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Courthouse closed for holidays

The Coke County courthouse will be closed on December 24, 25, and 26 for the Christmas holidays. Facilities will also close on Jan. 1 and 2 in observance of New Years.

Holiday closings

In observance of the Christmas holiday, the Robert Lee City Hall will be closed December 24-26. The City Landfill will be closed Saturday, December 27. City Hall will close January 1 and 2 for the New Year holiday. There will be no change in the schedule for trash collection. Have a safe Christmas and New Year holiday.

Political offices slated for ballot

By Patti Ivey, Coke County Democratic Chair
Friday, January 2, 2004, at 6 pm is the deadline for filing for a place on the Democratic ballot. The offices and their annual salaries are as follows: County Attorney, \$38,450; Sheriff, \$26,000; Tax Assessor, \$21,500; Commissioners, Precincts 1 & 3, \$20,300; and Constables, \$5,440. These elected officials have a retirement program and are covered by

health insurance.

The primary election will be held March 9, 2004, and if a run-off election is necessary, it will be held April 13, 2004.

RLBC to host praise and worship service

The Robert Lee Baptist Church will host the praise and worship service at the Robert Lee Care Center at 3:00 pm, Sunday, 12/21. Everyone in the community is welcome to attend.

On Wednesday, December 24th at 6:00 pm, the annual candlelight service will be held at the Robert Lee Baptist Church. It will be come as you are.

January 2nd is deadline to file for political office

Friday, Jan. 2, 2004, is the deadline to file for political office in Coke County. Most county office holders whose terms are ending in 2004 have already filed for re-election. Only Paul Burns, Commissioner in Pct. 1 has announced he will not seek re-election at the end of his term. That announcement has drawn three candidates who will be on the Primary Democrat ballot in the March 9, 2004 election. Those filing for the Precinct 1 position are



Letters to Santa from
Coke County children
begin on page 8!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Jimmy Byrne, James Royall, and Gene Montgomery.

Another new candidate is Marty Boyd, seeking the Pct. 2 Constable's position. That office has been vacant since the resignation of Russell

Johnson last spring.

For those who have not filed yet, paperwork for a campaign manager is available at the office of County Clerk Mary Grim. Filing for office must be with Democratic Chair Patti Ivey or Republican Chair Kathy Pentecost.

Author to sign books in Bronte

Author Bonita Copeland will be at the Main Street Market Thursday afternoon and evening on December 18th during the Christmas in Olde Bronte gathering. There are still copies of The History of the Old Jail and Sheriffs With Related Facts and Tales that were prepaid so this is an opportunity to pick up these copies. Books will also be sold at this time.

Ms. Copeland will be on hand to sign copies of the book. Books are available at the Main Street Market in Bronte, the Coke County Library, and the This 'n That shop in Robert Lee. Books may also be purchased from the author by calling 453-2698.

Bryan's Barn lights up holiday season

Bryan's Barn is open to visitors through Dec. 31 from 6 to 10 pm each evening. Although admission to the Barn and surrounding grounds is free, donations are welcomed to defray expenses.

The Barn has become a

local symbol of Christmas and will be seen by a huge number, including tour bus loads.

2004 Rec Hall bookings to begin January 5

To make reservations for the Coke County Rec Halls either in Bronte or Robert Lee, please call 453-2641 or come by the Judge's office at the Courthouse in Robert Lee.

The first day bookings will be accepted for either rec hall for 2004 will be January 5, 2004, at 7 am at the Coke County Courthouse.

FSA producer sign up for DCP slated

Producers who wish to participate in the farm program (DCP) for the 2004 crop year are encouraged to visit the office and sign up. Producers who signed up for 2002 and 2003 MUST sign up for 2004. This will be an every year sign up until the DCP program ends in 2007. Sign up will be much quicker than last year so hopefully producers won't have to spend as much time in the office to complete sign up.

Producers who did not sign up for 2002 or 2003 but, who have a base on qualifying crop may also sign up for 2004.

Producers must have an approved CCC-502 (pay limit form), and 1026 before any payments can be issued.

Be sure to make an appointment. For more information call 453-2751 or come by the office.



J. D. Harmon was an honored guest at the book signing of "Heroes From The Attic," written by Jesse Flynn. Mr. Harmon's story plays a large role in the book. The event was held in Robert Lee December 6, 2003, at The This 'N That Shop. The shop's owner, Leta Caston, said a good-sized crowd attended and thirty books were sold that day with more now available. Shown are (front row, from left) Suzann Johnson, Jeffie Harmon, (middle row, from left) Inez Harper, Mrs. Jesse Flynn, Jesse Flynn, J. D. Harmon, Floyd Harmon, (back row, from left) Leta Caston, and Bill Harmon.

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Death Notices
Sowell
 Wanda Jean Sowell, 69, died Sunday, Dec. 7 at her home in Bronte. Service was held at 2 pm Tuesday, Dec. 9 at the Church of Christ with burial in Bronte Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.
 Survivors include her husband, Roland Sowell of Bronte; mother, Daisy Sims of Bronte; sons, Dana Sowell of Buffalo Gap and Darrel Sowell of Bronte; daughters, Donna Scott of Bronte and Debbie Garvin of Clyde; brother, D.W. Sims of Bronte; and sisters, Wilma Nell Gann of San Angelo, Rickie Mixson of Bronte and Johnnie Luttrell of Odessa; a number of grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Johnson
 Andrew Josh Johnson, 76, died Monday, Dec. 1, 2003, at his residence in San Angelo. Service was conducted at 1 pm Wednesday Dec. 3 at The Heights. Graveside service followed at 3:30 pm in Paint Creek Cemetery in Edith. Arrangements were by Johnson's Funeral Home.
 Survivors include his wife, Jeanne of San Angelo; daughter, Melody Allen of San Angelo; one sister, Frances Johnson Cole of Robert Lee; and a number of nieces and nephews.

ECC ambulance runs for November 2003
 11-04-03 - 03:31 - medical transport
 11-15-03 - 09:30 - medical transport
 11-15-03 - 15:10 - medical transport

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transport
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 11-24-03 - 11:45 - medical transport
 11-25-03 - 18:42 - medivac

Donations
 West Coke County EMS

Memorials
Carolyn MacManus
 Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Lawhon
BVFD runs for November 2003
 11-25-03 - 18:42 - assisted EMS
 11-26-03 - 23:30 - assisted EMS

Filing period continues for primary elections
 by Hal Spain, Publisher
 Prospective candidates for county governmental positions are advised that the official filing period for these elections has begun. Wednesday, December 3, 2003, was opening day for those wishing to file for these offices. The filing period continues through Friday, January 2, 2004.
 Local governmental offices which come up for vote this year include the Coke County Sheriff; Commissioners, Precincts 1 and 3; Tax Assessor/Collector; County Attorney; and Constables, Precincts 1 and 2.
 Those interested in filing for any of these local elective positions are asked to contact County Democratic Chair Patti Ivey at 453-2582, or County Republican Chair Kathy Pentecost at 453-2920 for

New Christmas Gift Items
 This 'N That Shop
 717 Austin • Robert Lee

more information and the appropriate forms.
 Due to the redistricting mess we are involved in on the state level, all the information concerning the upcoming primary elections has been slow in coming to the county level. However, the primary elections have been set for Tuesday, March 9, 2004, unless the courts decide to do something different.
 Additionally, the last day to register to vote in the upcoming primary election is February 9, 2004. Be sure to register, if you haven't already, and vote in the upcoming primary election.

WTRC Telethon set for January 17
 Coke County residents have an opportunity between now and midnight on January 17 to help West Texas Rehabilitation Center by making a gift to REHAB 2004, the Center's 34th annual telethon.
 Diane Luckett is spearheading the Bronte solicitation effort and has arranged for a phone bank to be in operation on telethon night. Donors may call 473-4821 to make a pledge during the telethon.
 In Robert Lee, the 64 Study Club will operate their phone bank at Ivey Motor Company. Donors may call 453-2715 to pledge during the telethon. Those who won't be able to call in January 17 are encouraged to make advance donations to community volunteers.
 The five-hour television special will be aired from 7 pm to midnight on ten Texas stations, including KLST-TV in San Angelo.
 In addition to entertainment, the telethon showcases the services of the Center which provides care annually to more than 22,000 children and adults with disabilities and communication disorders at facilities in Abilene, San Angelo, and Ozona.
 Also, the show includes an auction of more than 300 items donated by businesses and individuals ranging from agricultural products and autos to celebrity items and travel packages.

