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Christmas Candlelight services scheduled

Bronte First Baptist

Bronte's First Baptist Church will be celebrating the birth of Christ in a special time of worship this Sunday, December 22, at 6:00 pm. This Christmas Candlelight Worship service will feature lots of congregational singing, special music numbers by several individuals and groups. Scripture readings, and a Christmas challenge by Pastor Morris Johnson. The Christmas story will be highlighted through the lighting of candles representing the different characters. The public is invited to come and participate in this service of praise, reflection, and celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. First Baptist Church is located at 424 S. Washington. For more information, call 473-2331 or 473-5661.

Bronte Methodist Church

Bronte United Methodist Church will be hosting a candlelight worship service on Christmas Eve. Worshipers will sing Christmas carols and hear about the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem during the Christmas Eve service. Scripture readings will tell of the angels' visit to shepherds keeping watch by night and their joy at finding the baby in a manger. The Candlelight service will begin at 6:00 pm with a time of fellowship and light refreshments following the service.

The service will include special music by Pastor Paul Evans as well as Christmas carols performed by the House of Faith children. The celebration will conclude with the singing of "Silent Night" while worshipers light individual candles to symbolize the light of Christ coming into their world.

"We want to share the fellowship we enjoy with Jesus Christ during this

wonderful season," said Pastor Paul A. Evans. "Research tells us that people are more willing to visit a church for the first time on Christmas Eve than at any other time of the year. That makes Christmas Eve one of our best opportunities to invite people to make a spiritual connection with the Christ of Christmas." The church calls its outreach effort "Home for Christmas".

Robert Lee Baptist Church

A Candlelight Service will be held at the Robert Lee Baptist Church Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24, at 6 pm.

Come as you are and celebrate the birth of Jesus! Wednesday night services are cancelled for December 25 and January 1. These will resume on January 8.

Bryans' Barn lights up holiday season

It's official now - the holiday season has begun and Bryans Barn has turned on the lights! The lights came on Sunday, December 1, and will continue through December 31.

The fairy land of lights covers about six acres, with decorations on everyday items such as an old bicycle or plastic bottles and jugs with lights inside. The family has said Wilson will light anything that doesn't move first - so don't stand still too long.

Thousands have visited, with many repeaters coming year after year. No admission has ever been charged but donations are cheerfully accepted.

From Hwy. 208, follow E. 7th St. west through Robert Lee until it merges with FM 1904. Go west 1 mile on 1904 where the Barn is on the left outside of town. You could just follow the glow till you find it, much as those shepherds of long ago found the Baby while following the star.

Happy Holidays



Food Pantry to distribute

Christmas boxes

The Coke County Food Pantry will be distributing Christmas food boxes on Monday, December 23 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. It isn't too late to make a contribution of food and/or money to help with the ongoing expenses of the food pantry.

You may call Joan Burns, 453-2144, Mary Bessent, 453-2492 or George Snapp, 473-6011. You may also mail your contributions to: Coke County Food Pantry, Box 1299, Robert Lee, Tx. 76945.

The Coke County Food Pantry is located at 714 South Washington. The food pantry is opened every Wednesday afternoon from 3:00-5:00 pm. Coke County Food Pantry Wish (Need) list: peanut butter, macaroni & cheese, sugar, flour, pinto beans, rice, jello, ranch style beans, fresh fruit, green beans, and small cans tomato sauce.

Post Office closings noted

The U.S. Post Offices in Bronte and Robert Lee will close at noon on Christmas Eve and will be closed Christmas Day.

Bronte bans fireworks

Citizens are reminded that the use of fireworks is prohibited within the Bronte city limits.

Christmas service set for CCJJC

On Saturday, December 21st, from 3:30-5:00 pm, the volunteers at WCC Coke County Juvenile Justice Center will host a Christmas Service for the residents. Music will be provided by Margie Schillo and Rosie Rodriguez. Sister Roberta Thompson will do inspirational readings. Madeline Seidel will make the programs. WCC will furnish refreshments.

On Christmas day, Father Hubert Wade and Garry Bivins will provide cookies

and punch for each resident. Anyone interested in volunteering for the coming year please contact Tina Green at 473-5700.

Angel Tree project for residents of BH&RC

A resident's name ("Angel") may be picked from the Angel Tree at Bronte Health and Rehab Center from a unique "Green Hands" tree in the front lobby of the home. Each Angel has a list of needs or wishes of our residents. You will need to return the gift(s) to BH&RC by Friday, Dec. 20th, for the annual Christmas Party to be held on Saturday, Dec. 21st at 6 pm.

Santa Claus, elves, and maybe a "reindeer" will make their appearance and distribute gifts during the evening. Cookies, snacks, and drinks will be served to those attending. If you wish to donate a plate of cookies, etc., you may leave them with the activity department prior to the party.

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Death Notices

Havins

Wells Havins of San Angelo, and longtime resident of Valley View near Robert Lee, died December 13, 2002, in San Angelo. Graveside services were held for Mr. Havins, 88, at 11:00 am on Dec. 16 in Robert Lee Cemetery.

Survivors include two brothers, Cleo M. Havins and wife, Chatchie, of San Angelo and Basil Havins and wife, Judy, of Houston; one sister, Shirley Brownfield and husband, Jack, of San Angelo; and many nieces and nephews.

Richards

Ralph Tad Richards Jr., 54, died Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2002, in an Abilene hospital after a lengthy illness.

Graveside memorial service was held at 10 am Thursday, Dec. 19, in Fort Chadbourne Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly; a daughter, Deidre Anna Louise of San Angelo; a brother, Tim Richards and wife, Tavia of Hamlin; a sister, Nancy L. Casey of Abilene; six nieces; four nephews; and numerous great-nieces and nephews.

Observer/Enterprise holiday schedule posted

As is our custom, this is the final issue of the 2002 year. Our postal permit allows us 51 issues per year, and the week following Christmas seems to be a good time to allow our staff time to be with their

families.

Please make a note of an early deadline for the next issue, which will be dated January 3, 2003.

Because of the New Year's (January 1) holiday, the deadline for the January 3 paper will be Monday, December 30, at 5 pm.

We hope you have a wonderful holiday season and best wishes for the new year.

Courthouse closed for holidays

The Coke County courthouse will be closed Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, December 24, 25, and 26, for the Christmas holiday. The building will be open for business December 23 and December 27; then be closed again on January 1, 2003 for New Year's day.

"Come and Go" for Wackenhut employees

On Friday, December 20th, WCC Coke County Juvenile Justice Center will have a Christmas "Come and Go" for their employees throughout the day. Finger food will be served and pictures with Santa for employees children will be from 9-11 am and 2-4 pm.

Personal

Thanksgiving visitors in the home of Nelson and Pat Fredrickson were sons, Kenny Watson, Robert Lee, Jim Ban Watson, Irving, Tx; daughter, Sherry McClung; and grandson Kevin McClung from Irving. Kevin is a college student planning to be a doctor.

Everyone made visits to three cemeteries to put out flowers. It has been a tra-

dition with Pat's family since her great grandmother passed away in 1956. They came from Missouri for several years and New Mexico for 5 years before moving back.

Tobacco and youth

Each day more than 3000 young people begin to smoke - that's more than 1 million new smokers each year. Ninety percent of new smokers are children and teens. These new smokers "replace" the smokers who quit or die prematurely from smoking-related diseases.

Many factors interact to encourage cigarette smoking, including smoking by peers and family members, tobacco advertising and promotion, and easy availability of tobacco. But there is help.

For more information on how to save our youth from the dangers of tobacco, call the Mesquite Country Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse at (915) 235-8955.

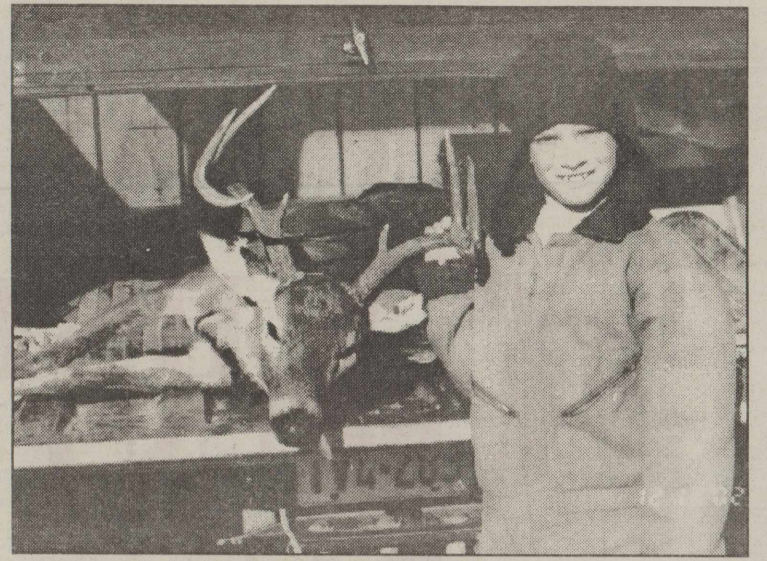
Fund raiser success at Old Jail

The Coke County Historical Commission held a fund raiser on the evening of December 14, 2002, at the Old Jail.

The homemade cookies were very much appreciated by the visitors (and the volunteers) and commented upon regularly. Hot chocolate was also served.

Several tours of the jail were given during the evening. The volunteers enjoyed visiting with those who stopped by. Folks pulled up chairs around an electric heater in the back room and much good conversation went on there, too. Enthusiasm to renovate and maintain the Old Jail comes easily when on the premises surrounded by local historians, pictures, and artifacts.

Several of Jane Austin Bruckner's Grandmother Stories were sold. Mrs. Bruckner has donated the sale of these books to the jail renovation project. A copy of the cemetery book sold and the proceeds donated to the cause.



Logan Phillely of Robert Lee, took this 9 point buck on the Millican Ranch eight miles south of Robert Lee Friday, December 13, 2002. Logan's first deer sported a 16 1/2 inch spread. He is the son of Tim and Kim Phillely of Robert Lee.

Raffle tickets for the Victorian rag doll and the afghan were also sold. Raffle tickets are available at the Library until January. Generous donations were given as well.

A membership drive for the Coke County Historical Commission is planned for January. Coke County is rich in history which deserves preservation. It is hoped that the Commission can secure a broad base of support. Two projects were discussed which can take place immediately because of fund raisers and donations.

Interest in past County judges

Coke County residents are being asked to contact the county judge's office if they have any knowledge, news articles, or pictures of past county judges. Although some pictures exist in the courthouse of judges, there are a number of gaps, especially in early years. If you should have relatives or friends whose history has a Coke County judge in it, please call Judge Walker's office, 453-2641.

Interest in judges' history has been renewed by Bonita Copeland's forthcoming historical account of Coke County sheriffs. Our county history is important and should be preserved.

Coke County

Commissioner Bill Wheat recently constructed two displays for photos of a number of past county judges. He is hopeful relatives and friends may know where other photos could be obtained. Even some snapshots could be enlarged for the display.

Happy Holiday

Churches of Robert Lee

Invite You to Worship

Emmanuel Pentecostal
PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy
(915) 453-2360

Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

First United Methodist Church
PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
(915) 453-2417

Rev. Steve Rowe, 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

Dr. Kenneth G. Patrick, Int. 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 • 6th & Houston
(915) 453-2208

Rev. Erma Johnson, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 6 pm, Prayer Meeting
Tennyson Baptist Church
Hwy 277 • Tennyson, Texas
(915) 482-0663

Rev. Rickey D. Green, Pastor
Sun. 10:00 am, Sunday School
11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship

You are invited to attend the
Christmas Candlelight

Worship

First Baptist Church, Bronte

6:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 22nd



THE CROSS AND THE CROWN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Non-Denominational Worship

ATTENTION!

We will be meeting in the Senior Citizens Center beginning Sunday, November 3. NEW TIME! 11 am

Everyone Welcome

Rev. Jim Reeves, Pastor

Local delegates attend Farm Bureau convention

Four voting delegates from Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau recently participated in the 69th annual Texas Farm Bureau convention December 8- December 11 in Corpus Christi.

They were: Bobby and Jeffie Roberts of Robert Lee and Alonzo and Kay Robbins of Bronte.

Policies directing the state's largest farm organization were adopted by more than 1,200 delegates from 207 organized Farm Bureaus. Approved recommendations on national policies will advance to the American Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting to be held in January in Tampa, Fl.

Addressing the delegates were Donald Patman of Waxahachie, TFB president; Dale Jeske of Alamo, secretary-treasurer; and Vernie Glasson, TFB executive director.

The business session covered the final two days of the meeting. The last order of business was the election of the president, Kenneth Dierschke of San Angelo.

This year's youth winners were: Maria Swearingen from Woodville, Miss Farm Bureau; Jennifer Dubbs of Wood County, Talent Find winner; Maria Swearingen from Woodville, Free Enterprise Speech winner.

Named "Outstanding Young Farmer/Rancher of 2002" was Stephen Gertson of East Bernard in Wharton County.

**Check Out
Coke Co.
Library**

The Coke County Library appreciates all who stopped by during the Open House on December 6. Mrs. Barbara Barton, who was here to sign copies of her area history books, said the reception she got in Robert Lee was very much appreciated.

A Water Valley resident has contacted the Library looking for information on the Walnut School house which was in operation about 1918 to 1940. A picture of the building is available. Anyone having information is asked to call 915-453-2495 and the information will be passed on.

The Story Hour children have decorated the tree in the Library and have been hearing Christmas stories and making decorations.

Local books make good Christmas presents. The Grandmother Stories of Jane Austin Bruckner are available at the Library. Also, the West Coke County Community Development Cook Books are available at the Coke County Courthouse and the Coke County Cemetery books are available from Bonita Copeland.

The Library will be closed Tuesday, December 24, and Wednesday, December 25.



