roach

### Roach graduates from University of Florida

Stacey R. Roach, granddaughter of the late Christine and Bill Tom Roach, graduated December 15 from the University of Florida in Gainesville with a Bachelor of Health Science Degree in Occupational Therapy and a 3.63 GPA. Attending the ceremony were her parents, Glenn and Jan Roach, sister Katie and her grandparents Buck and Elaine Cryer, all of Lee, Florida.

She has accepted a position with South Texas Regional Medical Center in Pleasanton, Texas. The medical center is affiliated with Community Health Systems, Inc. which is the leading operator of general acute care hospitals in non-urban markets throughout the United States operating 57 hospitals in 20 states, that offer a broad range of inpatient treatment and skilled nursing care.

During the summer and fall, she had the opportunity to intern with San Antonio State Hospital and found the experience very rewarding. She enjoys the San Antonio area and everything it has to offer.

Her ties to Robert Lee include Scotty and Mary Scott, Cristie, Mike and Tiffany Bagwell, Tom and Tiffany Roach and their family and other relatives.

### Sorosis Club News

The Sorosis Club of Bronte had its annual Christmas party in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church of Bronte. The club furnished a ham and rolls and the members brought finger foods to go with it. The husbands were invited.

Fredna Moore had collected pictures of each husband: one as a child, one as a young man and one as he is now. The members tried to match up today's picture with the other two. It was really funny trying to pick out traits in each picture that matched. Prizes were awarded to the top four and one to the one who didn't get very many right. Mary Frances Glenn, Mary Glenn and Marilyn Bivins were the top winners, Janet Wommack and Swan Archinal were happy with their "booby" prizes. The prizes were a pair of deer decoration, set of flashlights, candle in wrought iron holder, M&Ms candy and decorative pencil sharpener.

Those enjoying the fun and food were: Paul and Swan Archinal, Marilyn Bivins, Royce and Jean Fancher, Tunie and Mary Glenn, Clark and Mary Frances Glenn,

Richard and Peggy Hembree, Martin and Pat Lee, Bill and Diane Lockett, Jack and Earline Moore, Elton and Fredna Moore, Tom and Lou Ann Peters, Jesse and Doris Sims and Lee and Janet Wommack.

Fredna Moore was in charge of the "Picture Maze" and the prizes. The year book committee were the hostesses. They are Peggy Hembree, Doris Sims, Fredna Moore, Mary Frances Glenn and Janet Wommack.

There was a gift exchange that was very tame compared to last year. There wasn't as much exchanging and haggling over the gifts as last year. Everyone seemed to be pleased with the gift they received.

The next meeting will be in the home of Pat Lee when officers for next year will be elected.

### Harmon couple celebrates wedding anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Harmon of Robert Lee celebrated their 69th Wedding Anniversary and Mrs. Harmon's 86th birthday Sunday, December 16, 2001. A group of their children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and friends inspired them with a party by gathering in their home on their farm which they built in 1948 and 1949.

Floyd Harmon and Jessie Creech were married December 18, 1932 in the Green Mountain community near Robert Lee. They were married on Jessie's 17th birthday. They have four children, Lawana M. Perry of Carlsbad, Dorene Mashburn of San Angelo, Jeffie Roberts of Robert Lee, and Jerry Harmon of Weatherford.

Those present for the party were Lawana and Howard Perry of Carlsbad; Dorene and Wayne Mashburn, Rena and Brady Johnson, and Rusty Meurer, all of San Angelo; Jeffie and Bobby Roberts, Douglas, Denise, Kacee and James Roberts; Marshall, Sheri and Stewart Millican, all of Robert Lee; Tammy Hortenstein and Jason Harmon of Bronte; and the honorees, Floyd and Jessie Harmon.

### Sorosis Club participates in Christmas Parade

The Sorosis Club of Bronte participated in the annual Christmas in Old Bronte parade. They had a float with a Christmas tree in the middle and rocking chairs around it. A tape of Brenda Lee singing "Rock Around The Christmas Tree" played throughout the parade and the members of the club rocked and threw candy to the people along the street.

Lee Wommack drove the pickup that pulled the float.