Interested persons may bid online at www.WestTexasRehab.org beginning mid-December or by phone on January 17.
 "The telethon is a critical fundraiser for Rehab because we count on it to launch the New Year in a good position to meet the needs of those we'll serve in the next 12 months," said WTRC President Woody Gilliland. "That's why we're so grateful to local volunteers staffing phone banks...why every advance gift and every pledge called in during the show are so deeply appreciated."

Appreciation Dance to honor Juanita Schnabel
 On Saturday December 27th, in the Robert Lee Rec Hall, the family of Juanita Schnabel will host an Appreciation Dance honoring her and benefiting the Coke County Emergency Medical Services.
 Juanita declares, "It's my 80th Birthday, thanks to God and the EMS."
 In the early 80's, Juanita completed the training under Lou and Dorthea Wright and became a Volunteer Emergency Medical Technician. She enjoyed driving the ambulance and helping where she could.
 A couple of years later she was appointed, by then Judge Jackie Walker, the Senior Citizens Coordinator for Coke County. Her most lasting successes were Aggregate Meals at the Senior Citizens Center and organizing and hosting the Senior Dances at the Robert Lee Rec Hall. Each month, the likes of Add Davis, Johnny Sevier, Sammy Duncan and Bill McAdoo provided the popular Boot Scootin' music. Coy Moses, in association with Ettie Hubbard, currently hold these monthly events.
 "Help me show these volunteers how much we appreciate them," invites Juanita. "Without Mary Bessent and the EMS crew, I wouldn't be alive today. If

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Juanita Schnabel
 you haven't needed them yet, you probably will. It is such a comfort knowing they are there."
 Dancing begins at 7:30 pm. The Recognitions Program, at 8:30 pm, includes a Little Medical Humor plus a Country and Western Musical Video of Performances by the Original Band, shared by Lori Sevier, so bring your instruments if you want to JAM!
 Drop by, give and receive big "HELLO HUGS" and have fun while supporting this most worthy cause.

Churches of Coke County
Invite You to Worship

Emmanuel Pentecostal
 PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy
 Robert Lee
 (325) 453-2360
 Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

First Baptist Church
 424 S. Washington • Bronte
 (325) 473-2331
 Bro. Morris Johnson, Pastor
 Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School, 10:55 am Worship, 6 pm Youth and Worship
 Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting

First United Methodist Church
 PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
 Robert Lee
 (325) 453-2417
 Rev. Steve Rowe, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School 11 am Worship
 Wed. 7 pm Choir

Iglesia Bautista Bethel
 101 Houston • Robert Lee
 (325) 453-5003 • 453-2296
 Pastor: Basilio Esquivel
 Sun. 9:45, 11:00, & 11:30 am & 6 pm, Wednesday 7 pm

Northside Church of Christ
 PO Box 388 • 9th & Chadbourne
 Robert Lee
 (325) 453-2619 or 453-2270
 Tommy Williams, Minister
 Services: Sun. 10 am & 6 pm; Wed. 7 pm

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
 601 W. 10th, Robert Lee
 (325) 365-2687
 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
 Sat. 6 pm

Pecan Baptist
 PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy
 (325) 453-2004
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School 11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Robert Lee Baptist Church
 PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
 (325) 453-2724
 Bro. Mike Poye, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School 11 am & 7 pm, Worship
 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

Southside Church of Christ
 PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
 Robert Lee
 (325) 453-2176
 Frank J. Daniels, Preacher
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School 11 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 7 pm, Worship

Tennyson Baptist Church
 Hwy 277 • Tennyson
 (325) 482-0663
 Sun. 10:00 am, Sunday School 11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship

Victory Assembly of God
 PO Box 638 • 6th & Houston
 Robert Lee
 (325) 453-2208
 Rev. Erma Johnson, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6 pm, Prayer Meeting

I have enjoyed serving you as Constable, Precinct 1, and would appreciate your support in the upcoming primary election.

Thank you, Kenneth Rasco

Pol. Adv. by Kenneth Rasco

Home for Christmas



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
 6 pm Worship Service
 Bronte United Methodist Church
 224 West Holmes Avenue in Bronte • 325/473-3281
 Bring a Friend and come home for Christmas!

The United Methodist Church

Looking for a few good scouts

By Matt Vercher
Concho Valley
Unit Serving Executive

The Concho Valley Council is looking for a few good Scouts to join the Cub Pack in Robert Lee. If you have been thinking about shooting BB guns or using a bow and shooting arrows at targets, playing on an obstacle course with the giant mud pit, camping, fishing, canoeing, hiking, or any of the other great Scouting activities, then just call 1 (800) 321-7107 and ask for Matt Vercher (your friendly neighborhood Scouter).

Christmas holidays will soon end and what a great time to join Scouting. Every boy in the first through sixth grade will have the opportunity to join in January and will receive a FREE pinewood derby race car. We will be scheduling a race day in February for all the boys that join and have designed and built their own cars. Our rally night will be Jan. 13th to sign all boys up for Cub scouting.

Give me a call so we can begin building a terrific program for our boys.

County official seeks to protect taxpayers

Roy Blair, Coke County Judge supports allowing voters to decide if unfunded mandates from the state to counties should be reined in to protect taxpayers from being saddled with higher property taxes.

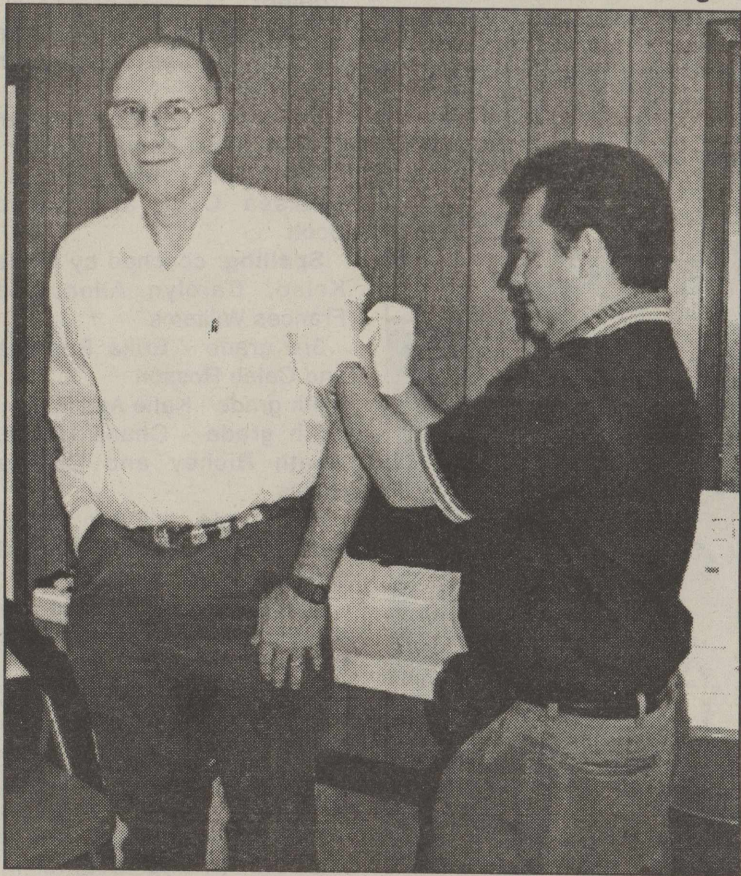
Blair joins county officials from across Texas in seeking a constitutional amendment that would limit state actions which mandate counties to spend additional funds, unless the state pays for its mandates.

"Our property taxpayers currently have no protection against state actions that force counties to raise taxes," Blair said. "We believe a constitutional amendment would curtail many of the unfunded mandates. The mandates are often unintended consequences of legislative action or state administrative action. While legislators and state executives do not willingly intend to cause local tax increases, their actions too often result in tax hikes because they do not include statewide funding mechanisms to pay for the directives to counties."

To initiate the effort, the Subcommittee on Unfunded Mandates of the Policy Analysis Group (PAG) met recently at the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) in Austin. The subcommittee decided to seek a referendum in both Republican and Democratic Party primary elections next spring.