Bobby and Jeffie Roberts of Robert Lee (left) and Alonzo and Kay Robbins (right) of Bronte attended the 69th annual Texas Farm Bureau convention earlier this month in Corpus Christi.

Regular hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 2-5; and Fridays, 8-12. Books may be returned to the Library, and to the 24-hour book drop in front of the Library and in Bronte to the Main Street Market.

**Remember
When**

By Pat Watson

David Key remembers when he worked at Ratliffs' cafe as a teenager and hamburgers were 10 cents.

Carlton Hurley remembers when some one got stuck on a muddy road you went to help no matter the hour.

Arthur Runnion used to ride horse back to visit other teens here in town. He still visits in town only in his pick-up and we aren't teens anymore.

Shopping at Christmas in San Angelo and all up and down the sidewalks. Christmas music rang out and fireworks were sold from small wire stands up and down the sidewalks.

When putting up a Christmas tree meant a visit in the wagon to the pasture, and the smell filled the house.

When a child's letter to Santa was only 1 or 2 items but meant so much on Christmas.

We raised the big fat hens or turkeys and you remembered feeding the hog that gave us a ham.

Fruit cakes were baked 4 or 5 weeks ahead and were soaked with spirits and wrapped carefully for Christmas. (And how we kids hated them).

The cure for stepping on a thorn was soaking in a pan of "coal oil" or taking a drop or two in a spoonful of sugar for sore throats.

People weren't bothered with allergies or else didn't know what to call the ailment.

Kickapoo Water Board sets election

Coke County Kickapoo Water Control and Improvement District #1 will hold an election on January 14, 2003, for the purpose of electing three directors. Directors filing for re-election to the board are Gerald Sandusky, Elton Moore, and Noah Pruitt, Jr. The election will be held at Bronte City Hall.

For further information concerning the election, contact President Gerald Sandusky by 5 pm on Friday, November 29, 2002.

*Please join us as we celebrate the
70th Wedding Anniversary
of
Floyd and Jessie Harmon
and the
87th Birthday
of
Jessie
Date: Sunday, December 22, 2002
Time: 1:30 to 3:00 pm
Place: New Recreation Hall
Robert Lee, Texas
Hosted by: Their Children
No gifts please - your presence will be cherished.*

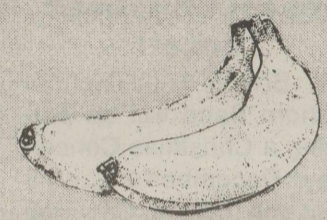
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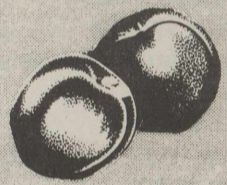
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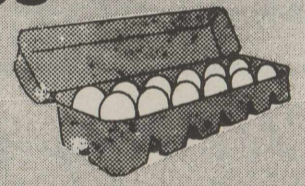


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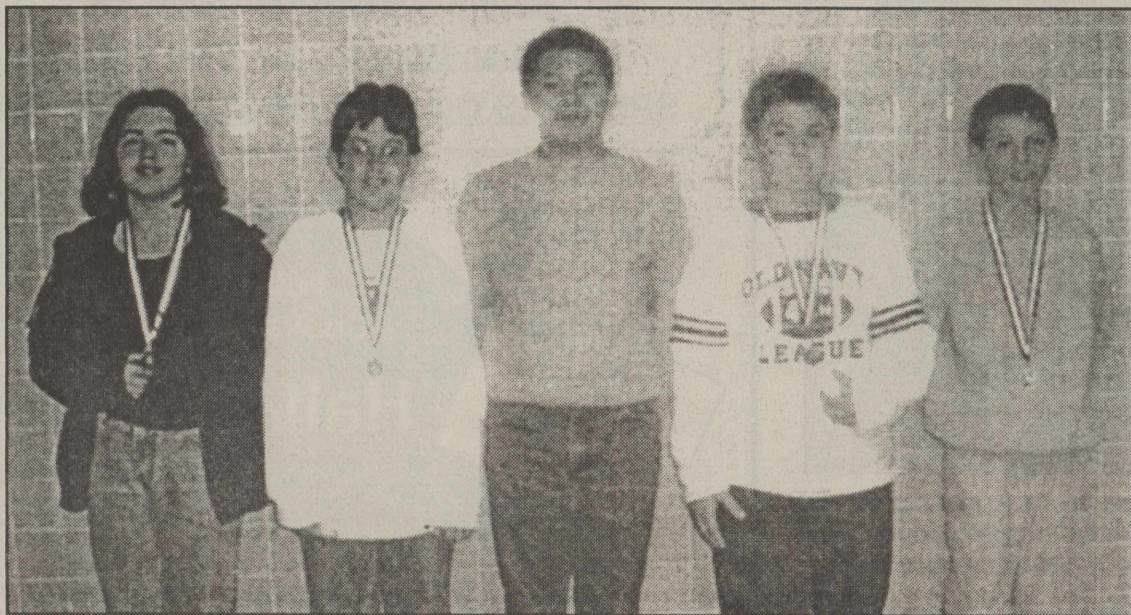


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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



The Bronte 6th Grade Music Memory team placed second at the Elementary UIL District Meet in Miles November 23, 2002. Team members include (from left) Crystal Minjarez, Cory Glover, Matthew Allen, Reece Springer, and Ty Mackey.

Longhorn Band to present Christmas Concert

The Bronte High School Longhorn Band will be performing a Christmas Concert Friday, December 20, at 9 am at the Bronte City Hall Parking lot area. The concert is free for everyone. Please come out and help us celebrate Christmas with the Longhorn Band.

BISD December Calendar of Events

Bronte ISD has put together a calendar of events for the month of December for the community. The events are as follows:

December 19

Public Hearing - Academic Excellence Indicators, 6:00 pm

School Board of Trustees Meeting

Elementary Children's Program, 6:30 pm

College Financial Aid Meeting for College Bound Students and Parents, 7:00 pm

Remainder of School Board of Trustees December Regular Meeting, 7:30 pm

December 20

Early Release, 12:35 pm

Dec. 23 - January 3, 2003

Christmas Holidays

December 27 - 28

Bronte Varsity Basketball Tournament

January 4, 2003

Bronte JV Basketball Tournament

Bronte Longhorn basketball results

The Bronte Longhorns recently defeated the Garden City Bearkats 65-52. Charlie Bettis had 25 points and 5 rebounds; Joel Webb 7

points and 6 rebounds; BJ Hall 8 points, 4 assists, 4 steals; Cody Lee 5 points, 5 rebounds, 4 assists; Scott Snyder 7 points; Garrett Fiveash 7 points, 5 rebounds; Cody Moore 2 points, Kinlee Hoyt 3 points.

At the Miles Tournament, the Longhorns won two games and lost two games. In the first game, Bronte was defeated in an extremely close game by Panther Creek, 39-40. Charlie Bettis had 15 points, 6 rebounds, Joel Webb 7 points, 5 rebounds, 4 assists; BJ Hall 6 points, 5 rebounds, 7 assists; Cody Lee 3 points, Scott Snyder 4 points, Kinlee Hoyt 4 points, 7 rebounds.

In the second game of the tournament, Baird defeated Bronte, 31-59. Charlie Bettis had 14 points, 3 steals; BJ Hall 10 points; Scott Snyder 1 point; Tyson Baker 6 rebounds; Garrett Fiveash 4 points; Kinlee Hoyt 2 points.

The Longhorns bounced back in the final two games. In the third game, Bronte defeated Veribest 75-52. Charlie Bettis had 30 points, 5 rebounds, 5 steals; Joel Webb had 7 points, 5 assists; BJ Hall 4 points, 5 assists, 5 steals; Cody Lee 6 points; Scott Snyder 6 points, 11 rebounds; Tyson Baker 2 points, 7 rebounds; Garrett Fiveash 9 points, Lyndon Butler 2 points, Cody Moore 1 point, Kinlee Hoyt 8 points, 6 rebounds.

In the final game, the Longhorns defeated the host team, Miles, 69-35. Charlie Bettis had 24 points, 6 rebounds; Joel Webb 4 points, 9 rebounds, 6 assists; BJ Hall 10 points, 4 assists; Cody Lee 2 points; Scott Snyder 6 points; Tyson Baker 4 points; Garrett Fiveash 6 points; Cody Moore 1 point; Kinlee Hoyt 12 points.

Monday, December 16, the Longhorns defeated the Robert Lee Steers 46-40. Charlie Bettis had 13 points, Joel Webb 8, BJ Hall 15, Scott Snyder 5, Cody Lee 4, Garrett Fiveash 1.

Bronte JV boys results

The Bronte JV boys basketball team was defeated December 10 by Garden City by a score of 22-28. Scoring for Bronte were Riley Coalson with 2 points, Justin Minjarez 7, Garrett Jackson 3,

Joseph Israel 6, Zac White 4.

The Bronte JV boys were also defeated by Robert Lee Monday, December 16, by a close score of 29-32. Scoring for Bronte were Riley Coalson with 8 points, Justin Minjarez 6, Chase Williams 9, Joseph Israel 4, Zac White 2.

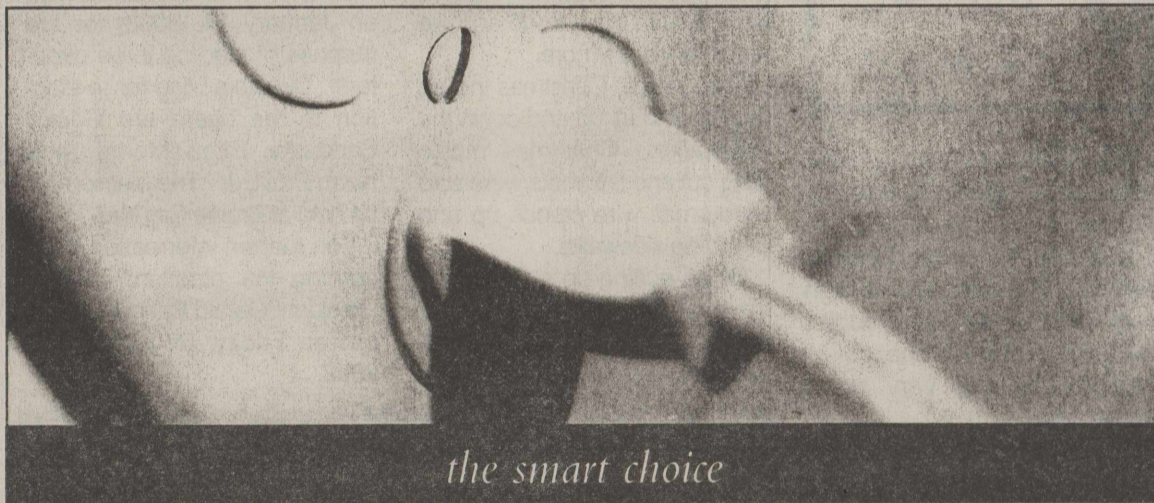
Bronte Lady Longhorns results

The Lady Longhorns suffered a run of bad luck recently. In a game against Baird at the Roby Tournament, Bronte was defeated 60-41. Scoring for the Lady Longhorns were Britney McCutchen with 17 points, Ashley Denton 6, Natalee Reed 2, Kailey Howell 6, Lindsay Springer 2 and Heather Richey 8.

In another game at the Roby Tournament, Bronte was defeated again, this time by Spur, by a score of 61-40. Scoring for Bronte were Britney McCutchen 4, Ashley Denton 1, Natalee Reed 2, Lindsay Springer 13, Heather Richey 16 and Kailey Howell 2.

The Lady Longhorns suffered a close loss to Slaton by a score of 39-41. Scoring for Bronte were Britney McCutchen with 8 points, Ashley Denton 10, Natalee Reed 1, Kanah Coalson 5, Lindsay Springer 2, Heather Richey 11 and Kailey Howell 2.

Garden City came out on top against Bronte by a score of 22-58. Ashley Denton scored 3 points, Melissa Walker 2, Kailey Howell 2, Lindsay Springer 9 and Heather Richey 6.



Merry Christmas!

Thanks for your patronage throughout the year.



The Town & Country Gang

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Cheap Power, Cheap Talk

Texans are picky consumers. We like to get the best for our money: the best gasoline, best food, best computer. Some think electricity is electricity, so the "best" electricity is really the cheapest, right?

Not exactly. Sure, price matters. In fact, as a non-profit business, your cooperative has an edge on pricing. Our owners are our customers, our members, so we're able to keep our margins low. But where we really shine is service. These days, everyone beats the "service" drum, but the truth is if you're getting good service, you know it. If weather knocks out your power and it's back right away; if you've got a question and you talk to a real person without an hour on hold; if you need a line installed and the crew shows up on schedule and does the job right the first time: that's service.

Deregulation advocates say competition means cheaper power. They don't say anything about better service - or any service at all. We think it's too early to judge. That's why Concho Valley Electric Co-op has decided the smart choice is to "wait and see" if deregulation is right for our members. For more information visit our web site or call your local Smart Choice Cooperative.

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RL Varsity boys take 4 wins, 1 loss

The Robert Lee Varsity boys basketball team gained 4 wins recently and 1 loss.

The boys defeated Miles 57-44. Jaziel Gallegos had 2 points, Cooper Riley 10, Brian Abalos 2, Cole Flanagan 12, Travis Pitcock 6, Omar Saucedo 5 and Stewart Millican 20.

The next win was over Wink by a score of 49-38. Jaziel Gallegos scored 12 points, Cooper Riley 16, Cole Flanagan 3, Travis Pitcock 14, Omar Saucedo 2 and Stewart Millican 2.

The third win came from a defeat over Rankin by a score of 67-59. Jaziel Gallegos scored 4 points, Cooper Riley 17, Brian Abalos 4, Cole Flanagan 8, Travis Pitcock 18 and Stewart Millican 14.