"Rockers" included Doris Sims, Marilyn Bivins, Fredna Moore, Janet Wommack, Lou Ann Peters, Swan Archinal, and Diane Lockett. Charter members, Mary Frances Glenn and Mary Glenn rode in the cab of the pickup.

The club hopes to make this an annual event.

### Texas Gun & Knife Show tradition continues

Since 1978, thousands of Texans all across the state have come to dozens of Texas Gun and Knife Shows to see the best in collectible guns, knives and accessories, presented by TGKA Promotions. On January 5-6, the association will present their first Gun & Knife Show for 2002 at the San Angelo Concho Pavilion.

Collectors and exhibitors from throughout the San Angelo area will be on hand to buy, sell and trade some of the most extraordinary guns, knives and accessories ever made. "These are all items you simply can't find every day," explains Don Hill, president of the association. "And even if you could, you certainly couldn't find them all together in one place at one time like this."

Hill expects scores of exhibitors to be on hand at the upcoming show, and he himself will be available to visit with the public during the event.

As in every Texas Gun & Knife Show, guns and knives are just part of the picture at the San Angelo Show. There will also be a great selection of wildlife art, historical artifacts, "Texana" items, and Native American and military memorabilia, and for the ladies, excellent priced gold and silver jewelry.

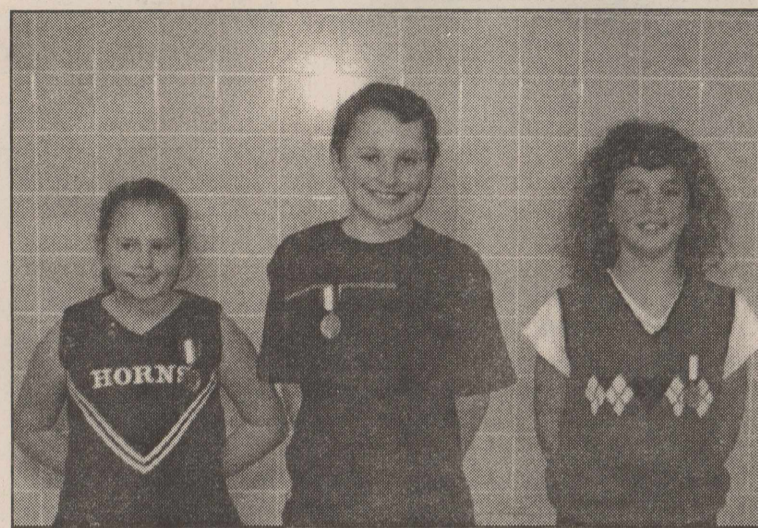
The San Angelo Gun & Knife Show will take place Saturday, January 5th, from 9 am until 5 pm and Sunday, January 6th, from 10 am until 5 pm. There will be a special "two for the price of one" admission on both Saturday and Sunday during the first hour of the show. Children under 12 are free.

### ASU graduates honored at commencement exercises

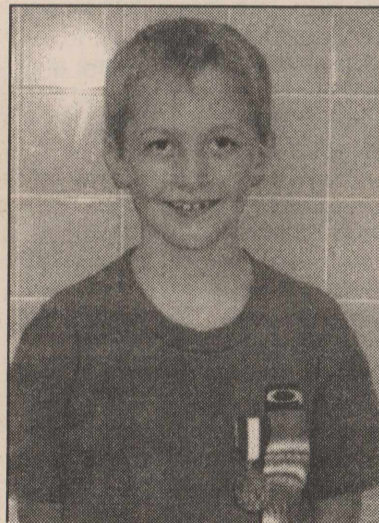
Angelo State University held their 2001 Fall commencement exercises December 14 in San Angelo. Graduates from Bronte were Scott A. Thompson. Robert Lee graduates included Lisa Dawn Sadler.



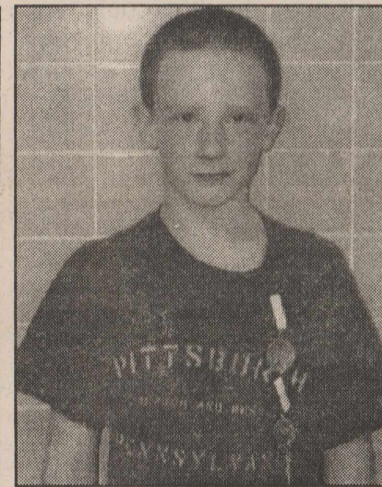
The Bronte Third Grade Music Memory team placed second at the elementary UIL Academic meet at Angelo State University December 1. Team members are (from left) Dustin Brown, Kelsey Sedden, Tori Acevedo, and Cheyenne Hunter.