The referendum was proposed by Bee County Tax Assessor-Collector Andrea Gibbud and quickly approved by other members of the subcommittee who were present, including its Chairman and Brazoria County Commissioner Jack Harris, Fort Bend County Tax Assessor-Collector Marsha Gaines, Dallas County Commissioner Jim Jackson and Gibbud.

The referendum would give primary voters the opportunity to express their feelings on better protecting local taxpayers from state mandates through a proposed constitutional amendment. The referendum states: "For or against a constitutional amendment protecting taxpayers by prohibiting state mandates that require local property tax increases." The constitutional amendment will be presented to the Legislature at its next



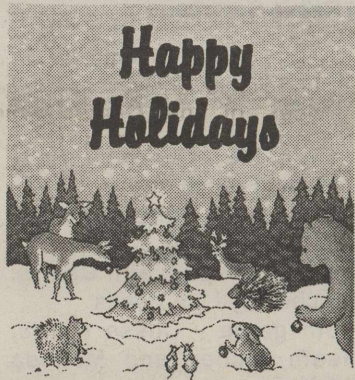
Coke County Judge Roy Blair (left) was among the approximately thirty-five members of the county's first response team who were given the smallpox vaccine at the Rec Hall in Robert Lee Tuesday afternoon, December 16. The emergency first response team consists of county law enforcement officers, EMS personnel, volunteer firemen, and school personnel. David Kolberson, R.N. with the Texas Department of Health administered the vaccines. Mr. Kolberson is an ERT Nurse with the TDH Emergency Response Team.

session. Subcommittee members noted that legislative budget actions during tough financial times often have a direct impact on counties and property taxpayers, even when legislators do not intend such a burden. During the 78th session that ended earlier this year, examples include cuts to health care, mental health and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) that have resulted in counties being forced to assume additional costs. Under-funded or unfunded mandates from previous legislatures have included the 1985 Indigent Health Care Act and the 2001 law mandating indigent criminal defense services.

TAC is composed of local elected officials from all Texas'

254 counties. The PAG was formed in 1997, and its members selected issues upon which to focus, including unfunded mandates.

For additional background information, contact Elna Christopher at 1-800-456-5974 or elnac@county.org.



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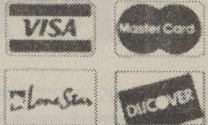
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pd. pol. adv. by Marty Boyd

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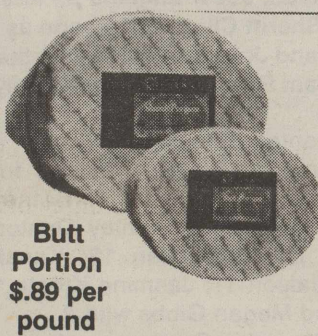


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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



The Bronte Junior High One-Act Play traveled to Miles Thursday, December 11, to participate in the District 12-A One-Act Play Festival. The cast and crew arrived in Miles before 8 am that morning and returned to Bronte that night after 7 pm. The long day was definitely worth it as Bronte's play, "Rough Night at the North Pole" received numerous awards. The first award of the day went to the play's crew. Casey Harris, Ty Mackey, Sam Rawlings, Miranda Riney, and Reese Springer were recognized for Best Technical Crew. Next, Ariel Coalson and Eddie May received medals for All-Star Cast. Finally, Lora Martinez was selected as Best Actress at the festival. Members of the cast include Eddie May as Santa Claus, Jessi England as Mrs. Claus, Ariel Coalson as Edie the world's tallest elf, Lora Martinez as Sheriff Clink, Will Macon as Noodle, Holly Huskerson as Missy - Noodle's companion, Nicole Reed and Johnnye Michael as the dancing presents. The crew consisted of Casey Harris, Ty Mackey, Sam Rawlings, Miranda Riney, and Reese Springer.

Bronte ISD early release slated

Bronte ISD will dismiss classes at 12:30 on Friday, December 19, for the Christmas Holidays. Classes will resume at 8:00 am on Monday, January 5, 2004.

Bronte Project Graduation meeting set for January 15

All parents involved in Project Graduation will meet on Thursday, January 15, 2004 at 7:00 pm in the Bronte cafeteria.

Lady Longhorn basketball results

The Bronte Lady Longhorns traveled to Poolville (weekend of Dec. 12-13), for the Mesquite Pit Basketball Classic. The Lady Horns won three out of the four games they played to win the runner up trophy.

In the first game, Bronte won a close one over Ranger by a score of 39-37. Scoring for Bronte were Britney McCutchen 12; Ashley Denton 10; Natalee Reed 2; Lilly McMullan 7; Kanah Coalson 6 and Rebecca Rawlings with 2.

In the second game, Bronte lost a close one to Slidell with a score of 40-44. Scoring for Bronte were Britney McCutchen 2; Ashley Denton 7; Natalee Reed 3; Lilly McMullan 4; Kanah Coalson 16 and Rebecca Rawlings with 5.

Bronte won against Poolville in the 3rd game by a score of 54-40. Scoring for Bronte were Britney McCutchen 12; Ashley Denton 13; Natalee Reed 7; Lilly McMullan 6; Kanah Coalson 10 and Rebecca Rawlings with 4.

For the runner up trophy,

Bronte defeated Hill by a score of 54-26. Scoring for Bronte were Britney McCutchen 8; Ashley Denton 8; Lilly McMullan 13; Kanah Coalson 11; Jasmine Kresta 1 and Megan Gibbs with 2.

Kanah Coalson, Ashley Denton and Britney McCutchen were named All-Tournament Selections.

Bronte elementary UIL results

On Saturday, December 6th, forty-two students from Bronte Elementary participated in the UIL District Academic meet held in Miles.

Events and the students that participated were:

Art: coached by Gloria Allen:

5th grade - Dakota Rawls, Ally Franco and Peyton Eubanks

6th grade - Chelsea Meek, Tyler Riney, Stephanie Frasier and Kimberly Womack

Calculator Applications: coached by Angela Davis

Chelsea Meek, Chelsea Cook and Shelbi Waller

Dictionary Skills: coached by Brittany Lloyd

5th grade - Heath Richey, Kerwin Rawls and Malinda Sachse

6th grade - Chelsea Meek, Jackson Rowan and

Stephanie Frasier

Listening: coached by Missy Boyd

5th grade - Cheyenne Boyd and Ally Franco

6th grade - Chelsea Cook and Shelbi Waller

Maps, Graphs, and Charts: coached by Lisa Dyess

5th grade - Chase Harris, Heath Richey and Malinda Sachse

6th grade - Bill Miller, Tyler Riney and Kasey Glover

Mathematics: coached by Heather Lee

6th grade - Tyler Riney, Chelsea Cook and Louie Martinez

Music Memory: coached by George Tomes

4th grade - Stephanie Huntley and Austin Mertz

5th grade - Cheyenne Boyd, Dakota Rawls, Skyler Ellis and Dustin Brown

6th grade - Tyler Riney, Crawford James and Haydan White

Number Sense: coached by Tammy Hortenstine

5th grade - Terron Charles, Heath Richey and Cheyenne Boyd

6th grade - Haydan White, Emily Fiveash and Rob Rosson

Oral Reading: coached by Kathy Howell and Stephanie

Turner

4th grade - Stephanie Huntley, Teresa Alcalá and Austin Mertz

5th grade - Kelsey Sedden, Chase Harris, Kerwin Rawls

6th grade - Ashley Royall, Chelsea Cook and Jacob Scott

Spelling: coached by Merle Kelso, Carolyn Allen and Frances Williams

3rd grade - Erika Puentez and Caleb Rosson

4th grade - Katie Austin

5th grade - Chase Harris, Heath Richey and Dakota Rawls

6th grade - Tyler Riney, Jacob Scott and Crawford James

Storytelling: coached by Kandace Arrott and Michele Bearden

2nd grade - Megan Yackley, Lyndsay Hargrave, Lauren Allen

3rd grade - Jael Williams, Ayrn Nealy and Carson James

Students who participated in the UIL writing events in November were:

Creative Writing: coached by Terri Rawls

Ty Lee, Courtney Wyatt and Lyndsay Hargrave

Ready Writing: coached by Susan Graves

3rd grade - Erika Puentez, Caleb Rosson and Jael Williams

4th grade - Brent Kelly, Kim Lee and Jordon Rowan

5th grade - Skyler Ellis, Kelsey Sedden and Dakota Rawls

6th grade - Kasey Glover and Tyler Riney

Awards were given to the following students:

Art: 5th grade: 4th place - Dakota Rawls, Ally Franco and Peyton Eubanks

Art: 6th grade - 5th place - Chelsea Meek, Tyler Riney, Stephanie Frasier and Kimberly Womack

Creative Writing: 6th place

- Ty Lee

Listening: 6th grade - Shelbi Waller

Maps, Graphs and Charts: 5th grade - 1st place - Heath Richey

Mathematics: 6th grade - 6th place - Louie Martinez

Music Memory: 4th grade - 6th place - Stephanie Huntley and Austin Mertz

Music Memory: 5th grade - 4th place - Cheyenne Boyd, Dakota Rawls, Skyler Ellis and Dustin Brown

Music Memory: 6th grade - 5th place - Tyler Riney, Crawford James and Haydan White

Oral Reading: 6th grade - 3rd place - Ashley Royall and 5th place - Chelsea Cook

Ready Writing: 3rd grade - 3rd place - Caleb Rosson

Ready Writing: 4th grade - 5th place - Kim Lee

Spelling: 3rd grade - 4th place - Caleb Rosson

Spelling: 4th grade - 2nd place - Katie Austin

Storytelling: 3rd grade - 4th place - Jael Williams

Bronte JV boys basketball results

The Sterling City JV Tournament was held on Dec. 11 & 13. In the 1st game held on Dec. 11th, Bronte defeated Water Valley 45-33. Scoring for Bronte were Garrett Acker 8; Philip Rawlings 6; Jonathan Marrs 12; Garrett Jackson 6 and Sherman Griffin 13.

In the 2nd game, Bronte defeated Robert Lee 32-24. Scoring for Bronte were Garrett Acker 3; Philip Rawlings 4; Jonathan Marrs 9; Garrett Jackson 2 and Sherman Griffin 14.

In the 3rd game, Bronte was defeated by Sterling City 36-30. Scoring for Bronte were Garrett Acker 4; Philip Rawlings 7; Jonathan Marrs 4; Garrett Jackson 1 and Sherman Griffin 14.

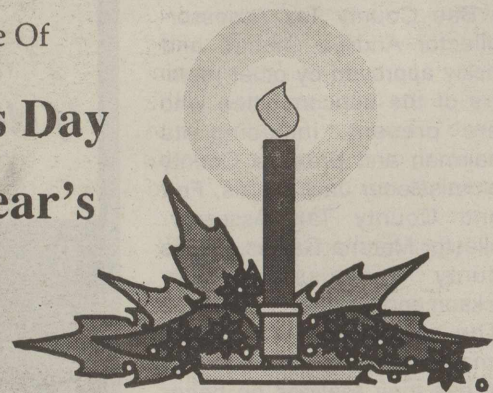
HOLIDAY CLOSING NOTICE

All facilities of this bank will be **CLOSING** at 2 pm on Christmas Eve Wednesday, December 24

All facilities of this bank will be **CLOSED** Thursday, December 25 & Thursday, January 1

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Christmas Day & New Year's Day



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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



The Robert Lee 4th Grade Band, under the direction of Brad Roberts, recently performed for the residents of Robert Lee Care Center.



The Robert Lee 6th Grade Band, under the direction of Brad Roberts, recently performed for the residents of Robert Lee Care Center.



The Robert Lee High School Band, under the direction of Brad Roberts, recently performed for the residents of Robert Lee Care Center.

Robert Lee Band to present Christmas Concert

The Robert Lee band will be performing a Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 18, at 6:30 pm in the school auditorium. The Christmas band members will be 6th grade and high school. Come out and help celebrate Christmas with the Robert Lee Christmas Band Concert.

Project Graduation bake sale slated

Come and buy your holiday baked goods with Project Graduation '04. The bake sale will be December 19 at 9:00 am til noon at the Robert Lee State Bank.

RLISD UIL Awards Assembly rescheduled

The UIL Awards Assembly for Robert Lee Elementary and Junior High will be held on Friday, December 19, at 9:30 am in the school auditorium.

Parents and community members are invited to attend. For additional information about UIL or the Awards Assembly, please contact Jill Lankford or Janet Wallace at 453-4555.

Operation Christmas Child

The Robert Lee High School Spanish Club took part in Operation Christmas Child. The members and several elementary classes and staff collected 42 gift-filled shoe boxes. Working with national churches and ministries around the world, the shoe boxes are distributed to millions of children affected by war, poverty, disease, and disaster.

Silent auction to benefit RLHS Spanish Club

The silent auction will be a new fundraising idea that the Robert Lee High School Spanish Club will be trying out this year.

Every member of the club is asked to bring a new item, ranging in price from \$5-\$10 in value, for his or her assigned game. The item can be anything from a baked item (cakes, pies, cookies, casseroles, tamales, etc.) to a purchased item (Christmas ornaments, tools, deer corn, craft items, etc.).

All items need to be at RLHS by 1

pm of their assigned game day.

Anyone wishing to bid on a particular item will be given a form to fill out and will then be assigned a number. The items will be on display behind the gate in the foyer. The person with the highest bid will be announced during half time of the varsity boys' games. The winners may then pick up and

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For questions, please call Elena Sanchez at 453-4555 or 453-2131.



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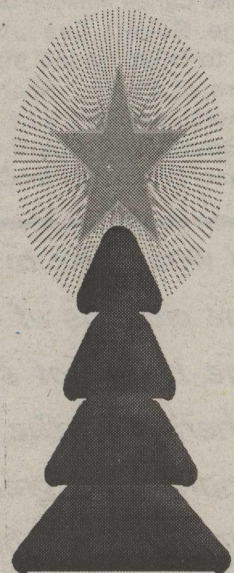


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Stephanie Huntley, a Bronte 4-H member, is shown with Christmas cards the Bronte 4-H club made for the residents of the nursing home.

Robert Lee boys basketball results

On the 9th, the varsity boys lost to Miles by a score of 42-63. Scoring for Robert Lee were Phillip Arellano 8; Evan Braswell 4; Omar Saucedo 3; Andy Mulkey 2; Cole Flanagan 10; Josh Conner 4; Lance Millican 6 and Branden Soliz with 5.

The Miles Tournament was held on the 11th, 12th, & 13th. In the 1st game, the Robert Lee varsity boys came on strong with a win over Veribest by a score of 56-45. Scoring for Robert Lee were Phillip Arellano 6; Evan Braswell 2; Omar Saucedo 7; Andy Mulkey 6; Cole Flanagan 6; Ruben Torres 11; Josh Conner 12 and Lance Millican with 6.

In the 2nd game on Friday, the varsity lost to Baird by a score of 25-31. Scoring for Robert Lee were Evan Braswell 4; Andy Mulkey 5; Cole Flanagan 2; Ruben Torres 5; Josh Conner 4; Lance Millican 2 and Branden Soliz with 3.

In the 3rd game held on Saturday, the varsity placed 3rd with a win over Blackwell by a score of 37-24. Scoring for Robert Lee were Phillip Arellano 5; Evan Braswell 5; Omar Saucedo 5; Andy Mulkey 4; Cole Flanagan 8; Ruben Torres 4; Josh Conner 2; and Lance Millican with 4.

The Robert Lee JV boys lost to Miles on the 9th, by a score of 23-47. Scoring for Robert Lee were Eric Hayes 3; Branden Phillips 2; Kevin Honse 2; Vincent McClelland

13 and Jonathan Pagan with 3.

The Sterling City JV Tournament started on the 9th. Robert Lee lost their 1st game to Sterling City by a score of 23-45. Scoring for Robert Lee were Eric Hayes 6; Kevin Honse 5; Clay Antilley 4, Wade Arledge, and Vincent McClelland each had 4.

The 2nd game in the tournament was a loss to Bronte by a score of 24-32. Scoring for Robert Lee were Eric Hayes 4; Clay Antilley and Branden Phillips with 2 each; Vincent McClelland 7; Jonathan Pagan with 9.

In the 3rd game on Saturday, the JV lost to Water Valley by a score of 29-45. Scoring for Robert Lee were Eric Hayes 4; Clay Antilley and Vincent McClelland with 8 each and Jonathan Pagan was high with 9 points.

The Robert Lee Junior High "A" team won a very close, nail biting game against Miles by a score of 30-29. Scoring for Robert Lee were Braswell 4; Hodge 2; Dillard 9; Gunter 7; Percifull 5 and Roe with 3.