The final win was a close one against Eldorado by a score of 59-52. Jaziel Gallegos scored 13 points, Cooper Riley 25, Cole Flanagan 4, Travis Pitcock 9 and Stewart Millican 8.

The defeat in this series of wins was by Greenwood by a score of 54-75. Scoring for Robert Lee were Jaziel Gallegos with 9 points, Cooper Riley 12, Cole Flanagan 4, Travis Pitcock 20, and Stewart

Millican 9.

RLHS Lady Steers results

The Lady Steers hosted Miles, December 9, and after trailing 20-23 at half-time, came back for a 56-48 victory. The Lady Steers scored in double figures including Krystal Soliz with 16 points, Cara Eaton 15 and Jessica Fluhmann with 13. Others scoring in the win included Tyler Lott 4, Christina Middleton 4, Amie Kendall 2 and Michele Sanchez 2.

After the win over Miles, the Lady Steers opened the Stanton Tournament with a loss to the host team, Stanton, on Thursday night 29-50. Scoring were Rachel Wallace 2, Tyler Lott 6, Jessica Fluhmann 2, Krystal Soliz 8, Cara Eaton 5 and Christina Middleton 6.

In the second round on Friday, the Lady Steers met Eldorado in a re-match from last week. Once again the Lady Steers prevailed 36-31. Kindra Matthews had 12 points and Krystal Soliz had 13 points. Others scoring were Tyler Lott 2, Cara Eaton 4 and Christina Middleton 5. The third round matched up the Lady Steers against Rankin in another re-match from the previous week. Again the Lady Steers came out with the win 35-31. Krystal Soliz led the Lady Steers in scoring with 12 points. Others scoring were Jessica Fluhmann 6, Kindra Matthews 6, Monica Rodriguez 3, Tyler Lott 6, Cara Eaton 1 and Amie Kendall 1.

For the Consolation Final, the Lady Steers fell to Kermit 39-48. Scoring for the Lady Steers were Jessica Fluhmann with 4 points, Kindra Matthews 3, Tyler Lott 7, Krystal Soliz 6, Cara Eaton 7, Christina Middleton 6,

ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



Robert Lee Junior High was named All-Around District Champions at the UIL District Literary Meet in Rotan on November 21, 2002. They earned a total of 382 points and brought home 61 medals and ribbons.

Cara Eaton 6, Amie Kendall 4 and Michele Sanchez 2.

Krystal Soliz was named to the All-Tournament team. The next action for the Lady Steers will be at Irion County, Friday, December 20 with the JV girls beginning at 2:00 pm, JV Boys at 3:15 pm, Varsity Girls at 4:30 pm and Varsity Boys will begin at 6:00 pm.

Both the Varsity girls and Varsity boys are entered in the Sterling City Tournament over the Christmas holidays. Games will begin on Friday, December 27 with

the second round games on Saturday, December 28 and the Finals on Monday, December 30. Opponents and game times were not available at press time.

RL Lady V & JV defeat Bronte

The Robert Lee Lady Steers defeated the Bronte Lady Longhorns Monday, December 16, by a score of 52-39. Scoring for the Lady Steers were Jessica Fluhmann with 2 points, Kindra Matthews 5, Monica Rodriguez 1, Tyler Lott 5, Krystal Soliz 16, Cara Eaton 6, Christina Middleton 13 and Michele

Sanchez 4.

The Robert Lee JV girls also had a win over the Bronte JV girls team by a score of 41-17. Scoring for Robert Lee were Cassidy Wink with 10 points, Alana Parker 6, Brittany Soliz 2, Tiffany Bagwell 7, Julie Riley 11 and Lindsey Roe 5.

RLHS JV girls results

The Robert Lee JV girls came out on top against Miles with a score of 47-22. Scoring for Robert Lee were Cassidy Wink with 16, Alana Parker 2, Tiffany Bagwell 15, Julie Riley 6, Stephanie Trejo 2 and Kyla Millican 6.



School Menu

Breakfast

Thursday, Jan. 2

Juice, donut, cereal, milk

Friday, Jan. 3

Juice, pop tart, cereal, milk

Lunch

Thursday, Jan. 2

Pizza, corn, applesauce, teddy grahams, milk

Friday, Jan. 3

BBQ on bun, pickles, ranch style beans, French fries, milk

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CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Robert Lee High School Band
4th • 5th • 6th Grade Bands

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Candlelight Worship**

6 pm Worship Service
Bronte United Methodist Church

7 pm Worship Service
The United Methodist Church
Robert Lee



The United Methodist Church

RLISD selected as a Pathfinder School

The Texas Pathfinders Collaborative notified the Robert Lee Independent School District that it was selected as one of the Pathfinder schools for 2002-2003.

The Texas Pathfinders was established by the Commissioner of Education to identify and recognize schools with model education programs that are willing to share their expertise and effective practices with other schools. The goal of the program is to reach, inform, connect and support all educators as they work to achieve success for all students.

Several teachers from the Robert Lee Independent School District will be presenting workshops on the practices that were implemented to improve student success at the next Pathfinders conference.

Robert Lee ISD was honored to accept this award that recognized the exceptional job the faculty and staff do for our students.

Community award to be given

"Community Achievement" is the theme for an award offered by Texas Midwest Community Network. Member cities in the regional organization are eligible to apply for the award to be announced at the annual conference in October. Deadline for application is July 1, 2003.

The "TMCN Community Achievement" Award has been developed to encourage cities of all sizes in the region to be better prepared for future growth and economic development programs. Criteria for judging the award include vision, pride, assessment, youth involvement and connectivity. Each TMCN member city is provided an outline of the criteria and means by which to measure their accomplishments. TMCN member cities include Bronte and Robert Lee.

Award winning communities will be featured in media coverage and provided with specially designed signage art.

Texas Midwest Community Network is a regional organization focused on economic development, tourism devel-

opment, regional awareness & promotion, education and legislative awareness. The organization provides a means by which communities can work together to accomplish what one community cannot do alone.

For information contact the TMCN Office at 915-676-0329.

BJH girls defeated by Robert Lee

The Bronte Junior High 7th grade girls were defeated by Robert Lee by a score of 2-11. Casey Harris scored the only 2 points.

The BJH 8th grade girls were also defeated by Robert Lee by a score of 8-35. Scoring for Bronte were Crystal Wallar with 4 points, Patty Galvan 2 and Kirstin Gordon 2.

Bronte JV girls win one, lose one

The Bronte High School JV girls basketball team came out on top against Garden City with a score of 25-23. Scoring for Bronte were Rebecca Rawlings with 5,

Christan Kelly 8, Logan Acker 4, Jasmine Kresta 4 and Ashleigh Kelly 4.

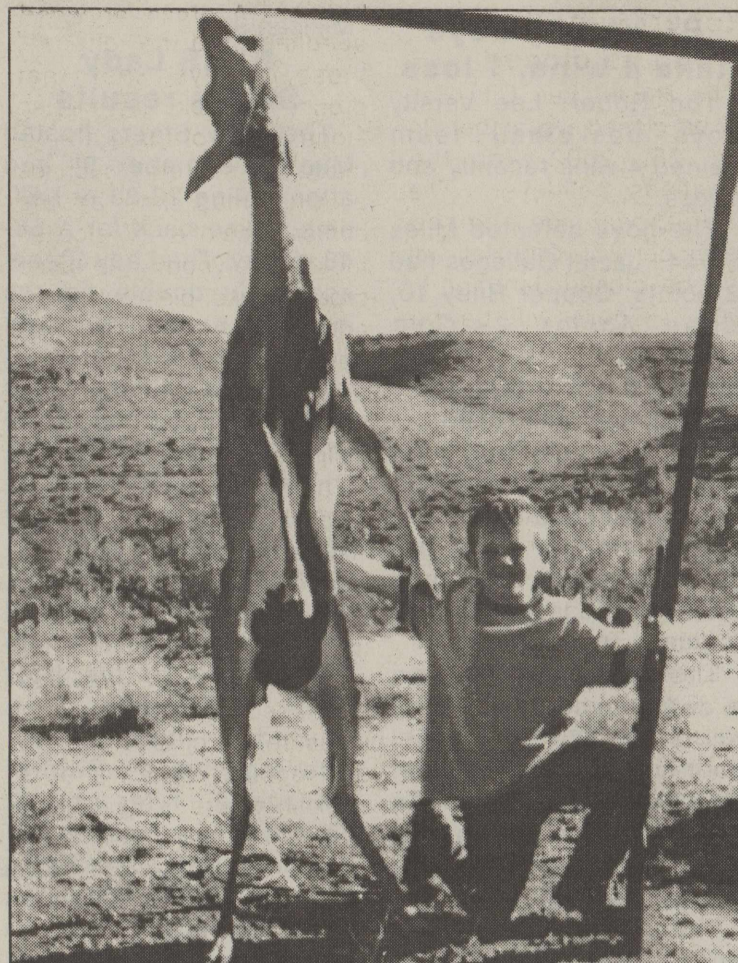
The JV girls also suffered a loss to Water Valley with a score of 15-30. Scoring for Bronte were Christan Kelly with 5 points, Logan Acker 4, Jasmine Kresta 4 and Ashleigh Kelly 2.

Entries open for SA stock show and rodeo

Plans for the annual San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo are in full swing for the ten-day show, which takes place February 15-23, 2003.

Livestock exhibitor handbooks and entry information are currently available. Creative arts exhibitor handbooks will be available by December 10. Act quickly, as deadlines for livestock, creative arts and youth scholarships are rapidly approaching.

Exhibitor handbooks and entry forms may be picked up at the stock show office at 200 W. 43rd Street in San Angelo, or by contacting the stock show office at (915) 653-7785.



Janzen Digby, 9, sports a big grin as he shows off the nice doe he took recently on the Everett Ranch near Pandale, Texas. It was his first deer. Janzen, son of Nikki and Joe Digby of San Angelo, is a 3rd grader at Bonham Elementary in San Angelo. Sheryl and Mario Tavez of Robert Lee are his grandparents.

Bronte Family Health Center

- Special Hours: The clinic will be closed December 23, 2002 until January 5, 2003.
- The clinic will reopen on Monday, January 6.
- For appointments or information, please call

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Have a safe and happy holiday!

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HOLIDAY CLOSING NOTICE

All facilities of these banks will be **CLOSING** at 2 pm on Christmas Eve Tuesday, December 24

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Robert Lee City Hall to be closed

The Robert Lee City Hall will be closed December 24 and 25, 2002, for the Christmas holidays. The landfill will be closed December 28. City Hall will also be closed January 1, 2003. There will be no changes in the trash collection schedule.

Out of the Ordinary
by Jane Austin Bruckner

(Just for you, a Christmas Story from the Grandmother Stories from the Heart of Texas published this year by Eakin Press, edited by Jane Bruckner. This story, written by Elmer Kelton, appears in the Grandmother Stories, available at the Coke County Public Library in Robert Lee and at the Main Street Market in Bronte. Proceeds go to the Coke County Historical Society.)

Christmas on the Jigger Y

by Elmer Kelton

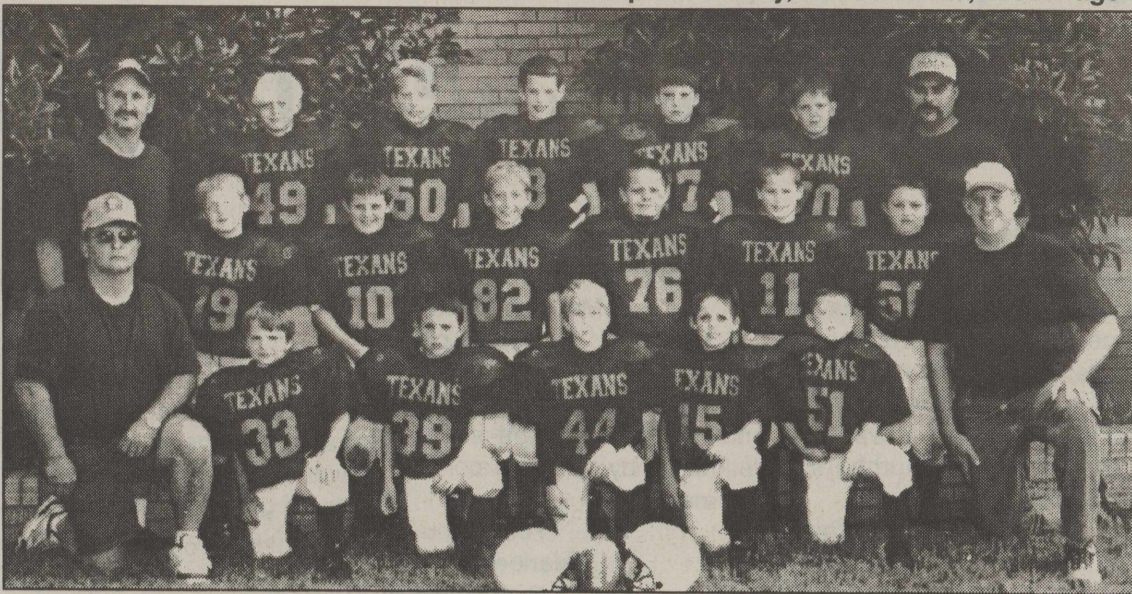
We looked forward to Christmas partly because it gave us a wider variety of playmates, cousins we seldom saw. We spent the big percentage of our Christmases at the Jigger Y Ranch of our paternal grandparents north of Midland.

It was always a great family get-together-uncles, aunts, cousins - in what seemed to me a delightfully pioneer setting. Daddoo and Mammaw still had kerosene lamps, and a trip to the bathroom was a short walk in the backyard to a small wooden structure which at Christmas time was likely to freeze any bared extremities.