Kim Womack (from left), Tyler Riney, and Stephanie Frazier placed second in the Art Smart contest for fourth graders at the elementary UIL Academic meet at Angelo State University December 1.



Chase Harris placed third in Spelling at the elementary UIL Academic meet at Angelo State University December 1.



Gus Saunders received a silver medal for Dictionary Skills at the elementary UIL Academic meet at Angelo State University December 1.

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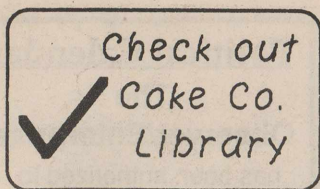
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**Coke County Library News**

New Year's resolutions always include more exercise to keep the body in shape and to feel better and to take off a few pounds. One study from the National Academy of Sciences shows that lack of mental exercise is more like to contribute to Alzheimer's.

The study of people in their 70's showed that "those who regularly participated in hobbies that were intellectually challenging during their younger and adult years tended to be protected from Alzheimer's disease."

Television watching is not protective and may even be a risk factor for Alzheimer's said a professor of neurology. Areas included for study were: passive activities (television, talking on the phone or listening to music); intellectual (reading, crossword, playing instruments, knitting or woodwork); physical (baseball, football, bike riding, swimming, walking). Alzheimer's patients were less active in all activities except for television watching.

The Coke County Library has many mental exercise activities: fiction, biography, Texas Lore, westerns, historical fiction, health, cooking, exercising, crafts, romance, jokes, sports, current events and much more. A copy of the news article containing the study is available at the library.

New Year's resolutions to exercise can include mental activities as well as physical exercise. As was pointed out in the study, television is not a mental exercise even though it is an ever-present diversion.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; and Fridays, 8-12. Story Hour is Tuesday at 10:00. Books may be returned to the Main Street Market in Bronte.

**Senate fails to move farm bill this year**

by Charles Stenholm  
U.S. Congressman

There was no good news to report from the Senate this week regarding the efforts to complete a farm bill by the end of the year.

Despite three separate votes on cloture, a Senate parliamentary procedure, the Senate failed to secure the 60 votes needed to limit debate, making it impossible to proceed with further action on the farm bill.

The cloture votes to move the farm bill forward were supported by all Democrats, four Republicans and one Independent.

In the end, the 60 votes needed for cloture were not achieved. Under these circumstances, Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle had no choice but to pull this legislation from further consideration this year.

The Republican Senators, for various reasons, did not vote for cloture. This prevented the farm bill from being

passed in the Senate and brought to a conclusion this year.

As I have said on many occasions, the House was able to pass a farm bill this year because the Republicans and Democrats worked together in a bipartisan way to fashion a bill that is needed in rural America.

Given the limits of the budget, the House Agriculture Committee managed to write a farm bill this year that balanced the needs of conservation, commodities, nutrition and agricultural research. And we did so within the budget.

When this legislation was brought before the full House of Representatives, I am pleased to report that it was passed by equal numbers of Republicans and Democrats.

This is how the legislative process should work, with Republicans and Democrats working together to pass legislation that addresses the common needs of their constituents.

It hasn't been an easy process, however.

The House Agriculture Committee held hearings all over the nation to get producer and industry input on the farm bill.

In addition, the committee made repeated requests for input from the administration, while the farm bill was in the process of being written.

The administration waited until the day the farm bill was brought before the full House for consideration to tell us that they had problems with it. This was not helpful.

This week, in response to the Senate failure to move forward with the farm bill, Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman issued a statement saying that the administration had hoped that a bipartisan bill would be developed.

She said the administration wanted a bill that had a safety net for producers, strong conservation and rural development programs, was pro-trade, and within the budget.

I guess she didn't have time to review the House-passed farm bill because we managed to do all of those things with our legislation.

The Secretary went on to say that the administration remains committed to completing a farm bill quickly, and she expects this can be accomplished soon after Congress goes back into session in 2002.