The Robert Lee Junior High

"B" team lost their game against Miles by a score of 18-37. Scoring for Robert Lee was Gallegos leading with 11; Rodriguez 3 with Denton and Blair adding 2 each.

Robert Lee girls basketball results

On the 9th, the girls varsity team lost a very close game to Miles by a score of 44-45. Scoring for Robert Lee were Jessica Fluhmann 3; Monica Rodriguez 5; Julia Cruz 2; Tyler Lott 2; Julie Riley 3; Cara Eaton 10; Cassidy Wink 13; Kayli Dickey 2 and Michele Sanchez 4.

In the Miles Tournament, the varsity girls placed 3rd. In the 1st round, Robert Lee won against Veribest by a score of 52-42. Scoring for Robert Lee were Fluhmann 6; Rodriguez 2; Cruz 2; Lott 9; Riley 4; Eaton 7; Wink 10 and Sanchez 12.

In the 2nd round, Robert Lee lost a close game to Grape Creek by a score of 36-38. Scoring for Robert Lee were Rodriguez 1; Cruz 2; Lott 6; Eaton 9; Wink 16; and Sanchez 2.

In the 3rd round, Robert Lee rallied over Blackwell 38-29 to place 3rd. Scoring for Robert Lee were Rodriguez 3; Lott 7; Brittany Soliz 1; Riley 2; Eaton 8; Wink 7; Roe 2 and Sanchez 8.

On the 9th, the JV girls team won against Miles JV by a score of 31-11. Scoring for Robert Lee were Brettie Reed 18; Becca Skinner 3; Katie Bessent 2; Sarah Philley 3 and Christan Kelly 5.

In the Sterling City Tournament, the JV team placed 2nd behind Sterling City. In the first game against Sterling City, Robert Lee lost a close game by a score of 30-33. Scoring for Robert Lee were Skinner 4; Kyla Millican 1; Bessent 4; Kelly 2; Reed 8; Philley 2; Kelsy Duncan 7 and Stephanie Trejo with 2.

In the 2nd game against the Bronte JV, Robert Lee won 30-14. Scoring for Robert Lee were Jaden Alexander 5;

Skinner 2; Bessent 2; Kelly 8; Reed 8 and Duncan 5.

In the 3rd game against Water Valley, Robert Lee ran up the score to win 45-16. Scoring for Robert Lee were Nicole Fields 4; Millican 2; Skinner 5; Kelly 2; Reed 13; Philley 7; Duncan 4; Trejo 3 and Amanda Valery 5.

The next games will be Irion County here on the 19th. The JV games start at 2:30. The Sterling City Tournament will be held on Dec. 27, 29, & 30th. Opponents and times TBA.

RL PIPS practice & performance schedule announced

The Robert Lee PIPs will practice at 6 pm December 18.

Following a Christmas break, practices will be held at at 6 pm January 8, 9, 15, 22, 23, 29, 30, and February 5 and 6. Performances will be held during halftime of the "A" girls games on January 9, 23, and 30, and February 6.

Emergency farm loan applications being accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses due to damages and losses caused by drought that occurred from January 1, 2003, and continuing, are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Sweetwater.

Coke County was recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman as eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the drought.

Roger W. Kalina, Farm Loan Manager, said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100% of their actual losses of the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to consider proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until 7/6/2004, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing, with possible delays into the new farming season.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who meet U.S. citizenship requirements and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizenship requirements are met by individuals holding a majority interest.

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Jim Sailer

BRONTE HOLIDAY TRASH COLLECTION CHANGE

Scheduled trash collection will be changed from Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25th, to Saturday, December 27th.

Scheduled trash collection for these customers will return to the regularly scheduled day on Thursday, January 1, 2004, New Year's Day.

Arrott graduates Tarleton State

Dusty Arrott graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Services and Development from Tarleton State University on Saturday, December 13, 2003. While attending Tarleton State University, he was a calf roper on the Rodeo Team. He is a 1998 graduate of Bronte High School. Dusty is employed with Wilkins Estates in Stephenville.

Attending Dusty's graduation ceremony were his parents, Tim and Lucretia Arrott of Bronte; his brother and sister-in-law, Brian and Kandace Arrott and their children McKenzie and Carter, of Ballinger. Grandparents, J.B. and Martha Arrott, of Bronte and Norma Bryan, of Ballinger were present. Dusty's fiancée, Kalley Parker, of Goldthwaite, and her family, Will Parker and Marqueta White, of Stephenville also attended.

After the ceremony all went for a celebration dinner at Chili's Bar and Grill where Natasha Reed, his cousin who attend Tarleton, joined them.

BISD board meets in regular session

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held its regular meeting on December 11, 2003, 7:00 pm. Those in attendance were Wayne Coalson, President, Terry Charles, Kendall Gibbs, Bob Frazee, David Scott, Jeff Schoenfield, Gary Acker, and Alan Richey, Superintendent. Also present were the Principals, Rick Howell and Terry Marrs. Prior to the meeting the board had a visit with Representative Scott Campbell.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Terry Marrs and the minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Principals' Reports included enrollment figures and student activities.

The following items were approved by the board: The Annual Drug Performance Program Report, Legal Retainer with Walsh, Anderson, Brown, Schulze and Aldridge, P.C., Amending the 2003-2004 Budget, and the paying of the November 2003 bills.

Approval was also given by the board to have early release



Twenty-three Robert Lee Care Center residents and staff enjoyed an outing to see the Christmas lights in San Angelo. While there, the group went out to eat at Enriques' Restaurant. Everyone had a wonderful time.

on Friday, December 19th for the Christmas Holidays. The changing of the School Holiday from April 26, 2004, to May 3, 2004, and the changing of School Day beginning time to 8:00 and end-

ing time to 3:30 next semester were also approved.

The proposal for TV monitors, mounts, VCR/DVD players and installation was accepted from San Angelo Security Service and

approval was given to purchase new elementary computers.

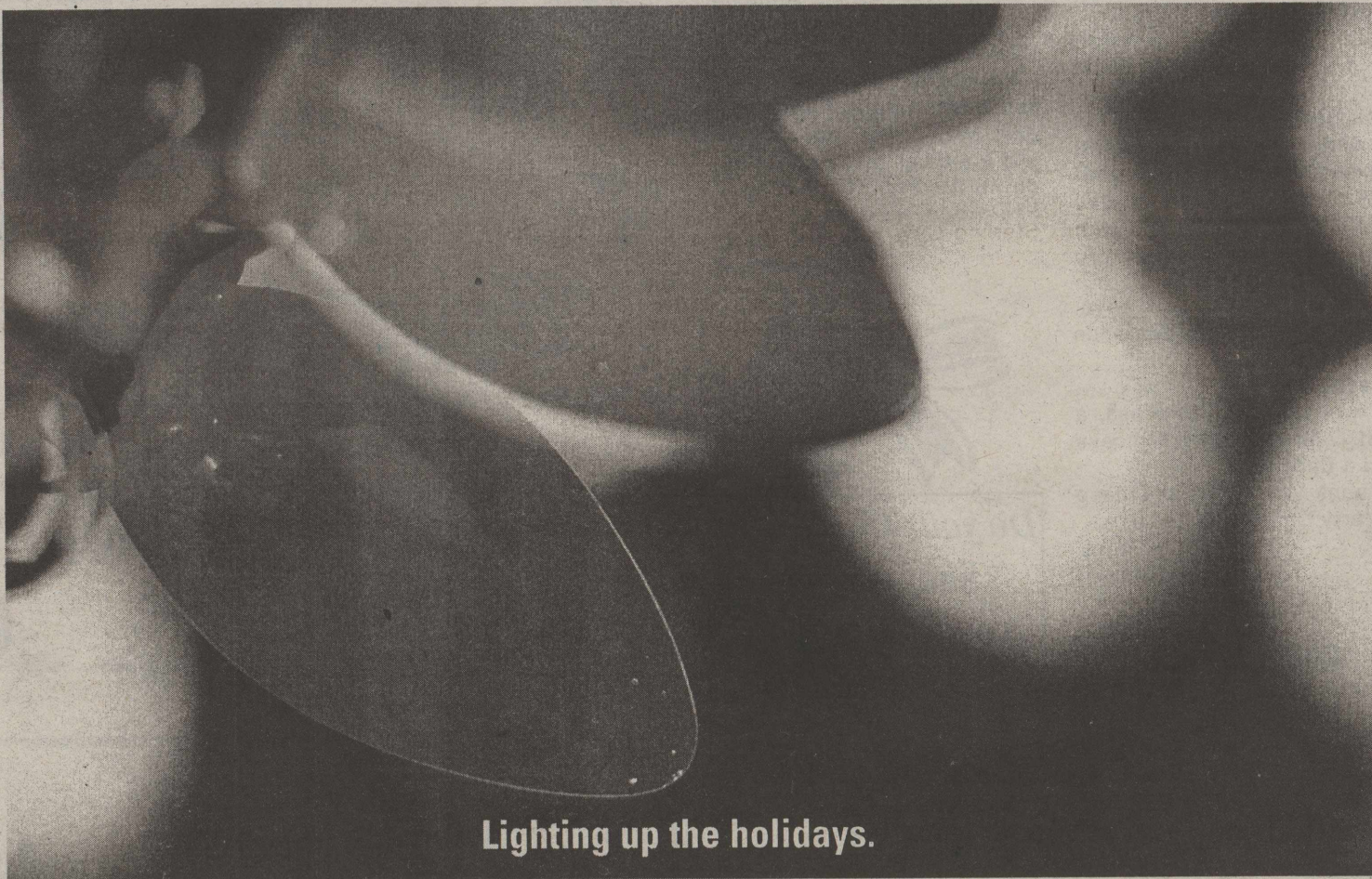
The resignation of Carolyn Allen, Elementary Special Ed Teacher, was accepted.