The highlight of Christmas at Daddoo and Mammaw's was dinner on Christmas Day. Our grandmother always had turkeys behind net wire which enclosed perhaps an acre north of the

house. A grass or weed seedling had no chance; those turkeys kept that ground as slick as a peeled stone. One of them always made the supreme sacrifice at Christmas time as the center piece of a well-stocked table. Everybody who came brought cake, pie, fruit salad, and the like, so there was never any shortage of good things to eat, only a frustrating limitation on our ability to sample everything.

The toys we received were small by today's standards. A dollar bill seemed as big as a saddle blanket in those Depression days and was not lightly spent. But our expectations were not high either, so we took grand pleasure out of whatever we did receive. Always of a bookish nature myself, I was never in greater glory than when I received a couple of fifteen-cent Big Little Books, especially the movie-story kind that featured stills from a Ken Maynard or Buck Jones Western. I don't think I was ever prouder of any Christmas gift than of a "cowboy suit" when I was seven or eight years old. Mother made me a pair of brown chaps out of some type of oilcloth which at night with the light behind me might have passed for leather. I probably received a cap pistol to go with it, but it



The Texans Football team includes (front row, from left) Coach Kyle James, Carson James, Terron Charles, Creed Coalson, Brent Kelly, T. J. White, Coach Paul Evans, (middle row, from left) Caleb Rosson, Jordan Rowan, Chase Harris, Skylar York, Kerwin Rawls, Beau Grigg, (back row, from left) Coach Kerry Rosson, Anthony Coffey, Michael Evans, Dakota Rawls, J. P. Conner, Ryan Neely, and Coach Bill Grigg.

is the chaps I remember. I already had the boots. In fact, I never wore shoes until I was far along in grade school and gradually learned that, away from horse, boots are for vanity and shoes are for feet.

The big fun of Christmas was in playing with cousins George, Daisy, and Ruby Gilbert, or Aunt Clarabelle Kelton, the baby of her family and in about the same age bracket as the rest of us. We played hide and seek, ring around the rosey, and spin the bottle. If weather was too

bad for us to go outside, and we had plenty of time for a stretched-out game, we played Monopoly. We were never aware that the material side of Christmas might be a little short; nobody in our circle of acquaintances was

any better off. The greatest gift of that season was enjoyment of family. The warmth and sharing of a family love that never had to be put into words glowed as brightly as would the Christmas trees we never had.

*Silent Night
Holy Night*



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Joan Davis

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To Santa, With Love

Bronte ISD Day Care

Dear Santa,
I want some blocks. I have some blocks, but I need more blocks. I want a car bed, I want a Blue's Clues Video, and that's it. Oh, I want a bear, too, some numbers, and that's it.

I Love You,
Whitney Boyd
3 years old

Dear Santa,
I want a Sweet Magic Kitchen. I want a kitchen that's easy that you can make cake and stuff. I want some dolls, a teddy bear, too, and some markers, and I want some letters and a bouncy ball and a talking mailbox and that's it. Thank you for my stuff that you gave me. Thank you for letting us be safe and thank you for giving us presents.

Love,
McKenzie Arrott
3 years old

Dear Santa,
I want a Magic Kitchen a Sweet Kitchen and I want to put money in it. And I want to push a yellow cat, it's a card with letters on it and a yellow cat. I want a baby toy for Kaitlin. That's everything. Please tell Rudolph I said, "Hi!"

I Love You,
Analyn Bohensky
3 years old

Dear Santa,
I want a puppy for my Mom. I want a toy car. I want a Magic Kitchen. I hope you

get lots of toys for Christmas.

Love,
Madison Rowan
3 years old

Dear Santa,
I want candy, candy, candy, and no toys. I want some yellow candy. Please come see me.

I Love You,
Marlee Odom
2 years old

Dear Santa,
We have been good at day care. We want our families to have a wonderful Christmas. Please come see us this year.

Love,
Skyler Erwin
17 months
Cameron Bettis
15 months
Hunter Hortenstine
7 months

Pre-Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I want 2 green cars, boxing gloves, a water gun, and a football. I have been really good. Say "Hi" to Rudolph for me.

Love,
Kevin Charles

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie Dress, a Princess hat, and Barbie shoes. I will leave you some cookies.

Love,
Katelynn Tijerina

Dear Santa,
Could you please bring me a big water gun, Spiderman and a Power Ranger. I have

tried to be good. Thanks Santa.

Love,
Tristan Moore

Dear Santa,
I want a Spiderman, a baseball bat, helicopter, and Power Rangers. Santa, I will try to be good. Santa, I know you drive a sleigh with reindeer.

Love,
Blaine Jacobs

Dear Santa,
Santa, could you please bring me a beautiful Mermaid with a bracelet on her wrist and hair clips in her hair. I also want a new robot kitty, because the other one broke. I like you Santa!

Love,
Payton Cutting

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a beautiful pink horse that is real! It needs to run really fast. I also want a pink doll that matches the horse. Please bring toys.

Love,
Hannah Brackeen

Dear Santa,
I want a Spiderman and a brown striped cow. I would also like a robot that claps his hands. I will leave you some milk to drink.

Love,
Kaden Hayes

Dear Santa,
Could you please bring me some presents. I would like Blue's Clues video and a Spiderman that makes webs.

I also would like a blue camera.

Love,
Darin Munsey

Dear Santa,
I want a Spiderman, hunting pants, and some Power Rangers. I have tried to be good Santa. I will leave you some cookies. I also want a painting desk that I can also do work on. I would like to see you and your flying reindeer.

Love,
Kyler Richards

Dear Santa,
I want a honey bear that you can push. I would like some playdough too. I want a Coke too.

Love,
Reighlyn Baken

Dear Santa,
Could you please bring me a camelback, mini dirt bike and a motorcycle. I have been a little good. I try but my brothers bother me!

Love,
Chris James

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me the Alphabet movie, Easy Bake oven and some

Barbie's. Santa, I have been really good. Tell Rudolph I said "Hi!"

Love,
Kellie Thorn

Dear Santa,
Santa, I want an Easy bake microwave and some food for it. I also want a swimming Barbie. I have been good. I am going to stay up and watch you put the toys under the Christmas tree. I will be hiding so you won't see me.

Love,
Cami White

Dear Santa,
I would like a toy tractor, new boots, mickey mouse watch and new clothes. I have been a good boy. I like Rudolph's red nose.

Love,
Carson Kelso

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. Please bring me some presents. I want Barbie dolls, Barbie trailer and more Barbie trailers. I have been a good girl and I know he is watching me just like God. God tells Santa that I have been good.

Love,
Kayla Arthur

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to you this
Holiday
Season*



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Christmas Eve
December 24, 2002

St. Mary, Star of the Sea
Ballinger, Texas

5:00 pm
Midnight Mass: Prelude at 11:30 pm

Our Lady of Guadalupe
Robert Lee, Texas

5:00 pm

Christmas Day
December 25, 2002

St. Mary, Star of the Sea
Ballinger, Texas

8:45 am

To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa,
I want some toys. I would like a dancing Barbie, a Barbie pool and lip gloss. I am really good girl. I like Rudolph.

Love,
Sarah Sanchez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me one nutcracker, a Barbie jeep, and a little baby doll. I also want a locket that is flat and no chain around it. Santa, I have been a good girl. I love you Santa.

Love,
Cambri Kelso

Dear Santa,
I would like a baby doll, a stroller and a cow. I have been trying very hard at school and am being a good girl.

Love,
Paige Pyburn

Dear Santa,
Could you please bring me a Spirit costume, Spirit blanket, Spirit clothes, and Blue change farmer. Santa, I have kinda been good. Santa, where do you live?

Love,
Ean Ward

Dear Santa,
I want a Cotton Candy Maker and some toys. I also want a Dora doll. I have been a good boy. I know you live at the North Pole. I want to see your reindeer when you come on Christmas.

Love,
Evan Ferguson

Dear Santa,
Bring toys. Please bring me a big red car and a dog that I can pet. I have been good.

Love,
Ismael Cecilio

Dear Santa,
I want a Dancing Barbie, a Orange Furby, a toy puppy that barks and I can pull with a string. I like your elves, Santa. I love to lick Candy Canes.

Love,
Tashina Gee

Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
Wut do you do? I hav bin good. Please bing me A, four wheeler, and jrbl snake. I like you.

Love,
Bear

Dear Santa,
How are your deer. I have an hip iaheopleapbhdg me pnkenah an a gamebox. Advance and ya get cuhds. I will put cookies by my door.

Love,
John

Dear Santa,
How is roudolph doing. Please bring me a snowcone maker, cover, and puppy. Have a Merry Christmas.

Love,
Brandon Harris

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolf? I hav tow new puppies please bring me a toy horse and, a cuddly kitten, and to a cuddly cat.

Love,
Lauren Allen

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolf? I can do some math facts. Please bring me a gameboy advance. And a dirtbike and the icee maker. Thank you for the presents from last years.

Love,
Fred Arthur Jr.

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolf? I can read! Please bring me a tv, vcr, and a bike. Don't forgit yoar jacket. I Love you.

Love,
Lacey Crockett

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolf? How is your reindeer? I will leave some coceys and milk. Pleas bring me a longhorn jursey and Ice Age and a snow mashin. Don't forgit wor jackit.

Love,
Austin Odum

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolf. I hop he is ok. Santa I'm trying to be nice. Pleae bring me a nice snake just like Sneaky.

Love,
Bailey McGlothlin

Please a go kart. Please bring the move spirit. Have a good krismas.

Love,
Stetsen Emfinger

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolf doing? I herd you stomping on my roof. Please bring me barbie jeep, and a spirit movie and a tv. dont forget your jacket.

Love,
Lyndsay Hargrave

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolf? I can do my math without cubes. Please bring me a bicke, madin football and a maine puzzle. Please give Rudof a cerit.

Love,
Ty Lee

Dear Santa,
How is your reindeer? I can do the Abc all bi mi self. For crismis I wut a drt bick and a fooboll ssoot. I will lev cooces bi the crismi tre.

Love,
Coby Malone

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolf? My house is Brnde. Please bring me a quesybake. and I want a litle compter and a spirit movie. I will leave you coockes.

Love,
Bailey McGlothlin

Dear Santa,
Are you doing good? Santa I can read now. Please bring me a game boy and a Ice Age and a new bike. I will leave some cookies by the door.

Love,
Marisa Sanchez

Dear Santa,
How was Rudolf? I liv in Bronte. Please bing me a puppy plyground and a new bike. Hav a good day. good bye santa!

Love,
Stormy Sims

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have a puppy. I would like a transformer, a sword, a dirt bike. Thank you.

Love,
Mason Smith

Dear Santa,
How do you get your wod? I liv in Casa Rio 55. Please cum. Please bring me a doll,

Love,
Angelica Sterling

toy horse and a puppy. Please be safe.

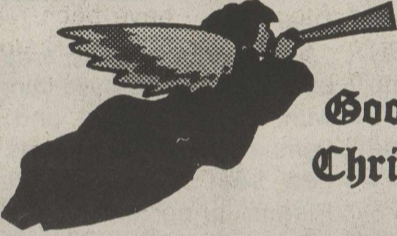
Love,
Courtney Wyatt

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolf and the reindeers? I can read now. Please bring me a play dragon and a go cart and Queasy Bake Snow Cone maker. I will leave cookies.

Love,
Megan Yackley

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolf? I live in Bronte now. Please bring me a toy horse and a toy dragon. I will leave a cookie.

Love,
Danielle Stewart



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from


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y
Prospero Año Nuevo



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To Santa, With Love

1st Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a toy that you push a button and is shaped like this (a square and a triangle with button on the square). Have a happy Christmas.

Love,
Heriberto

Dear Santa,
I want a spiderman toy. I want a stuffed animal that is a deer. I want a play sled you can ride on when its a snow day. I also want a Play Station 2. My sister, Lacy, wants a Barbie doll. Seth wants a Power Ranger. Oh yeah! I forgot I want some power Ranger stuff too. Do the elves come with you on Christmas? I leave you some soda and milk and cookies.

Love,
Dillon

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie talking townhouse. I also want a care bear. I would like to have a talking train. My little sister wants one of those things that you push and they light up and sing. Come through the door Santa. I'll leave milk and cookies and for the reindeers carrots. I like your reindeer.

Love,
Kyndall

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some new toys. I also want a remote control monster truck. My sister Kristen wants a baby doll. My sister Ashleigh wants one too. Brent, my brother, wants a remote control gameboy with wheels. Does Rudolph have a glowing nose?

Your friend,
Dakota K.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some new clothes. I want a baby with a stroller. My sisters Ashley and Paige, want something too. Is it cold at the North Pole? Do you have all the toys ready?

Your friend,
Moriah

Dear Santa,
I want a play station 2. I also want some new shoes that will run fast. Bring my sister, Erica, some new clothes. Oh yeah! I also want a new bike. Can your

reindeer really fly? Merry Christmas. My brother wants a football. My mom needs flowers. My dad wants some new shoes too.

Love,
Josh P.

Dear Santa,
Can I have a 3 foot Repuzel doll? I really want one. On Christmas send a letter to me please. Can you get me a lot of presents? My brothers Rob and Caleb, need a bunch of toys. Please don't miss my house. My house has a bunch of decorations and it has a pretty Christmas tree. I probably live on Lane Street (I think). My grandma and grandpa have been very good. Please bring my Grandma some lipstick and my Grandpa a hammer. Get my Mommy some make-up. Hers is almost gone. My Daddy wants new shoes. I love you Santa!

Love,
Addie Rosson

Dear Santa,
I want a Playstation, a new bike, real tools to build things with, a Magic Box, and a trampoline. My dad needs a new seat for his bicycle. Please bring one that is comfortable. Mom would like a long, pretty skirt because she has to work everyday except Sundays. Pleae bring my baby sister lots of toys. Make sure they are strong toys that my dogs cannot

chew up. Santa, how do you get to the Goodyear Christmas party? I never see your reindeer land. I love you Santa.