She says we must work together to complete a farm bill that is fair and responsible, and I could not agree with her more. I look forward to having input from the administration as this process moves forward.

In terms of next year's congressional schedule, it is unlikely there will be any further action on the farm bill until February, and it is far more likely that action will drag on into the spring.

Unfortunately, our nation has once again started down the path of deficit spending, and budget limitations will probably further complicate the entire process.

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In 1981, Sandra Day O'Connor became the first woman to serve as a Supreme Court Judge.

**Blackwell Euterpean Club meets**

The Euterpean Club of Blackwell met on December 20, 2001 in the Baptist Fellowship Hall.

Hostesses were Hulene Magness and Lillie Burwick.

Members attending were Sharon Taylor, Bobbie Varnadore, Colleen Fletcher, Tommie Lucas, Margaret Battle, Betty Cole, Hulene Magness, Lillie Burwick, Dona Sanderson, Sue Sweet, Sue Dean, Rosie Ten Eyck, Karen Saunders and Heather Sanderson.

Guests were Janet Lisso, J.D. Taylor, Kaitlyn Saunders and Emilee Sanderson.

The program of Christmas music was presented by J.D. Taylor and Kaitlyn Saunders.

Christmas gifts were exchanged and refreshments were served.

**Friendly poets sought in free contest**

A \$1000 grand prize is being offered in a special religious poetry contest sponsored by Friendly Poets Society, free to everyone. There are 52 prizes in all, totaling more than \$5000.

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Poems may be written on any subject, using any style, as long as there is a spiritual inferece. A typical poem might be a love poem, or nature poem, one that inspires.

Be sure your name and address appears on the page with your poem. A winner's list will be sent to all entrants.



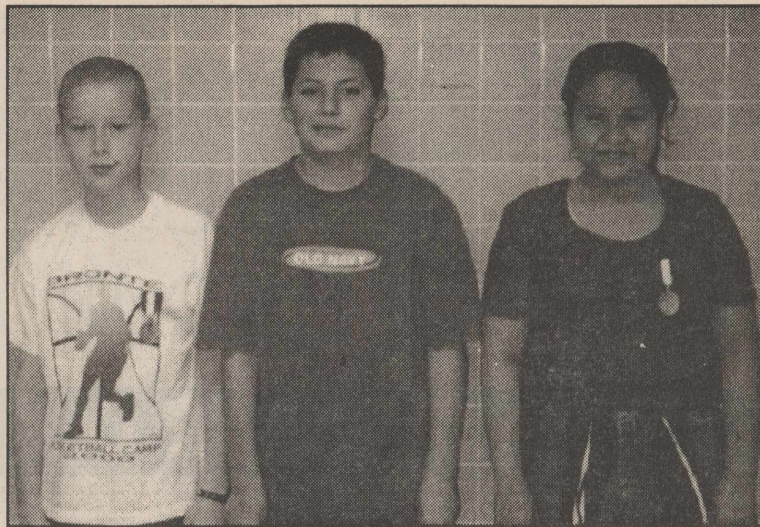
**School Menu**

**BISD Menu Breakfast**

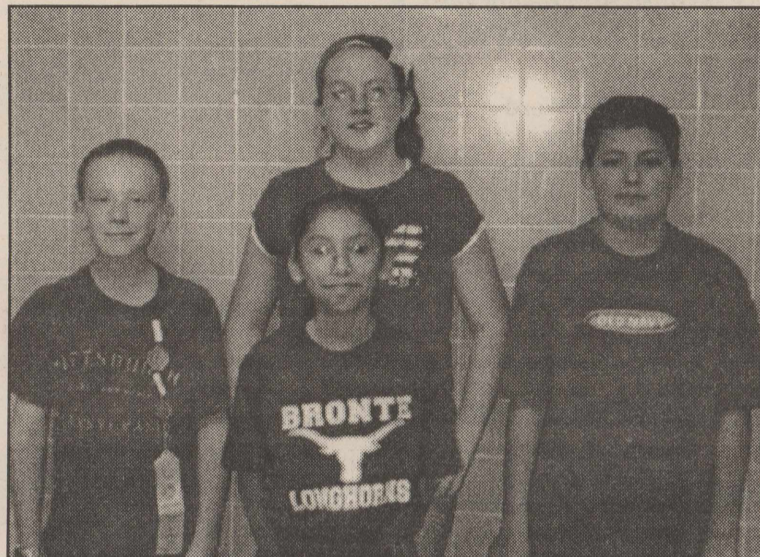
- Monday, Jan. 7 - Cereal, Pineapple Tidbits, Trail Mix, Teddy Grams, Milk
- Tuesday, Jan 8 - French Toast Sticks, Apple Juice, Milk
- Wednesday, Jan. 9 - Sliced Ham, Grape Juice, Biscuit, Milk
- Thursday, Jan. 10 - Grilled Cheese, Orange Half, Milk
- Friday, Jan. 11 - Pancake and Sausage On A Stick, Orange Juice, Milk.