The Superintendent's Report included updates on the facilities, finances, and board policy.

Correspondence included the Winter Governance Legal Seminar in Corpus Christi, February 12-14, 2004.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm by the President. The next regular meeting will be January 8, 2004.

5:35 p.m. Thursday



Lighting up the holidays.

As you begin using decorative lighting in and around your home this holiday season, AEP reminds you to keep safety in mind. Check light strings for frayed cords, and use only UL-approved lights and extension cords. Remember not to overload circuits, and remind children not to touch lights or outlets. And on behalf of all of us here at AEP, please enjoy a safe, bright holiday season with your family and friends. **AEP is there, always working for you.**



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Robert Lee Pre-K

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a toy Christmas tree, a real dog, and one more cat.

Love,
Kegan Bell

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a Batman car that comes with a Batman and Robin. I would also like a Max movie and a dump truck.

Love,
Casey Scruggs

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a rolling truck, a motorcycle, and another toy.

Love,
Pierce Stewart

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a Buzz Lightyear toy, a puppy, and a TV for my room. I could watch cartoons and movies in my room. I also want a basketball.

Love,
Trace Oleksiuk

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want an airplane that spins with batteries and a remote so the plane can go high in the air.

Love,
Alex Robinson

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a Soccer Popper and a Wacky Pop. A Wacky Pop is two circles on a stick.

Love,
James Wyatt

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want some dots, a Santa notepad, and a book about ants. I would also like a book about the itsy bitsy spider.

Love,
Chesney Minjarez

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a puppy. That's all.

Love,
Andi Overton

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a computer, a barbie, and a used CD. I love you!

Love,
Anna Huapilla

Robert Lee Kindergarten Mrs. Duncan

Dear Santa,
I want a Teddy Bear, a Barbie Swan Princess Movie, A Mouse Trap Game and a big Doll as tall as me. Have a good Christmas Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Love,
Julia Madrid

Dear Santa,
I want an Easy Bake Oven, a Swan Princess Barbie, a Swan Princess Movie, and some Barbie dresses. Merry Christmas Santa.

Love,
Bailey Hooten

Dear Santa,
I want a Swan Princess, a Soft Oven, all the Princess Barbies, and a Glass Picture shoe for my Barbies. Merry Christmas Santa Claus.

Love,
Sierra Ellis

Dear Santa,
I want a Power Ranger, Batman shoes, a skate board and a Spider Man movie. Have a Merry Christmas Santa.

Love,
Brandon Torres

Dear Santa,
I would like a 22 gun and a battery operated train. I would also like a My size Motorcycle that goes by itself. I really need a new basketball goal. Thank you Santa for all my toys.

Love,
Jake Jackson

Dear Santa,
I really want the Easy Bake Oven and when you get it will you get the food too? I already want the Swan Princess Barbie and that's all I want this Christmas from you. Merry Christmas!

Love,
Morgan Eaton

Dear Santa,
I want a fake deer. I want a kitchen that can make real stuff. Could I have a doll house too? I also want a glow in the dark globe. I like you Santa and your elves.

Love,
Kendra Saaranon

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie Princess, a Soft Oven, a Swan Princess and a Baby Doll. Thank you Santa and have a Merry Christmas!

Love,
Justice R. Saucedo

Dear Santa,
I want a Princess Barbie, an Easy Bake Oven, a toy Rudolph, and a new bicycle. Merry Christmas Santa.

Love,
Kodi Drennan

Dear Santa,
I want a water gun and a Steer football suit. I also want a Teddy Bear and a baseball bat. Thank you Santa for my presents. Your my best friend.

Love,
Ben Allen

Dear Santa,
I want a 30-06 and a play 22 gun. I also want a pirate game and a remote control dirt bike. Santa you are a nice guy and I hope you be a good Santa to everyone.

Love,
Ricky Williams

Dear Santa,
I want a Unicorn and a new dresser for my clothes. I also want a little Teddy Bear and a red and white umbrella. Merry Christmas!

Love,
Sandra Hubbard

Dear Santa,
I would like a 22 gun with a scope and a Socker Bopper. I also want a pet bear please and a football that has a dragon on it. Please can I have one of your elves?

Love,
Hayden O'Neil



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Love,
Karlee Roach

Dear Santa,
I want a 22 rifle with a scope, and some targets, a Socker Bopper Stick. Merry Christmas Santa. How are you doing at the North Pole?

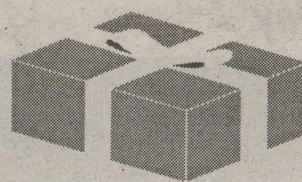
Love,
Blaine Yanez

Dear Santa,
I want a Swan Lake Barbie. Can I have a new stocking please? I also want a new bath towel for when I get out of the bath. I want a new Teddy Bear too. Merry Christmas Santa!

Love,
Hunter Hamrick

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie Rapunzel doll and a video now player. Can I please have a new barbie because my cousin's dog tore them up. Merry Christmas Santa,

Love,
Rani Coppedge



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Dear Santa,
How are you doing. I hope you are doing good. I want a Swan Lake movie and a Swan Lake Barbie and an inside cat.

Love,
Charissa Caston

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa? Maybe you are a loving man, Santa. I love you. I want a Ninja Turtle tail with weapons and vehicles and a stuffed Simbu. I love you Santa. I want a KerBer.

Love,
David

Dear Santa,
I want a G.I. Joe army men and a G.I. Joe army tank. I want a Ninja Turtle. How are the reindeer and how are the elves.

Love,
Mychael Tijerina

Dear Santa,
I want a bike. Dear Santa, I want a Power Ranger. Dear Santa I want a Sponge Bob Little House. How are the elves doing.

Love,
James Roberts

Dear Santa,
What are the elves doing today. I think I know it. They are building my toys. Santa I really want a DVD player and a bike and a power ranger.