Love,
Kolby Lee

Dear Santa,
Are you Magic? Can you please let it snow on Christmas day? I want a Game Cube and a Mario Sunshine game. I want you to let me have a swimming pool with big rocks all around. Can your elves make a parachute for me that lands safely. I want my mom to get a new ring. Dad wants screwdrivers with some metal so he can build me something. I like you.

Love,
Joshua Means

Dear Santa,
I want a reindeer for Christmas and an Easy Bake oven. My Christmas tree needs a big red bow. Can you bring one when you come to my house? Santa, do you have a castle at the North Pole? My house is easy to find. It is very pretty. Please bring my mom a dalmation dog for Christmas. My brother Zachary wants a singing monkey. I love you. Merry Christmas!

Love,
Sydney Breeding

Dear Santa,
I love you! This year I want

you to get me a new red diary to write in. I also want a Barbie Repunzel doll to play with. I want a new Bible to take to church with me. My sister wants a new Barbie car. My mom would like a new set of cards. I love you Santa! Please come to my house and bring me lots of presents.

Love,
Madison Harris

Dear Santa,
I want a black Power Ranger, a sword, a Spiderman and Batman for Christmas. My mom would like a necklace and Dad wants a new watch. Leticia needs a Barbie doll. Have a merry Christmas Santa.

Love,
Oscar Pena

Dear Santa,
My mom bought me a new fashion kitty, and we are wrapping it up for Christmas! I want you to bring me a Barbie house, a Barbie Christmas tree, presents for my Barbies, a singing box that sings by itself, and a Barbie school with a teacher. I will also need a surprise to go with the Barbie school. Santa, how do I get to your house in the North Pole. I want to come see you but I don't know what your house

looks like. I love you Santa!
Love,
Kourntey

Dear Santa,
I want a Mario Beach Water pack, a snake toy with a remote control, a Buzz Lightyear #2 Nintendo game, and a game cube. Pleae bring my brother T.J. a Playstation. My mom would love a ring, and Dad needs a saw and a hammer. My whole famiy wants a swimming pool in our backyard. Santa, I like the color of your boots. I like you. Take care of your reindeer.

Love,
Johnathan White

Dear Santa,
I want a Cotton Candy maker, a computer, and an Easy Bake oven for Christmas. I also want a white bunny to play with. Stetson wants a real guitar and he loves pythons. Will you bring him one? Mom wants a new sheet for the bed, and Dad wants new white socks. Remember Santa, our front door makes noise so please come through the back door like always. Merry Christmas!

Love,
Stacia



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
Kenneth & Nancy Rasco

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year




MT. CREEK LODGE

Merry Christmas



from
The Conleys

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Happy Holidays
from Dave & Betty
and all the
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Here's wishing you a holiday decorated in love and laughter! Enjoy it all!

Lee Associates
Tom & Elaine Lee

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie computer, the Barbie game, a fashion doll, and I've always wanted colored chalk. My mom said I could have it. I have always wanted a baby cat too. I have a chimney at my house. Will you come down it? Can your reindeer really fly? Santa, I would like to know how you make all those toys for girls and boys. I love you Santa.

Love,
Savannah

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a fake cat to take home to love me. Kary wants a headphone. Chrissa wants a cat too. Those are my sisters. Do you really live at the North Pole? Is it cold there?

Love,
Calleen

Dear Santa,

I love you! Merry Christmas! I want a regular game for Christmas. My sister Raylee wants a doll. My baby brother will just be born. He will need a rattle. Does Rudolph have a shiny nose? Will he guide your sleigh Christmas night.

Love,
Jacob

Dear Santa,

I want a real airplane that flies and a kite airplane. I saw it on TV, and it goes 100 feet high. Do you know what else? I want my own Christmas tree in my room. My brother has his own tree, but it is messy. You have to come to my house. I live at Tennyson. Please bring my mom soap and perfume to make her smell good. I want a remote control car from radio shack, and my brother wants a Playstation 2 game. I love you Santa!

Love,
Jeffery Brown

Dear Santa,

I want transformers for Christmas. The big transformers and the mini kinds. I would also like

power rangers and the transformers CD. I've been a good boy today. I learned how to behave! I like your reindeer, but we don't have a chimney. Come through the door. Oh! Please bring Benny Jr. a transformer and Green Goblin Action figures too. My baby brother, Joshua, wants transformers like me. Please don't forget my Mom. She likes lipstick. I love you Santa Claus.

Love,
Carlos Fuentes

Dear Santa,

I love Rudolph! I love Santa too! I want a fashion doll, a choo choo train with hearts and flowers, and a Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer toy that his nose lights up when I hook it up. I also want a dinosaur book with stickers in it. Does the elves make toys? Do you wear black boots?

Love,
Dakota Arthur

Dear Santa,

I want Kasey the Kinder Bot. I also want a Barbie train and Miracle Move, the doll. My brother wants a power Ranger, hot wheels and that's all. How are your reindeer? What do you feed

To Santa, With Love

your reindeer? How do you get your boots so shiny?

Love,
Jensen Reed

Dear Santa,

Happy Christmas! Please bring me some make-up. I already have one of them so I need somemore to go with it. I also want an Electronic cat. I want a stuffed animal. My mom wants a new shirt and my dad wants pants. Does Mrs. Claus live at the North Pole with you? Is Rudolph a reindeer?

Love,
Crystal

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie. Lots of Barbies. I would also like to have a computer! My sister wants one of those things that spins around. My brother Nathan wants a ball. Rudolph has a red nose. Will he guide your sleigh? Do your elves have long ears?

Love,
Jessica

2nd grade

Dear Santa,

I want a purple phone and a real horse and a filly and a faole and a real puppy and some riding pants'. My cousin and I love horses' and I can no't stop thinking about them.

Love,
Ayrn Nealey

Dear Santa,

What I want for Christmas is a play station. How is Mrs. Clause? How are you? How is the elves to. In January there is a play. Its name is the empers new Clothes. How many toys do you have to make.

From,
Thoren Charles

Dear Santa,

How are you? Do you know what I want for Christmas? In case you don't know what I want here it is.

I want a ton of horse books, a ton of dog books, paper dolls that you can make cloths for and most of all I want a Merry Christmas and to be with my family.

If you want me to I will give you some hot coco and your reindeer some reindeer treats.

Merry Christmas,
Jael Charlene Williams

Dear Santa,

What I want for Christmas is a 6 will drive remote control Dodge. A race car with nocho remote control. The DVD of Scooby Doo.

Sincerely,
Zachary Taylor



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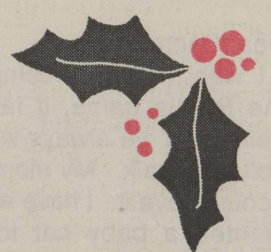
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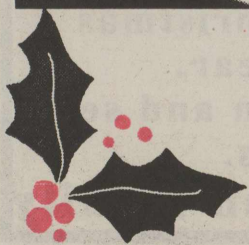
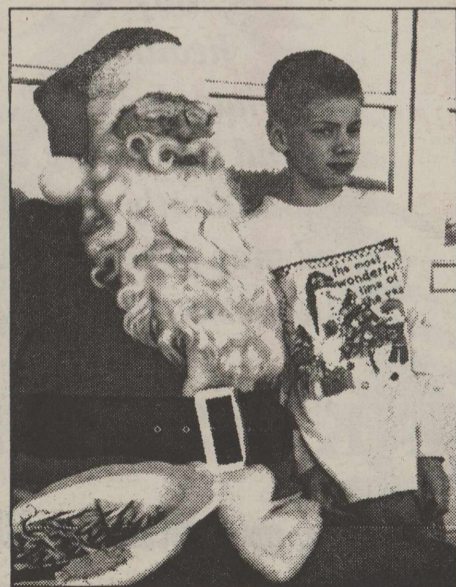
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Dear Santa



Dear Santa,
I would like a new nintendo game. The game I want belongs to the nintendo game cube. The game that belongs to the nintendo game cube is mario sun shine. I also want a game boy. And the other thing I want is a game boy advance.

Your friend,
Mario Delarosa

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine. What I want for Christmas. I want a horse and a play horse and a lot of other things to. I love you Santa are nice to the kids.

Love,
Adriana

Dear Santa,
I would like a game boy for Christmas. I also would like a stuffed monkey to play with. How about a stuffed cow? I would like an eagle.

Love,
Michael Harris

Dear Mr. Clause,
What I want for Christmas is a toy gun an a toy sword, a pinball tabel oh and I also want some army clothes. How are the elves and the

reindeer an Mrs. Clause? How many toys do you make?

Your Pal,
Carson James

Dear Santa,
What I want for myself is a jeep and a scooter and clothes. I want new shoes and a new bike and a new necklace and a bracelet. How are the elves?

Love,
Paige Royall

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a bike and pokemon cards and a big water gun and pokemon cards and some hand cuffs, sand farm animals, and zoo animals and wild animals and a scooter. And a bas boll bat and ago-crat.

Clint Head

Dear Santa Claus,
What I really want for Christmas is a bell from your sleigh and a go-cart for everybody outside in the back yard. What I want to ask you is new clothes. That is the name of the reinderr. I remember is Rudolph I just want to wish you good luck.

Love,
Erika Hargrave

To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa,
What das it look like at the north pole. And I want for Christmas is a caplizer and a remote control car and a go-cart with two seats and I want a car.

Your poul,
T.J.

Dear Santa,
How are you? Are you fine? How is Mrs. Claus. Can you tell if she is good. What are the reindeers name? I love you. Your the sweetest Santa in the whole world. Merry Christmas! Are you good? I wish I had games. But I can't cause my mom said.

Love,
Cindy

Dear Santa,
I'm doing great in school. What I want for Christmas is a nintendo 64 games. And what I want mostly is a baby doll that looks real and ates real. How is Rudolph? How

is Mrs. Claus? And how are you Santa. I bet yall are doing great. Today I'm putting up our Christmas tree. I get to help. Even I get to help put up the decorations I love Christmas! It's fun!

Love,
Michelle Rhodes

Dear Santa Claus,
I want Pokemon cards and a Nintendo 64. With a game cube. And a remote control race car. And a fake little cell phone. That can talk and ring. And a spider-man toy. And a skate board. And a sled to slide in the snow. And a little bee bee gun that is not little and a little power ranger with a little parachute. With a spider-man that has a parachute. And a little boys cowboy hat. And a scooter to fold. And a Donkey Kong game for the nintendo 64.

Your friend,
Thomas Reyes

Dear Santa,
How is everybody in North Pole? I hope everybody is great! I will put cookies and milk for you if you like or if that okay with you. I want a scooter for Christmas and a go-cart.

I want clothes, shoes. Can I have a bell from a raindeer please. How many toys do you have to make for all the children maybe a bunch I bet.

Love,
Diandra

I wish I could see Rudolph because hes my best deer in all because hes brave and a beatiful raindeer.

When you come to my house you can sit on a chair that you will like to sit on and watch TV and ear your cookies and milk. That will be a good resting after your done pasting out gift to children. I will like one more thing for Christmas. Some dises and a new competer because mine broke. Have I been good because I don't really know. My mom tells me I've been good but sometimes she don't really know eather so can you tell me I will really like to know please Santa Clause if you could. I would like to go with you and see what you do in a whole year if my mom lets me I would really be surprised because I have never been to North Pole before. I would like to meet Mrs. Claus if I could. Have you ever meet the grinch befor because some people said that griches live in the North Pole is that true or false? I need to go now because my hand is hurting so bye see you in Christmas time. Ho Ho Ho

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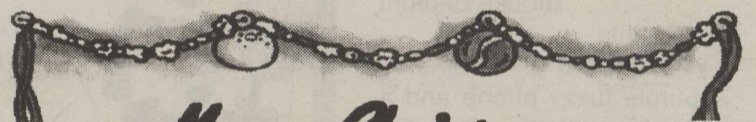


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Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine. I hope you are to! Let's see what I want for Christmas. Well first of all I am sorry that I didn't make some cookies for you and some milk but hopefully I will do it this year. I want a kite and a scooter for Christmas but wait there is more I want a coloring book also I want a sonic and a texas flag and a american flag hanging up in my room and a bell from your sleigh. Have a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Love,
Erika Puentez

Dear Santa,
How long is your sleigh? Do you no what my favorit reindeer is? Well it is Doner. I think I might go skeing. You no what I want for Christmas a fit fynder. And a green phone. Well what I realy whant is a bell from whon of your reindeer. Santa do you have a wife? I want kids Bop 2 please. I want a real colly. I really whant a toy rabbit. Or a real rabbit. I like to sing rudolph the red nose reindeer. Can you give me a list of your reinders names. Doas rudolph half a red nose.

Merry Christmas
Your pal,
Brooke Bedford

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is purple fuzzy phone and a toy. A small t.v. Do you know how good I have bine? How are you? How many toys do you have to make? I want to thank you for making the toys for me and my sister you are the best Santa in the world. The bike you gave me

last Christmas neds some new wills. I hope you have a lot of good kids. Have a happy Christmas, OK.

Love,
Brayde Knight

Dear Santa,
I'm wondering what all the elfs names are. I think one is Nala. But I think! But you know that picture up there? I drew you! Santa, I love you! Your very special to me. I love it when you give children presants! I think of you all the time! I just get so exited on Cristmas. Last year I got a baby doll! I loved her with all my heart. Your my best friend in the whole wide world! But can you surprise my friend Brooke? Because she is special too! I want her to get a fluffy black & white fake dog. That's because I love you & her. And I'll never forget you. Your so COOL! Your so awesome to me! Your the best Santa in the town. YOUR SO COOL! I love you so much!