**Lunch**

- Monday, Jan. 7 - Chalupa, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Lettuce & Tomato, Milk, Rice Krispie Bar
- Tuesday, Jan. 8 - Lasagna, Tossed Salad, Sweet Corn, Mixed Fruit, Bread Sticks, Milk
- Wednesday, Jan. 9 - Egg Rolls, Chinese Vegetables, Fried Rice, Pineapple Tidbits, Milk, Pink Panther Cake
- Thursday, Jan. 10 - Spud Day, Chili & Cheese, Baked Potato, Steamed Broccoli, Crackers, Milk, Jello
- Friday, Jan. 11 - Chick - Fil-Lay Sandwich, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Potato Wedges, Orange Half, Bun, Milk, Sugar Cookies.



Samuel Rawlings (from left), Matthew Allen, and Prescilla Lara placed first in the Art Smart contest for fifth graders at the elementary UIL Academic meet at Angelo State University December 1.



Gus Saunders (from left), Casey Harris, Matthew Allen and Estephanie Flores (front center) received perfect scores in Music Memory during the elementary UIL Academic meet at Angelo State University December 1.

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## Never too old to be young again

Over 50 and running out of New Year's resolutions? Resolve to be young again through an enjoyable but carefully planned exercise program.

According to experts at Baylor College of Medicine's Huffington Center on Aging, exercise is a key component in "healthy aging".

"People who begin exercising and remain in shape from an earlier point in life greatly increase their chances of having fewer and less debilitating health problems when they grow older," said Dr. George Taffet, an associate professor of medicine at Baylor. "However, individuals who start exercising later on in life can still reap tremendous physical benefits."

According to the U.S. Surgeon General's office, the key is to include at least 30 minutes of accumulated physical activity on most days of the week. Some tips to get you started or to keep you on track include:

- Reinforce yourself. Make a list of all benefits of exercise and post it where you can see it everyday.
- Do what you like. Choosing an activity you enjoy increases the chances you will remain with the program.
- Add variety. Varying your activities may increase the likelihood you will stick with it.
- Don't "sweat" it. If you don't have much time, divide your exercise into smaller increments. Take a 10-minute walk at lunch, another one at dinner; pull weeds in the garden for 15 minutes.
- Ease into it. Don't try to do too much at once, especially if you have a chronic illness or other health condition. Talk to your physician about a fitness program that suits your individual needs.
- Don't be too tough on yourself. Missing a day or two is not a reason to throw in the towel. Just pick up where you left and start "anew".
- Eat well. Choose foods wisely and try to pack in as many nutrients as possible.

Taffet also cautions that you check with your doctor before starting to make sure your exercise program in order to ensure that it is safe and more rewarding.

"It doesn't matter if the exercise you do involves walking the dog, bicycling or working the yard - as long as it is something you feel good about," said Taffet. "None of us are guaranteed of living to be 100, but with regular exercise, at least the chances we will live healthier and longer are greatly increased."

held at 5 pm on Tuesday, January 8, at 719 Strong Avenue in Ballinger.

Will joins Edward Jones chief market strategist Alan Skrainka and Lord Abbett Director of Equities Bob Morris who each will give their perspective on the state of the nation, economy and financial markets in 2002.

"We expect this sign-of-the-times roundtable to discuss such thought-provoking issues as what the lasting effects of terrorism will be on the U.S. to the Edward Jones perspective on attractive stocks, bonds and other investment vehicles," Woodruff said.