Love,
Jaden Aldridge

To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I would like a batman Ya-GI-Chcaraus and a GI Joe.
Love,
Kaleb Torres

Dear Santa,
Can I please have a Sponge Bob Little House and a pretty Barbie kitchen?
Love,
Krystal Castaneda

Dear Santa,
How have you been doing? May I have a bik. May I have a Sponge Bob Big House? May I have a swan lake movie?
Love,
Reagan Overton

Dear Santa,
How are you doing Santa. Dear Santa I want all of the football. Santa I want a football.
Love,
Jayton Torres

**Robert Lee
2nd grade
Mrs. Horn**

Dear Santa,
I want a babydoll. I want jewelry. I want instant bake. Does Rodolph still have a red nose? I love you Santa.
Love,
Taylor Sheldon

Dear Santa,
I want a trumpet and a telescope. I am making lots of cookies.
Love,
Dereck Lockhart

Dear Santa,
I want a basketbal hoop and a goal. Thank you Santa for giving us a toy on Christmas.
Love,
Samantha Arellano

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie ship. I want some pony tails. Hello Santa I love you so much. I will make some cookies with milk.
Love,
Bianca Huapilla

Dear Santa,
I want to see your reindeer and see your elves and tell your elves that I want a baby doll and a barbie and I will make some cookies.
Love,
Alexis Mendoza

Dear Santa,
Would you please give me a Jame Avrey ring and some clothes. How are you doing and how is your wife and your reindeer.
Love,
Ciera Millican

Dear Santa,
I want a bike. Can you tell me how many Reindeer there are? Is Rudolph still there.
Love,
Sydney Sheldon

Dear Santa,
I want a gameboy advance and some finger paint. Please tell the elves to keep up the good work. We have some cookies for you. I hope you're doing alright.
Love,
Will Howard

Dear Santa,
I want a gameboy and yugioh cards and a hug from Mrs. Santa.
Love,
Steven T. Ferguson

Dear Santa,
Can you get me a baby doll that cries and walks and sleeps and eats. I want a gra-co 3-in-1 doll travel system and travel seat and high chair and the baby and bed. Say hi to the elves.
Love,
Cheyenne Ellis

Dear Santa,
I want a play station 2 and can you tell your elves hi and I was going to tell you hi too.
Love,
Efrain Olguin

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a moter scooter. Is Rudolph's nose still glowing?
Love,
Shaylee Bell

Dear Santa,
Please give me some Yugioh cards and a remote control car. I will try to get my mom to make cookies.
Love,
Eric Wells

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control car. Do you like cookies?
Love,
Jacob Brian Torres

Dear Santa,
I want an x box and a BB gun. Are your reindeer ok? Tell Mrs. Santa that I said hi.
Love,
Kevin Saucedo

Dear Santa,
Are you still at the North Pole? I want a My Size Barbie and an instant bake oven, but what I really want is a happy Christmas.
Love,
Hanna Hamrick

Dear Santa,
I love you! I want a game boy advance. I want a play station too. I am going to make a bowl of cookies with Christmas trees on them.
Love,
Shelby Davis

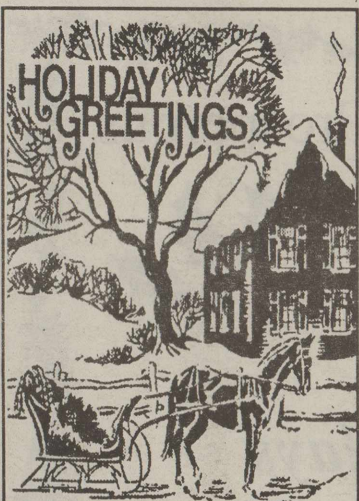
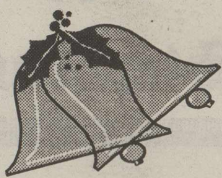
**Robert Lee
3rd grade
Mrs. Devoll**

Dear Santa,
I was thinking is it snowing up there because it is not down here. Last year I loved what I got. Can I please have a electric guitar.
Sincerely,
Dawson Brisbin

Dear Santa,
How have you been doing this year? I have been doing good. I hope it is snowing on the North Pole because it is not snowing in Robert Lee. These are three things that I would like for Christmas. I would like a DVD player, the movie Little Secrets, and something that you think that I would like to have. How is Mrs. Claus doing? Tell the reindeer that I say hi. Just in case you can't find where I live, my house has a big storage building in the back yard. I also have a black puppy. She is half Lab and half collie. Do not be afraid of her. Write me back.
Sincerely,
Ashlie Wheat

Dear Santa,
Hey what's up Santa? I sure hope it is snowing up there because it sure isn't snowing down here in West Texas. Santa, just in case you can't find my house I live in a red brick house. Last year the lights weren't up, but this year they are. We have two dogs. (They bark a lot so don't be scared.) Santa this is what I would like for Christmas. I would like a con-air hair straightner, some sports cards and a Dell computer. Please tell the reindeer hi! I hope you have a wonderful Christmas! I will leave you some cookies and milk plus maybe some cheese. I will leave some carrots for the reindeer. Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Jordan Gartman

Dear Santa,
Hi! Santa! Ho are you doing? I hope it is snowing up there in the North Pole. These are two things I would like for Christmas. Sports cards and Legos. I hope you have a merry merry Christmas. Tell the reindeer I said hi.
Sincerely,
Justin Gartman
P.S. I hope you like the cookies we will make for you and watch out for my dogs.



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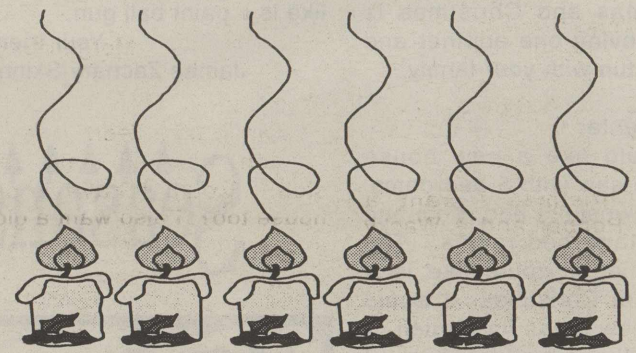
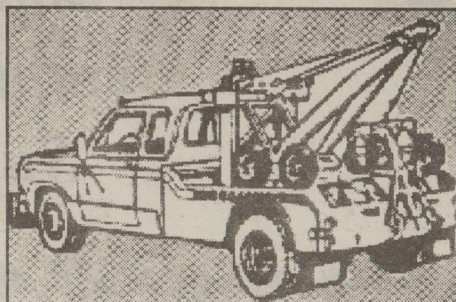
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Sincerely,
Zachary Sanchez
P.S. Watch out for hunters!

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I sure hope it is snowing over in the North Pole because it is not snowing in West Texas. I will like to have a Fossil watch. And I will like to have 2 new games for my X box.

Sincerely,
Jonah Saucedo
P.S. Write back. Merry Christmas and Christmas is about loving one another and having fun with your family.

Dear Santa,
I would like a new house that we saw with 5 bedrooms. One downstairs bed room and 4 up stairs bed rooms. The next thing I would like is a horse for Christmas. I would like a new dress for chruhc. I would like a walking pup. I would like higher grades in school.

Sincerely,
Makenna Netting

Dear Santa,
Santa is it fun there? Do you get to help your elves? I was wondering if you can get me a bike?

Thanks.
Your friend,
Randy Barnett

Dear Santa,
Is it snowing up there because it sure is not in Texas. Would you please bring me a 22 rifle.

Love,
Cooper Hinderliter

Dear Santa,
How are you and the reindeer doing this Christmas? What I would like for Christmas is a gameboy, Yugioh, and a Dragonball Z action figures.

Sincerely,
Jimmy Ferguson
P. S. Merry Christmas

Dear Santa,
How are you doing this Christmas? Is Rudolph okay? This Christmas I would like a new baby doll. I hope your reindeer are ready to fly this Christmas.

Sincerely,
Faylin Bell



Dear Santa,
Hi! Santa how are your reindeer. Are they bein feed every night? How is Mrs. Claus and the elves doing? I am just wondering if the elfves are working hard. Do the elfves get enough sleep? I would like a CD player.

Sincerely,
Dusty Howard

Dear Santa,
How are you doing this Christmas? I would like a BB gun and a paint gun. I would like a good Christmas.

Sincerely,
Jimmie Hageman

Dear Santa,
I hope it is snowing up there because it is not snowing down here. How are the reindeer. I hope you get enough sleep to send the presents to the boys and girls. Merry Christmas Santa can you bring me a sit scooter.

Your friend,
Sara Lara

Dear Santa,
Is it snowing in the North pole because it is not in Texas. The only thing that I would like is a paint ball gun.

Your friend,
James Zachary Skinner

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? Oh yeah, I just almost forgot to ask you can you please bring me G.I. Joe's and G.I. Joe comic books please, and for my mom get her a ring please.

Sincerely,
Josh

P.S. Merry Christmas

Dear Santa,
I was wondering if I could have a moped (electric scooter) please, if your elves can make it. Merry Christmas to all and to all a Good Night.

Your friend,
Grady Barnett

Dear Santa,
How are you and the elves. Devin is going to have a Christmas play. So do you know that? It is on Tuesday, December 16, 2003. I would like to have wallet, watch, and VHS.

Sincerely,
Vincent Thain Batten
P.S. Merry Christmas

Dear Santa,
How are you and the elves doing. I hope your reindeer ready. I would like Play Station 2, Gameboy game called Lord of the Rings.