Merry Christmas,
Haylee Hoyt

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a pet monkey and a eagle and a go-cart. I like ervy thing you give me. I know presant are not all about Christmas. Jesus is all about Christmas. How is Mrs. Claus doing I hope she is good. My family is good so am I. How are you doing I hope your doing good. Are comet and Cupid, and Donner, and Blitzen, Dasher, Dancer, Pracer, Vixen, Rudolph. I hope their doing realy fine!

Love,
Ethan Sedden

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a pet monkey please. How are the Elves? Will you tell me some of thir names? How is Mrs. Claus and the raindeer? How many gifts are you going to bring to me. I might not be home on Christmas. So don't be realy suprised if I'm not home. I was wondering who has been the niest person in our class? I've always wanted a pet

monkey. One with blue eyes and the brownest fur you ever saw. Please will you give me a pet monkey. My mom and dad won't give me one. Do you know why. It cost to much. How are you Santa Clause? I will leave out cookies for you. Probley milk if you arent alergit to it. My sister Addie please don't bring her barbies. Why she has like a millyon of them. But if you want to bring her babies. I want for christmas a pet money, toys, and a game boy. Please can I have it. But if you don't have monkeys don't bring me a monkey. My mom I think want book's and makeup. My dad probley wants a new tye and a shirt with pants. My brother want probley beast wars toys. Well that all I want to right,. One more thing how is rofod the red nose raindeer. Wait I forgot and I want Pokeman cards.

Your friend,
Caleb Rosson

Dear Santa,
How are you? Do you like the holidays? I am going make a diging mu shih for my dad and a new ring for my mom.

Your friend,
Kyle Kelton

Robert Lee Pre-K
Dear Santa,
My name is Ricky Williams. I do not have a very long list this X-Mas. I would like for you to bring me a football, a soccer ball and a basketball.
P.S. Santa, I love you very muc and I promise I will be a good boy next year, too.

Dear Santa,
My name is Maddi Sturgeon. I do not have a very long list this X-Mas. I would like for you to bring me a Barbie just my size and some body wash, and a Barbie for my sister.

P.S. Santa, I love you very much and I promise I will be a good girl next year, too.

Dear Santa,
My name is Karlee Roach. I do not have a very long list this X-Mas. I would like for you to bring me a pair of roller skates and some soap for my hands.

P.S. Santa, I love you very much and I promise I will be a good girl next year, too.



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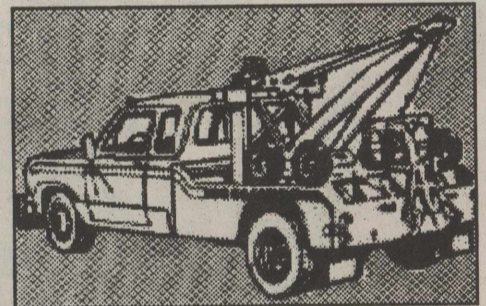
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To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa,
My name is Andi Overton. I do not have a very long list this X-Mas. I would like for you to bring me a Barbie doll and a bed for her.

P.S. Santa, I love you very much and I promise I will be a good girl next, too.

Dear Santa,
My name is Dylan Orr. I do not have a very long list this X-Mas. I would like for you to bring me a football, a basketball, and a soccer ball.

P.S. Santa, I love you very much and I promise I will be a good boy next year, too.

Dear Santa,
My name is Jake Jackson. I do not have a very long list this X-Mas. I would like for you to bring me a super roller coaster with a snake on top and a pick-up truck that I can push with my foot.

P.S. Santa, I love you very much and I promise I will be a good boy next year, too.

Dear Santa,
My name is Bailey Hooten. I do not have a very long list this X-Mas. I would like for you to bring me a new doll (Barbie), new pants and a dress, and I'm waiting for my new BABY sister.

P.S. Santa, I love you very much and I promise I will be a good girl next year, too.

Dear Santa,
My name is Hunter Hamrick. I do not have a very long list this X-Mas. I would like for you to bring me a doll, froggie and bows for my hair and a BABY BROTHER to play with.

P.S. Santa, I love you very much and I promise I will be a good girl next year, too.

Dear Santa,
My name is Sierra Ellis. I do not have a very long list this X-Mas. I would like for you to bring me a Barbie castle, a new bed for my bedroom, and a Barbie doll.

P.S. Santa, I love you very much and I promise I will be a good girl next year, too.

Dear Santa,

My name is Randi Coppedge. I do not have a very long list this X-Mas. I would like for you to bring me a little kid finger nail polish, shiny hoop, - that's all.

P.S. Santa, I love you very much and I promise I will be a good girl next year, too.

Dear Santa,
My name is Kodi Drennan. I do not have a very long list this X-Mas. I would like for you to bring me a Barbie Doll Dance Party.

P.S. Santa, I love you very much and I promise I will be a good girl next year, too.

Dear Santa,
My name is Blaine Yanez. I do not have a very long list this X-Mas. I would like for you to bring me a pair of cowboy's pants, a gun (not a real gun) and a cowboy hat.

P.S. Santa, I love you very much and I promise I will be a good boy next year, too.

Dear Santa,
My name is Ben Allen. I do not have a very long list this X-Mas. I would like for you to bring me a REAL BIG BLACK FELT COWBOY HAT.

P.S. Santa, I love you very much and I promise I will be a good boy next year, too.

Dear Santa,
What do you do with your raindeer when you are at the

mall? How do they know what toys to make when you are not there to tell them? Like I told you three times at the mall, I would really like a Make Me Pretty Barbie or the Hungry Hungry Hippo Game.

Thank you,
Morgan Eaton

Kindergarten Treadaway

Dear Santa,
I want a play motorcycle, Scooby-Doo shoes, and a Power Ranger shirt.

Love,
Jaden

Dear Santa,
I want a Spiderman house, Spiderman toys, and Spiderman movies.

Love,
Jesus

Dear Santa,
I want a Spiderman Web Blaster, Spiderman boots, and a telephone wolf.

Love,
Kaleb

Dear Santa,
I want a firecracker, Spiderman suit and hat, and a race car track.

Love,
Bridger

Dear Santa,
I like you. Please come to my house. I would like Batman stuff, Spiderman Web Blaster, and Dinosaurs.

Love,
Brandon

Dear Santa,
I want a doll.

Love,
Krystal

Dear Santa,
I want a baby doll crib, teddy bear, and doll.

Love,
Charissa

Dear Santa,
I want a bear and a penguin.

Love,
Valerie

Dear Santa,
I want Power Rangers.

Love,
Mychael

Dear Santa,
I want a turkey and a firecracker.

Love,
Daria

Dear Santa,
I want a Hot Wheels Fire Ball, and firecrackers.

Love,
Jerry

Dear Santa,
You are good. You look handsome. I like your deer. Bring me a car machine.

Love,
Jason

Dear Santa,
Can you please bring me a skateboard just a tiny bit bigger and fatter than my sisters.

Love,
James

1st grade Mrs. Duncan

Dear Santa,
I want some jewelry. I would like some finger paint too. I want a Heart necklace. How is Rudolph? Merry Christmas!

Love,
Taylor Sheldon

Dear Santa,
I want finger paints. I want a flower maker. I want an easy bake oven. May I please have a Barbie and some lipstick.

Love,
Shaylee Bell



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Seasons Greetings

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To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa,
I want an ice maker. Please can I have a What's Her Face Doll too. I would also like a Barbie camera. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Bianca Huapilla

Dear Santa,
I want a horse and an ice maker. I would also like some finger paint. I would like you to wish my family a Merry Christmas.

Love,
Will Howard

Dear Santa,
I would like a Black and white puppy for Christmas. I would also like a new bike and a B.B. gun. How is Rudolph?

Love,
Jayton Isaac Torres

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a little motorcycle. I also want a kitten and a fish. Santa is Rudolph's nose still glowing?

Love,
Dereck Lockhart

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie with a camera. I want an ice maker too. Can I please have a barbie with a cake and a Kelley doll.

Love,
Ciera Millican

Dear Santa,
I would like a puppy please. I would also like an electric guitar. I want a deck of Yugioh cards. Merry Christmas!

Love,
Shelby Davis

Dear Santa,
I wish I had a new horse and a cage for it. I want a new bike. I would like my room cleaned please. I wish I had a black and white puppy.

Thanks, Love,
Cheyenne Ellis

1st grade - Payne

Dear Santa,
Please have a Merry Christmas. I want some skate shoes, a shooting galery, shootout basketball, and a camoflauge tent. Thank You.

Love,
Jacob

Dear Santa,
I wish you to have a very happy Christmas. I want a toy cop car and a Hot Wheels.

Love,
Efrain Alguin

Dear Santa,
I wish that I had a stuffed dog that looks like Clifford. I would like a basketball and the American Flag. Santa I wish you would tell me how cold it is because I want to live with you on Christmas eve.

Love,
Sydney Sheldon

Dear Santa,
I would like to know your

favorite season. I would like a toy remote control bike.

Love,
Eric Wells

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus doing? I think your elves are doing a lot of work on Christmas eve. I want a doll and a teddy bear.

Love,
Alexis Mendoza

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie travel train and a Polly Pocket toy but I really really want a very very happy Christmas.

Love,
Hanna Hamrick

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus doing? I bet the elves are working hard. Santa, can I please have a diary for Christmas?

Love,
Morgan Sturgeon
2nd grade - Drennan

Dear Santa,
For Christmas may I have some stuffed animals, some markers, or some dress up clothes? I hope it isn't too cold at the North Pole.

Love,
Jordan Gartman

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer doing? Can I please have a Dragonball Z gameboy, a snowboard and an air hog airplane. I hope you are doing good.

Love,
Justin Gartman

Dear Santa,
How do reindeer fly? For Christmas I would like a Play

Dou dentist set, dress up stuff and a stuffed animal bear.

Love,
Faylin Bell

Dear Santa,
How big are your elves? I want a play station, a snowboard, and a remote control sports car. I hope you are good.

Love,
Cooper Hinderliter

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? For Christmas I would like a X box and a play station 2. I would also like a game cube. I am gong to put out milk and cookies.

Love,
Josh Barnes



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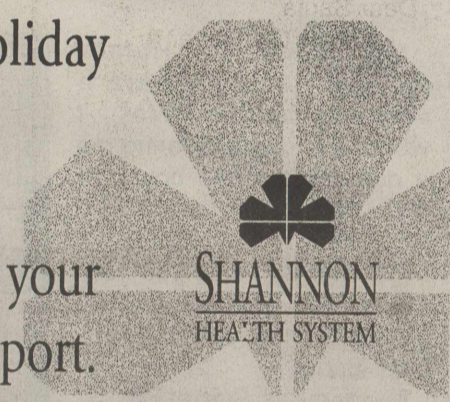
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To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa,
How cold is it in North Pole? For Christmas I want a puppy and a little pool table. I would also like an X box. How are the rain deer?

Love,
Jonah Saucedo

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer at the North Pole? I want 1 or 2 cartridge games, a dictionary, and a little pool table please. I hope that it snows.

Love,
Zach Skinner

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer doing? I would like some legos an airplane, and some cars. I hope you will come to my house.

Love,
Randy Barnett

2nd grade - Horn

Dear Santa,
I want a book about the flag. Santa I really like Christmas and the grinch.

Love,
Dawson Brisbin

Dear Santa,
I have been good. For Christmas may I please have a Dragon Ball Z movie and may I please have a checker board.

Love,
Zachary Sanchez

Dear Santa,
I want a CD player that you can carry. I want a remote control truck. I like your elves.

Love,
Vencent Batten

Dear Santa,
I want MIB2 movie. I want Game Boy Advance. I want Toby Keith CD. Santa i was wondering how your reindeer are doing?

Love,
Laredo Williamson

Dear Santa,
I want a scooder, a bike and a Game Boy. How is your factory doing?

Love,
Grady Barnett

Dear Santa,
I would like one Barbie DVD and a Shreck DVD. Santa Clause please tell Miss Claus and the reindeer to go to Robert Lee. When you get there find a white house. If you find it wait for me.

Love and Merry Christmas
Makenna Netting

Dear Santa,
I love the presents that you are making. I like you Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus.

Love,
Jimmie Hageman

Dear Santa,
Please would you tell all of your reindeer I said hi. Santa could I please have a new scooter, a baby dool named Annabel, and a movie named Shreck.

Love,
Ashlie Malynn Wheat

Dear Santa,
I want a teddy bear with a bow around his neck. I want a Barbie. Santa Claus is

coming to town on Christmas night.

Love,
Dusty Howard

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control car. I want a XBox. I want a bike with pegs on my bike. Have a good Christmas, Santa.

Love,
Kevin Saucedo

Dear Santa,
I love you so much! I want a remote control truck and the Grinch movie.

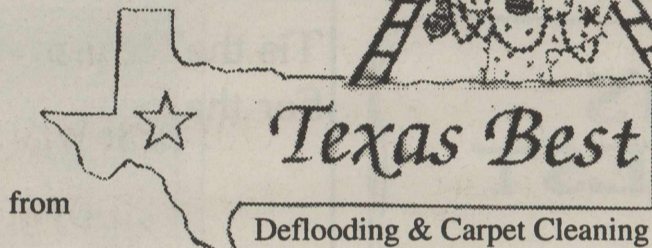
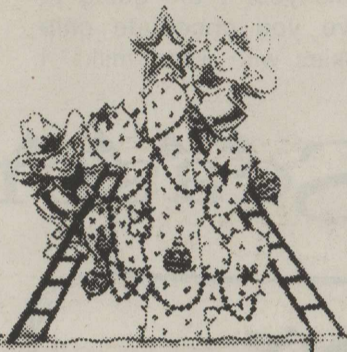
Love,
Nathan Taft

3rd grade - Devoll

Dear Santa,
I am going to leave you milk and cookies. Did you like the cheese I left last year. I love you Santa. May I have an cd player, clothes and kareoke machine? I know the reindeers names Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixon, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen. let's not forget Rudoph.