Will's twice weekly newspaper column appears in just under 500 newspapers across the U.S. and in Europe. He's a regular contributing editor of Newsweek magazine, provides a bimonthly back-page essay to the national publication and also is a founding panel member on ABC television's "This Week with Sam Donaldson and Cokie Roberts."

A best-selling author of political theory and baseball, this Champaign, IL, native served as a staff member in the U.S. Senate and was the Washington editor of National Review magazine.

"We're proud to have someone of Mr. Will's caliber speak to our clients and our communities about what this new year may bring," Woodruff said. "And the insight offered by our chief market strategist as well as the director of equities for one of the leading independent money management firms is sure to keep us educated and entertained."

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## The New Open Container Law

As of September 1, 2001, it is illegal to possess an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle. House Bill 5, passed by the 77th Texas Legislature, makes it a Class C misdemeanor to possess an open container of alcohol in the passenger area of a motor vehicle which is on a public highway or the right-of-way adjacent to a public highway.

### What is an "open container"?

Under the new law, an "open container" is a bottle, can, or other receptacle that contains any amount of alcoholic beverage and that has been opened, that has a broken seal, or the contents of which are partially removed.

### What is considered the "passenger area of a motor vehicle"?

The "passenger area" is the area of a motor vehicle designed for the seating of the operator and passengers. It does not include a locked glove compartment or a similar storage container that is locked, the trunk of a vehicle, or the area behind the last upright seat of the vehicle if the vehicle does not have a trunk.

### What is a "public highway"?

This includes any public road, street, highway, interstate, or other publicly-maintained way if any part is open for public use for the purpose of motor vehicle travel.

### Does the motor vehicle have to be moving for a violation to occur?

No. Under the law, a person commits an open container offense by possessing an open container in the passenger area of a motor vehicle regardless of whether the vehicle is being operated or is stopped or parked. There is an exception for people who are passengers in a bus, taxi, or limousine; or who are in the living quarters of a motorized house coach or motorized house trailer, including a self-contained camper, motor home, or recreational vehicle.

### Did the Texas Legislature also change the DWI laws?

Yes. House Bill 5 strengthens the punishment for repeat DWI offenses. A second DWI conviction within five years of the first now requires a mandatory one-year suspension of the offender's driver's license. Upon reinstatement, the offender must have an ignition interlock device installed on his or her vehicle for an additional year. This device uses a breath analysis

mechanism that renders the vehicle inoperable if ethyl alcohol is detected in the driver's breath.

### Why were the open container and DWI laws changed?

Before the 77th Legislature, the State of Texas was not in compliance with federal open container and DWI repeat offender laws. As a result, it risked losing federal highway construction funds apportioned to the state. The changes in the law bring Texas into compliance with federal open container laws and federal laws for repeat DWI offenders.

Also, the Department of Public Safety has observed that in the majority of alcohol-related crashes, an open container is present. The law is intended to help curb the problem of driving while intoxicated.

## Scholarship program expanded

More students in 4-H and FFA programs across Texas will have the opportunity to apply for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo scholarships due to a change in the program. In November, Show officials eliminated the program's restriction on agriculture or life science field of study, allowing students to major in any authorized field of study leading to a bachelor's degree.

The Show's 4-H and FFA scholarship program is its oldest program and awards \$1.4 million to graduating high school seniors each year. This change in policy not only affects future scholarship recipients, but also is effective for students currently attending Texas colleges and universities on Show 4-H and FFA scholarships. While this may change choice of major for some students, it will still allow them to take their agriculture and life science backgrounds into their future careers.

## Social Security News

by Fredi Franki  
Social Security Manager  
San Angelo Office

In Texas, more than 540,000 people receive monthly disability benefits under programs run by the Social Security Administration. All of them have one thing in common: they each had to complete a long, detailed form describing their condition, how it developed, and their treatment sources (Disability Report - SSA - 3368). A new Internet tool provides online help in completing the form, making it easier for adults who want to file for disability benefits.

"The form helps us obtain information about the applicant's condition, and is our key to obtaining medical records," said Fredi Franki, manager of the San Angelo office. "Completing the form well can make a difference in how long it takes to process your claim."

While claims representatives help applicants complete the form, it is best for individuals to have as much of the form completed as possible before the interview. There is no question that people who complete the form well find the disability interview easier. The information on the form makes the claims process a lot smoother," Franki said.

"With the new online tool, applicants can get online help. Claimants can click on any section of the form for a "plain language" explanation of what information is needed, why we need the information, and how answers will help us in making a disability decision."

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### Allen at Ground Zero in NYC

Kathy Allen, a Bronte graduate, gave up her holidays this year with the family to work the Red Cross Disaster Relief effort at Ground Zero at the World Trade Center in New York City. Kathy is the daughter of Norman R. (Wink) Kiker, formerly of Bronte, and is married to Gary Allen, also a Bronte graduate. They currently make their home in Liberty, Utah, near the site of a number of the Olympic skiing events in February 2002 at the Snowbasin Ski Resort. Kathy has been a volunteer with Red Cross for almost 20 years in their Aquatics and Disaster Relief programs. She holds Red Cross Certificates as an Instructor in a number of areas including Water Safety, Lifeguard, and CPR. Kathy will also be an Olympic volunteer at Snowbasin where the Downhill, Giant Slalom, and Super-G Olympic events will be held in January. She worked both men's and women's World Cup and para-Olympic events during Winter 2001 and gained valuable experience in preparation for the 2002 Olympics. She usually works around the finish line area so one may catch sight of her on TV during those Olympic events.

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### Red Cross volunteers donate holidays

Two local Red Cross volunteers, Kathy Allen and Catherine Clarke, are celebrating Christmas a bit differently this year, about a block from Ground Zero.

Clarke, 48, is in the middle of her second stint as a volunteer in New York City while Allen is beginning her first national disaster assignment, having arrived in the city a mere two days before Christmas.

"I said goodbye to my 3-year-old grandson at the airport Sunday," Allen said. "That was a bit hard. But walking to the subway Monday, I imagined what these people went through on September 11 and am glad I came. I hope I can help."

Allen's return ticket home is open ended, which she said served as a flag to airport officials to search her baggage, an event which occurred three times on her trip to New York.

Allen, who will be working with records and reports during her stay in New York City, spent the day before Christmas learning how to navigate the streets of the city and going through Red Cross orientations.

"I felt I needed to be here and give part of myself. My family understands I need to do this and they support me," Allen said. "We'll have Christmas together when I return."

Clarke works at Service Center No. 1 in Chinatown, helping to feed families of vic-

tims who lost their lives September 11.

"A whole generation of Cantonese were lost. They operated a farmer's market underneath the World Trade Center," Clarke said. "We feed grandparents who don't speak English, who come with their grandchildren who do. The parents are gone."

Nino's, an Italian restaurant about a block away from Ground Zero, has bustling clientele of a different kind since September 11. No longer open to the public, it now serves as a hub of activity to feed aid workers, firefighters and police officers. Clarke plans to eat Christmas dinner there on Tuesday.

Nino's is owned and operated by Nino Zendome, an Italian immigrant who arrived in New York City 30 years ago to find a better life.

Along with Cantonese and Chinese clients from China Town, Clarke said that many are also of Russian and Arab descent, so translators work alongside volunteers.

An Arab gentleman, who volunteers with Clarke, worked at the Marriott Hotel just below the twin towers and lost 38 friends in the disaster.

"All you have to do is ask someone where they were when it happened and they'll talk to you for hours," Clarke said.

The number of outside volunteers in the area has shrunk with the onset of the holidays. As others head out for a breather, volunteers like Clarke and Allen headed in.

"I had never done anything like this before. Before 9-11, I worked on a disaster team for house fires in Ogden," Clarke said. But she signed up for the national team shortly after the planes hit the towers.

Clarke said her work in Chinatown has taught her how to say thank you in Chinese, Russian and Arabic.

"The people here are so grateful for anything we do. We hear those words often," Clarke said.

Working 13-hour days, Clarke said she hasn't had time to keep a journal but has shot several rolls film. "I haven't had a day off since I've been here."

On Christmas, a "day off" for the volunteers, Clarke hopes to visit Ground Zero for a time of prayer. "They found more bodies today. The digging will continue on Christmas," Clarke said.

She also hopes to see the Rockefeller tree lit up.