Your friend,
Kristen Zeigler

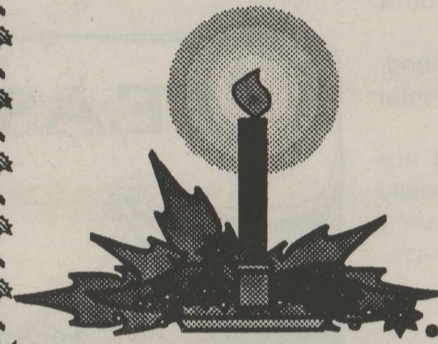
Merry
Christmas
& Happy
Holidays!



Bob, Patti, & Justin Frazee
Katy & Kevin Johnson

Happy Holiday

To all our friends
May your Christmas be truly joyous.



Paul
& Joan
Burns

Season's Greetings

Happy holidays to all our fine customers. May your home be blessed with all the joys of the season.

Bill Allen
Kei Antilley
Pansy Bloodworth
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Peggy Davis
D'Ann Eubanks
Lori Eubanks
Virginia Garlington
Dee Anna Harmon
Karen Hayes
Valerie Howard

Ambrocio Huapilla
Stacy Kelton
Cathy McGinley
Joy Malone
Cynthia Metcalf
Teresa Millican
Stephen Myers
Kaye Pitcock
Debbie Smith
Donna Watkins

Robert Lee State Bank



Robert Lee, Texas

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To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa,
May I please have the Harry Potter book and a flute oh and one more, a locket.

Your friend,
Samantha Fernandez

Dear Santa,
How are the elves doing up there in the cold? Santa, does Mrs. Claus have those cookies ready for you? Oh, Santa, the movie makers made two movies about you that are terrific, even the one from last year. Would you give me all the army toys and video games. That will be all that I want.

Your friend,
Matthew Corona

Dear Santa,
This year I am going to give you some cookies and milk. I love you Santa. May I have a remote control tanker and plane. I would like a super mario 5 game. I wish you a Merry Christmas.

Your Friend,
Dylan VanDeventer

Dear Santa,
I want to know if you are reading this because I really want this. So may I have a scooter for Christmas please. Merry Christmas.

Your friend,
Dianna Vera

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs.

Claus? May I have a little puppy that looks as big as your foot. May I also have an Angel Stationery box and a SpongeBob Pack.

Your friend,
Luisa Carrera

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer and Rudolph? Rudolph is your nose still bright? For Christmas I will get you some cheese and cookies. I know all your reindeer's name, there's Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner and Blitzen. How's Mrs. Claus? I would like an Ekara karaoke machine and Hello Kitty Just for Friends Pack.

Your Friend,
Linsey Arellano

Dear Santa,
My mom, my sister, and I are baking chocolate chip

cookies just for you and the reindeer. I would like a flashlight.

Your friend,
Beeanca Bower

Dear Santa,
How are you? Are you having fun? I really don't now what I want. But if it is possible could you give me a picture of you and the reindeer. Oh and two more things. I would like a Angel Stationery Box and Judy Moody Pack.

Your friend,
Kimberly Roach

Dear Santa,
This year I am going to leave you chocolate chip cookies with warm milk. I

hope you have a good Christmas. I would like a easy bake oven, pajamas and my stuff bag. That is all. Merry Christmas.

Your friend,
Rachel Rojas

Dear Santa,
Are your reindeer ok? Are you ok? Is it cold up there? I would like Ratchet and Clark video game, Star Wars Bounty hunter video game, and thats all. Merry Christmas.

Your friend,
Chad Martin

To Santa Claus North Pole

Dear Santa,
My name is Jessica. I am 4 years old. I would like you to bring me a doll house, a car, a doll, and a doll for my sister, Katie, she is 1 year old. Have a Merry Christmas.

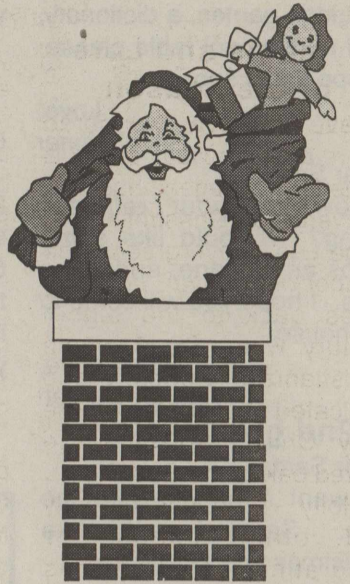
Love,
Jessica

Dear Sinter Klass,
Thank you for the fabulous Oldsmobile that arrived out here on a trailer.

I'm so-o-o thankful and happy to finally have a reliable motor-car.

Today is sunny with 61 degrees.

Milly Morgenstern



Season's Greetings

SEASON'S BEST

Like the Wise Men of old, let us worship the newborn Prince of Peace - may He bless you and yours.

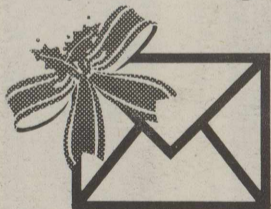
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May Your Holidays Be Blessed

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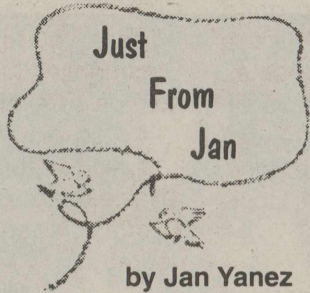
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Steve & Wanda

Blessings

...for a holiday season filled with happiness and good cheer!

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Jim & Geanette Skinner



by Jan Yanez
Cooperative
Extension Agent

Symbols and Lore of the Season

Have you ever wondered where all the holiday symbols came from? Legend has it!!

***Evergreen Christmas Tree** - The use of evergreens, the symbol of survival, probably dates back to the eighth century when St. Boniface Christianized Germany and dedicated the fir tree to the Holy Child, replacing the sacred oak of the God Olin.

***Holly** - The use of holly and other plants for decorating at Christmas dates back to the pagan ritual of hanging evergreens in the home, to provide a refuge for the spirits who live in the forest from the harsh winter. In some areas of England, the prickly and non-prickly varieties of holly are distinguished as "he" and "she" holly. It's said that whichever type is brought into the home first will determine who in the household will be the master during the upcoming year...the man or the woman!

***Candles in the Window** - The Irish put lighted candles in the window on Christmas Eve to welcome the Holy Family, who are said to be traveling the roads of the world again. The candle stubs are then preserved all

year as protection against evil spirits.

***Stockings on the Mantel** - Legend tells that this ritual began when St. Nicholas, a Dutch saint, dropped his bags of gold down the chimney of three dowryless girls on Christmas Eve. The gold landed in their stockings, which happened to be hanging on the mantel to dry.

***Poinsettia** - The use of the poinsettia as the traditional Christmas flower comes from Mexico. Legend says that one Christmas Eve, in a small village church, a poor young boy knelt at the altar. He had nothing to offer the Christmas child on his birthday, but he was so

sincere in his prayers that a miracle sprang up at his feet...the poinsettia.

***The Candy Cane** - The Candy Cane, a gift of Love: It had to be special to be a gift for the King of Kings, thought the humble candy maker from Indiana. Not just any piece of candy would do. It had to be hard candy because the church is built on solid rock and God's promises are a firm foundation. It would be formed in the shape of the Good Shepherd's staff. A "J" that would also stand for the precious name of Jesus. But it had to say more. White stripes would symbolize the virgin birth and sinless nature of Christ. Three small red stripes would represent the scourging Jesus suffered on his way to the cross. One large red stripe would remind those with the eyes to see and ears to hear of the blood Jesus shed as payment for our sins. It would be a gift of love that would tell His story...the greatest story ever told.

***Fruitcakes** - The history of

fruit cake is a long one and is full of the lore of cakes. The Chinese had cakes and pastries several thousand years before the Christian era.

An Egyptian papyrus at least 6,000 years old tells of cakes similar to our coffee rings. Egyptian fruit cakes were flat biscuits carrying fruits. Such cakes played an important role in several ancient religions and early Christians carried over these food observances to their feast days.

Early fruit cakes of the Western world were made from yeast-leavened doughs to which fruit was added. In Norman, England, a fruit cake containing raisins or dried grapes (plums) was

known as "plumb" cake. Some authorities feel that our fruit cake evolved from these Norman confections. Others believe that our fruit cakes stem from steamed puddings.

There are records from medieval England telling of thickened fruit and spice soups which eventually became the steamed puddings. And, it was but one kitchen step from the pudding to the cake.


Colonial Americans were fortunate because our early shipping industry brought molasses from the West Indies, and the fruit, nuts and spices from the East. Because of this advantage, it was easy for Americans to carry on the tradition of fruit cake for the holidays.

Merry Christmas

Wishing Everyone

HAPPY & HEALTHY HOLIDAYS

Jimmy, Staci, Jimmy Lynn & Ashley Womack



Happy Birthday Jesus

Greetings to our customers & friends this holiday.

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HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Oh, The Sounds Of Christmas!

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

With a song in our hearts, we'd like to voice our expressions of good will and gratitude to our many fine customers and friends. Your kind support is always welcome and greatly appreciated.



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By Tommy Antilley
Cooperative Extension Agent

**Caring for Poinsettias
at Home**

Location and Temperature

The poinsettia thrives on indirect, natural daylight, and exposure to at least six hours daily is recommended. If direct sun cannot be avoided, diffuse with a light shade or sheer curtain. To prolong the bright color of the poinsettia bracts, daytime temperatures should not exceed 70 degrees F. Avoid placing the plants near drafts, excess heat, or the dry air from appliances, fireplaces, or ventilating ducts.

Water and Fertilizer

Poinsettias require moderately moist soil. Water the plants thoroughly when the soil surface feels dry to the touch. Remove the plant from decorative pots or covers, and water enough to completely saturate the soil. Do not allow the poinsettia to sit in any standing water; root rot could result which could kill the plant. It is not necessary to fertilize the poinsettia when it is in bloom.

Outside Placement

Since poinsettias are sensitive to cold weather, frost, and rain, outside placement during the winter months should be avoided. However, in mild climates, an enclosed patio or entry way may be suitable, provided the night temperatures do not drop below 55 degrees F. Make certain the delicate bracts are well protected from wind and cold rain.

After the Holidays

Keep the plants in indirect sunlight and water regularly.

Place your plants outdoors, where they can bask in the warmth of spring and summer, after outside night temperatures average 55 degrees F or above. When the bracts age and lose their aesthetic appeal, usually by late March or early April, cut the poinsettia back to about 8 inches in height. By the end of May you should see vigorous new growth. Continue regular watering during the growth period. Fertilize every 2 to 3 weeks throughout the spring, summer, and fall months with a well-balanced complete fertilizer. Around June 1, you may transplant your poinsettias into larger pots. Select pots no more than 4 inches larger than the original inner pot. A soil mix with a considerable amount of organic matter, such as peat

moss or leaf mold, is highly recommended. If you wish, you may transplant the poinsettias into a well-prepared garden bed. Be sure the planting bed is rich in organic matter and has good drainage. Pruning may be required during the summer to keep plants bushy and compact. Do not prune after June 1.

Re-flowering

The poinsettia is a photoperiodic plant, meaning that it sets bud and produces flowers as the autumn nights lengthen. The plants will naturally come into full bloom during November or December, depending upon the flowering response-time of the individual cultivator. Timing the bloom to coincide closely with the Christmas holiday can be difficult without the controlled environment of a greenhouse. Stray light of any kind, such as from outside street lights or household lamps, could delay or entirely halt the re-flowering process.

Starting October 1, the



Cody Taylor, from Robert Lee, took this 225 pound feral sow on the north Sulphur River near Paris, Texas. Cody was hunting with dad, Richard, on November 29, 2002, just after his 10th birthday on November 27.

plants must be kept in complete darkness for 14 continuous hours each night. Accomplish this by moving the plants to a totally dark room, or by covering them with a large box overnight. During October, November and early December, the plants require 6 to 8 hours of bright sunlight daily, with

nighttime temperatures between 60 degrees and 70 degrees F. Temperatures outside this range may delay flowering. Continue the normal watering and fertilizer program.

Following this regime for 8 to 10 weeks should result in a colorful display of blooms for the holiday season.

Seasons Greetings
from
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Larry,
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HAPPY CHRISTMAS

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

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

Wise Men
Still Seek
Him Today

Wishing you joy, peace and
love this Christmas season.

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Robert Lee, Texas

Warm Wishes

Hearts are warmed, and spirits revive;
When good friends get together,
Love and peace will abide.
It's Christmas!

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Sorosis Club has Christmas party

Thursday, December 12, was the night of the Christmas Party. Spouses and/or significant others were invited.

Finger foods were dominant. Ham and rolls were provided by the club and the members brought the accompaniments. It was good eatin'.

As an ice breaker each person was given a sheet of paper with several descriptions on it. They were to find a person who fit the description. For example, a person with two children or a person who was a chocoholic. It was fun find out about each other.

After the meal we had another interesting and fun thing to do. Each member was asked to tell two stories about themselves - one true and one false. Then the group checked on their sheet next to the person's name which they thought was true. Mary Frances Glenn won the prize for the most right answers. She got all but one correct. Pat Lee got the fewest. The prizes were large gold star ornaments.

Then came the gift exchange. We went in the order we were seated. Each person could select a gift from the tree or if they wanted one that someone else had selected they could take it. We didn't unwrap the

gifts so we didn't know what was in it but based on size and wrapping some gifts changed hands several times.

Everyone had a great time and look forward to next year. Hostesses were the yearbook committee - LouAnna Peters, Peggy Hembree, Diane Lockett, and Swan Archinal.