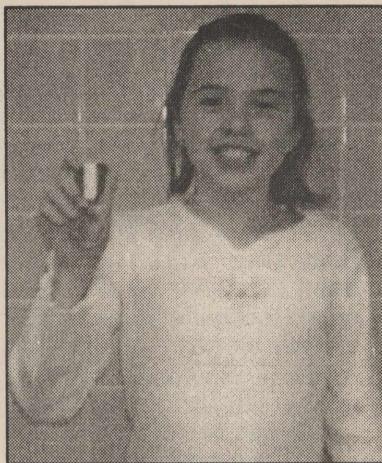
"I'm Catholic so I tried to get reservations for the Christmas service at St. Patrick's Cathedral, but since 9-11 a lot of people found religion and you had to book your seat in October," Clarke said.

Businesses in New York City have donated toys for the children affected by the disaster.

"We're giving out toys and food so they'll have something for Christmas. I've seen big guys cry when we handed them a teddy bear," Clark said.

"There's such a diversity of culture here but since September 11 they're all getting along," Clarke said.

Clarke will return to Ogden on January 24 to prepare to work as a Red Cross volunteer at the Winter Olympic Games.



Jessi England placed first in Ready Writing, an elementary UIL Academic event that was held on November 15th at the Bronte campus.

But once the Games end, she said she'd love to head back to New York.

"Everyone has been so absolutely nice and wonderful," Clarke said, noting that the bonds of humanity have been strengthened since the disaster. "People are sorry it happened but some good has come out of it."

### Cold weather can create deadly problems

Cold weather - with frost, chilling winds, ice storms or snow - can create severe problems that many people in the state are not used to dealing with especially following months of comfortably warm temperatures, according to the Texas Department of Health (TDH).

Hypothermia, the severe or prolonged loss of body heat, begins when a person's body temperature falls below 95 degrees F. Because the temperature drop may be gradual and an early symptom of hypothermia is mental confusion, the victim may not know there is a problem. And health officials warn that vulnerable people can die from cold weather.

In 2000, hypothermia was a contributing factor in 53 Texas deaths.

People most susceptible to hypothermia include those 60 and older, infants and small children, people who are sick, those taking certain prescription drugs or drinking alcohol, the homeless, auto or boating accident victims and those unable to find temporary shelter in cold weather.

Often an older person's metabolism is slower than that of a young person, or the older person may already be in poor health and taking medications that can alter awareness of dangerously low temperatures. People 60 and older may not perceive or respond to cold as readily as younger people because the body's natural alarm signal - the reflex of shivering that increases blood flow - lessens with age. Some hypothermia victims die because they are simply unaware of gradual temperature changes.

And some people, especially the elderly on fixed incomes, may set their thermostats dangerously low for fear of high heating bills.

To reduce potential dangers:

\*Watch for symptoms of hypothermia including confusion and drowsiness, slurred



In the Mathematics competition for sixth graders at the elementary UIL Academic meet at Angelo State University December 1, Savannah Martinez (from left) received a fourth place ribbon, Estephanie Flores received a third place medal and Cody Wallace received a second place medal.

speech, a drop in blood pressure, shallow breathing and a pinkish tint to the skin. Anyone with these symptoms related to cold temperatures is in immediate danger.

\*Check on elderly or ill people, especially if they live alone or in isolated areas.

\*Wear loose-fitting clothing in layers, gloves and a face cover to block the wind if you must be outside. Stay dry.

\*Be extremely cautious in the wind. A strong wind, even in only moderately cool weather, can cause a wind chill far below freezing.

\*Take extra precautions with those most vulnerable.

Winter storms also may cause power outages, and food safety becomes a problem along with heating. If you lose power for more than four hours, take the following precautions with refrigerated food products.

\*Discard any potentially

hazardous foods such as meats, eggs, dairy products and leftovers that may have exceeded 45 degrees F. When in doubt, throw it out.

\*Any frozen food that has thawed but not exceeded 45 degrees F should be prepared as soon as possible. Do not re-freeze.

TDH officials warn that no one at any age should underestimate weather changes and should dress appropriately. Wind chill refers to the cooling effect wind has on the skin. Not only can wind chill cause rapid heat loss from the body, but it also can cause frostbite - actual freezing of the tissues.

Anyone planning outdoor activities in cold weather should refer to local weather forecasts for information.

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