Making holidays less commercial

With Christmas decorations showing up in stores before Labor Day, and children's cartoons serving as year-round marketing tools, how can families keep the meaning of the holidays alive?

"It's a challenge," said Dr. Glen Jennings, professor of family sciences and family therapy at Texas Woman's University. "It all tends to get

overly commercialized."

Jennings said it's important to involve the whole family in talking about the real meaning of the holidays, whether it be Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah or Kwanzaa. Families also need to establish their own way of celebrating the holidays and develop their own traditions.

"Traditions anchor us; they root us," he said.

Jennings said families could choose a theme for the holidays, then make decorations and perhaps even choose gifts based on that theme. The holidays also could be an opportunity for families to celebrate their ethnic heritage or learn more about other cultures, he said. Preparing foods and decorations connected to those cultures could become

a fun family tradition as well as a learning experience, he said.

Jennings said holidays should be a time of celebration and fun, with less emphasis on the commercial aspects and more focus on spending time together.

It's often the simple things that bring meaning to the holidays, Jennings said. Playing games together, having a movie night or singing around the piano can make lasting memories, he

said. Choosing a Christmas tree is a family activity that can bring the joy of doing things together, he said.

Families also could connect the holiday seasons to nature by camping, hiking or even having snowball fights. Rather than go to the after-Christmas sales, Jennings said, families could plan a picnic or some other activity that would bring them together.


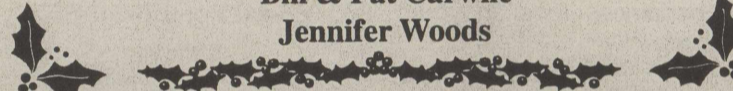
It's togetherness that matters during the holidays.

Jolly Good wishes to you and yours for a holiday filled with cheer and friendship...and to all our friends & customers

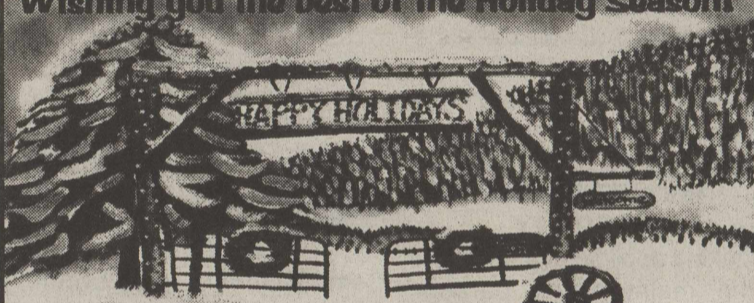
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Charlotte Crain

Merry Christmas

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May your holidays and the New Year be filled with happiness. Let us be thankful for each day and all of our blessings.

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Staff</u>
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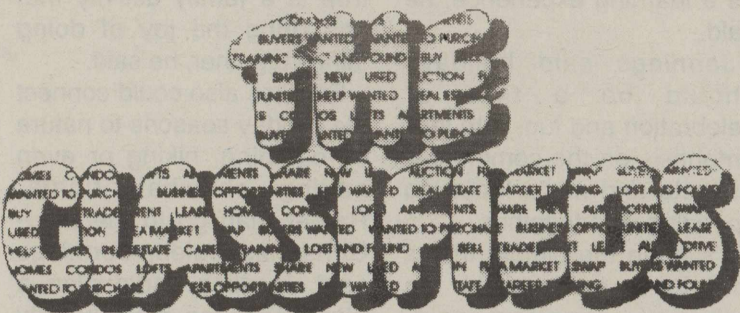
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NEVER SAY THERE IS NO HOPE God is still in the miracle business. We have seen three while Clem (Daddo) was in the hospital. Dr. Ayass said "with God's help we will do it", then "Praise the Lord", "He is better". Also we have seen love, prayers, calls and a whole lot of good food. Our boys say "thanks". May God bless you all and may we help you in any need you have. Our door is always open. Coffee starts about 4:00 am and the food is not bad, if you like "grandkid food". We love you. Thank you all and a special thanks to "your friends". Clem and Helen Earwood & family - (Daddo & Wannie)

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to all of Bronte and Robert Lee for your help and support during David's death. We are especially grateful for the EMS personnel, Bronte ISD - Administrators, Faculty and Staff, the wonderful cowboys who rounded up our last pasture, the commissioners, the courthouse employees, Rev. Paul Evans and Mr. Rick Styles. You have honored us and David with generosity and kindness. Very sincerely, The David Rawlings Family

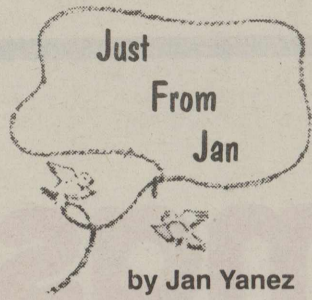
NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AMENDING REINVESTMENT ZONE DESIGNATION The Coke County Commissioners Court will conduct a public hearing at its next regularly scheduled meeting 8:30 am, December 23, 2002, Coke County Commissioners Courtroom, Coke County Courthouse, Robert Lee, Texas.

Purpose of said hearing is for public comment on amending the current reinvestment zone. In determining whether to amend the Reinvestment Zone, the Court will consider whether such a designation would contribute to retention or expansion of employment in the Zone or would attract major investment in the Zone that would benefit the land to be included therein.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TENNYSON WIND L.L.C. APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT

The Coke County Commissioners Court will conduct a public hearing at its next regularly scheduled meeting, 8:45 am, December 23, 2002, Coke County Commissioners Courtroom, Coke County Courthouse, Robert Lee, Texas. Purpose of said hearing is to consider and act on application by Tennyson Wind L.L.C. application for tax abatement to construct a 75MW Wind Farm in the above mentioned reinvestment zone.



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Holiday cooking requires fragrant spices

Check over that spice shelf now to insure the most appetizing, flavorful (fragrant) holiday foods.

Holiday recipes make liberal use of spices - from turkey stuffing to pumpkin pie, plum pudding, fruitcakes and many other special items.

Kitchen aromas actually signal the final product's flavor. We can taste only sweet, sour, salt and better-so the remaining "flavor" comes from food aromas, provided by spices.

Aromas "pre-sell" us while the meal is being prepared and, later, when we head for the dinner table. So, when we place the food in our mouth, it tastes as expected.

To insure the best aromas, good spices are essential-so examine them now before starting holiday food preparations.

Some spices may be down to mere tag-ends while others

need replacing because they're old or were stored near oven heat or in direct sunlight.

Even with the most careful storage, spices (especially ground ones) lose vitality after awhile.

Goodness of spices reaches the nose and mouth through infinitesimal flavor particles released at a constant rate. Such flavor is constantly released, eventually spice seeds, roots, bark or leaves lose much of their spark. When that happens, discard them. Replace with a fresh, potent supply. So spice up your holidays and keep your spices fresh.

Making the right toy selection

How many parents have been disappointed Christmas morning to find their child playing with gift wrap and not the gifts? Keeping some simple toy selection rules in mind can help ensure preschool children will enjoy

their gifts more than the **The Observer/Enterprise Friday, December 20, 2002 Page 23** boxes.

"First, parents need to make sure all toys they buy their children are safe," said Dr. Jo Ann Engelbrecht, professor of family sciences at Texas Woman's University in Denton. "The toy shouldn't have any small parts the child can put in his or her mouth."

Equally important, the toy should be durable. Pieces of broken toy pose just as great a choking hazard.

Multi-Use vs. Single-Use

"Toys that can be used for a variety of things will be used more than a toy that has a single use," Dr. Engelbrecht said. "Open-ended" toys let children be creative and use their imagination. A toddler can use a large ball for playing catch, kicking in the back yard or as a stool for spinning in a circle.

"Something as simple and inexpensive as a beach ball can hold a child's attention much longer than an expensive toy," Dr. Engelbrecht said. "Markers, newsprint, colored papers, blocks and Play Dough are all things that can keep children entertained for hours and spark their imaginations."

Challenging, but not too difficult

Durable books made out of plastic or cardboard, puppets and puzzles are other items that entertain and challenge children. And keeping a child

challenged is important in keeping a child interested in a toy.

"If a puzzle is too easy, the child will do it once and not use it again, similar to teenagers who find a video game too easy and play it once and then opt for something more challenging," Dr. Engelbrecht said.

Toy packaging gives recommended ages for the product. But, Dr. Engelbrecht notes, sometimes the recommendations are off. Look carefully at the toy, examine it and determine if it might be too challenging for your child - which also will cause it to be discarded - or not challenged enough. "Based on his or her personality, is it something that your child would be interested in?" Dr. Engelbrecht added.

Think ahead

Gift givers need to think about what they are going to buy before heading to the toy store. "Have you seen Toys 'R' Us? It's overwhelming.

"If you go toy shopping without any idea of what you're looking for, you're more likely to make a mistake," Dr. Engelbrecht said. "Look in catalogs and online to get ideas first."

Many online retailers offer an additional service to buyers: customer product reviews. It's another tool gift

givers can use to gauge whether or not a toy will work for his or her preschooler.

For someone purchasing a toy for a friend's or relative's child, call the parents and make sure the child doesn't already have the toy and that the parents are fine with the proposed gift. The drum set from Uncle Bob might not be as big a hit with Mom and Dad as it is with Junior.

Don't let little ones be overwhelmed

On Christmas morning, let the child open all his or her gifts but then put some of them aside. "If a child has too many choices, he or she will be overwhelmed and won't know which toy to play with," Dr. Engelbrecht said.

"Rotate the toys," she said. Let the child play with a few for several days or weeks, then pull some others out of the closet and put the toys they have been playing with up. By doing this, it's like discovering new toys every rotation.

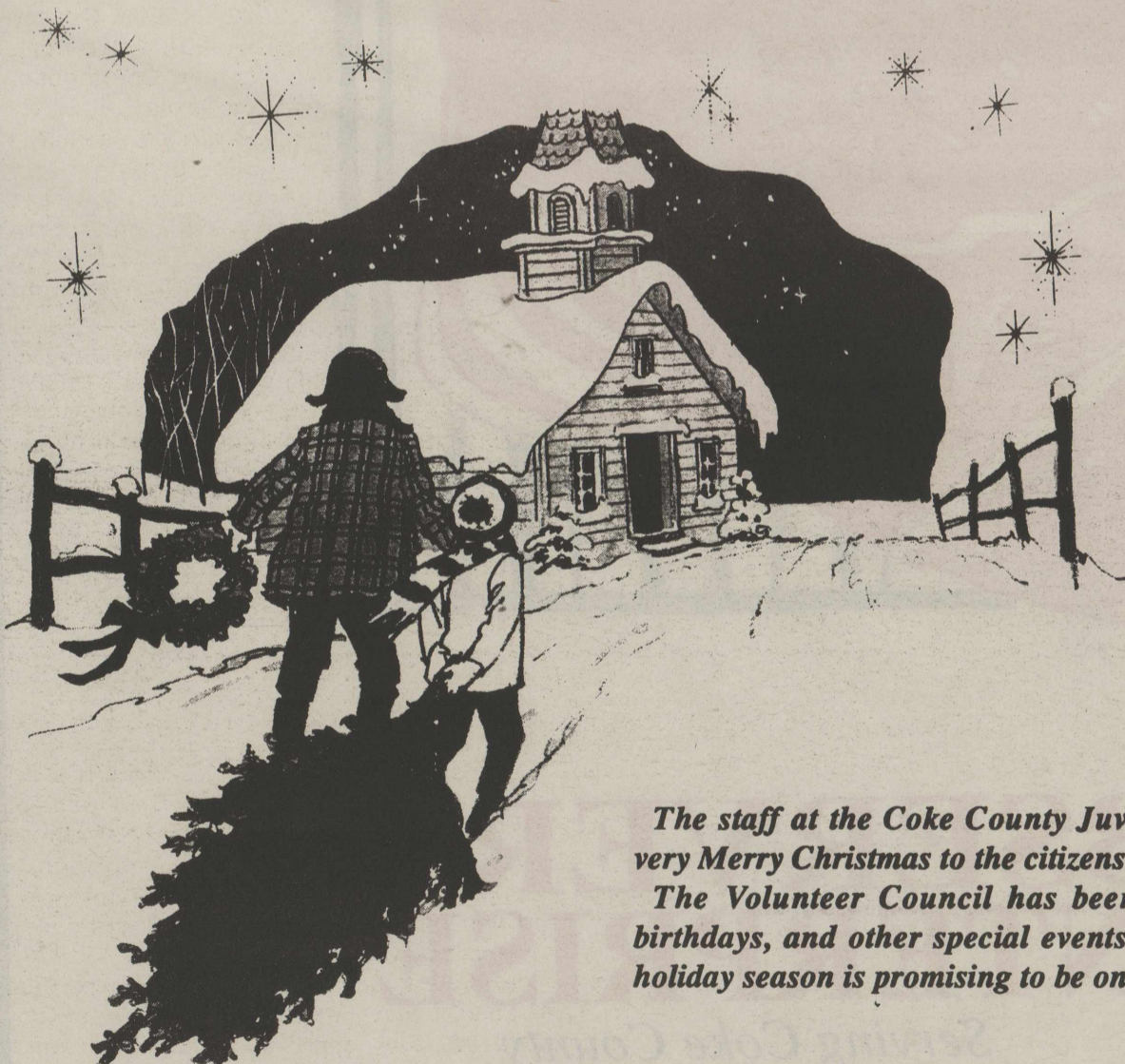
Parental involvement

Finally, Dr. Engelbrecht stresses that parents need to play with their little ones. "Children need and learn from human interaction. Don't let videos, electronic games and television become babysitters."



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The
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Justice Center
Wackenhut Family



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

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

Thank you and Happy Holidays!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year



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