Sincerely,
Laredo Williamson
P.S. Merry Christmas

Bronte Early Childhood and Pre-Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
Tristin wants a rocket ship, finding Nemo video and a big club house.

Tristin

Dear Santa,
I need a new bike, because my old bike has a flat. Could I please have a real motorcycle too. I would like 3 new horses, please. So I can ride them. I love you Santa.

Love,
Carson Kelso

Dear Santa,
I would like to get Christmas toys for Christmas. I would like a horse to ride. I have been a very good boy this year.

Love,
Rusty Henson

Dear Santa,
I would like a "Repunzul" Barbie, a Swan Princess Barbie and my big brother Mason wants a game cube. My mother wants diamond heart earrings.

Love,
Sarah Smith

Dear Santa,
I would like a "Diva Star" named Miranda. Can I please have 3 neo-pets that you can fit into different slots? Brooke would like some makeup and Tanner would like a Dump Truck. I would also like a "Hit Chip", please. And could I have just one more Barbie?

Love,
Brittany Bedford

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a guitar and a blue Power Ranger. I like Santa Claus because he has reindeer.

Love,
Tristan Moore

Dear Santa,
I want all kinds of toys for Christmas. I would really like a big Tonka truck, a transformer and some Power Rangers.

Love,
Joshua Fuentez

Dear Santa,
I want toys. I want Pink Barbie Car or a Barbee Jeep and a baby doll and stroller.

Love,
Paige Pyburn

Dear Santa,
I would like a pair of boots, a baby doll, a puppy and also a computer. Please bring Mireya a doll. I love you Santa.

Love,
Alex Guia

Dear Santa,
I would like a play horse and a real horse too. Could I have a toy dog for Christmas. I want a lot of presents under my tree for me, Bubba, my Mom and my Meme.

Love,
Evan Ferguson



Season's Greetings

Merry
Christmas

THE HANDYMAN
CONSTRUCTION CO.

TOMMY WILLIAMS FAMILY

May the
Good News of the
Christmas Season
abide with you
now and throughout
the coming year.

John & Pat Stephens

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Happy Holidays
from Dave & Betty
and all the
employees at
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To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a play motorcycle so I can ride it. Could I have a play police car with lights and siren that I could turn on. Could I have Bomb Squad pickup that has working lights too. Thanks Santa.

Love,
Justin Reed

Dear Santa,
I would like a baby doll, a "Curly Q" doll too. Can I have a play puppy please? Thank you for coming to my house and bringing me toys.

Love,
Kayla Arthur

Dear Santa,
I would like a new bike, just like my Bubba's bike. Can I please have baby clothes for my doll? Santa I love you.

Love,
Meghan Bohannon

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Big Bat Man and Bat Man Jr. Also, I want some new shoes that are all different colors. I like Santa Claus because he brings me toys.

Love,
Ismael Cecilio

Dear Santa,
I would like a big, big, big clubhouse, and a big box of toys with some airplanes and helicopters too. And how 'bout another box full of toys. And a big, big dinosaur too.

Love,
Tristin Speary

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a Barbie watch, a Barbie Picture, a Barbie telephone, a Barbie Computer and a Barbie car.

Love,
Madie Rowan

Dear Santa,
I would like a robot for Christmas. I would also like a real clock that makes noises like the ocean. I need a warm sweater too. I need a reindeer clock too. I also need a circle that hangs on the Christmas tree. Can I please have a Football too?

Love,
Kaden Paul Hayes

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like candy, ice cream and cake. I would also like to have a big horse and a rope and a cow with horns.

Love,
Jr. Guia

Dear Santa,
I would like a Swan Lake Barbie, Go Go My Walking Pup. My brother Jadan wants a new water toy, because he broke the first one. My other brother Austin wants a new hot wheels. Could I please have Dragon Ship too? I need a "My Little Patient" and a toy duck too.

Love,
Hannah Brackeen

Dear Santa,
Can I have a "My Little Patient" so I can be like a real Doctor? I need a baby highchair too, so I can feed my babies. Can my new little brother have a stuffed animal. His name is Carter Arrott. Santa I need a new bear book, please.

Love,
McKenzie Kay Arrott

Dear Santa,
I would like a microphone that I can sing in. I need a Robot to do everything that I tell it to do. I would love a Princess Backpack. I need a new jacket too. Can I have a book with a lot of pictures in it? Could I please have a little toy Duck?

Love,
Jessie Ehl

Dear Santa,
How are the rander doing? Will you get me a baby doll. I what a new puppey dog. How is mrs cluse? I what a new jewelry box. I what a new ring with dimnes please! And for my mom I want a dimed brace lit and I what and go go walking pup.

cambr

Dear Santa,
I would like a "My Little Patient". Could I have a baby doll? I need a pink and white CD player too. Santa, I have been a very Good Girl this year. How are your reindeer? Do you like it in the North Pole? I hope you have a good Christmas.

Love,
Whitney Nicole Boyd

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. This year I want a kitten and a cat and a dog and mermaid doll. I also want a Rapunzel Barbie doll and a Barbie car. How many reindeer do you have? I also want a swing set that has a slide with it. How is Mrs. Santa Claus. I will leave you some milk and cokies.

Your friend,
Reighlyn

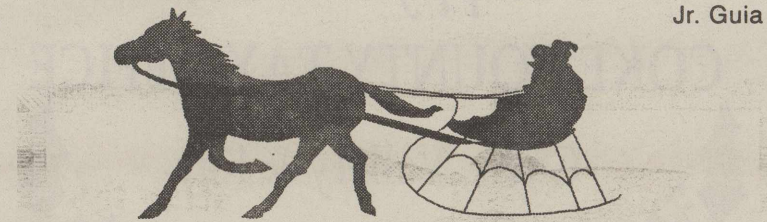
Bronte Kindergarten
Dear Santa,
I want a dirt bike, a Spongob Squarpants game. How is Dancer Doing? Do you like cookies?

Tucker

Dear Santa,
How is your elf doing? I want spy kid stuff and a bick tire. I also want a float and Cat and the hat moive can I have A stuff dog and I want a dall.

Hailey

Happy Holiday



JOY TO ALL
Jolly greetings to all our good patrons. May all your holidays be filled with love and joy.

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Ronny and Cindy Brown

Merry Christmas

And Happy New Years
From C&H Auto & Hardware

To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa,
I've been a silly girl this year. I would like Barbie's Townhouse. How is Mrs. Claus? Is Rudolph going to guide the sleigh on Christmas Eve? There's just one more thing... Can I have Mommy's little patient, please?
Your friend,
Payton

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer doing? What are you feeding Roodolf? Santa Claus I want a esay bake oven. I want a Barbe CAR. Please bring me a stuffed giraffe. I want a new move of cats and dogs.
Your frind kelly

Dear Santa,
How is Miss Clase? I want a barbe. A Mikey Mouse puzul and a Barbe with a swimming pool. I have been good. I want a baby elephant. How are you doing?
Ashley Betts

Dear Santa,
How is the riandea? How is Miss Claus? I want a go go my woing pot. How is rudoph? how is your elphs? I want a doll.
Your ferand, Sarah

Dear Santa,
Is Roudoft o.k.? I want a hot weals t-rex track. My sister wants a go-go walking pup. Santa can you come down my chimney.
You bud
Rafael

Dear Santa,
I went a pair of skates. You went a kitten. You went a dog. I wont a hores. You wont cookies. I went a float.
Your friend, Kayla

Dear Santa,
Is Rudolph ready to guide the sleigh? Is miss Claus filling okay? Can I please have some Barbie cloths? And is the elvs ready? I love you Santa Claus! Can I have bear that sas my Baby sister? Are the elves ready?
Your friend
Tashina

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer. Do you like milk and cookies. I want remote controul roket and a fake gun and a wagon and a stuffed cliffered.
Your friend
Chase

Dear Santa,
I been good this year. Thank you Santa for giving me cookies. Can you buy me a big wolvereen. Buy my dad a pig bank and a kitty cat for my mom. And please bring me the spiderman thing that comes out of my wrist.
Thank you,
Darin Munsey

Dear Santa,
How is the rainder dong? Are they doin fine? Do you lik cookies? I have ben good. I want a doll, a reel pupie and I love you. Plez get my mom a bran new house. Plez make my mom be good. Thank you.
Katelynn Tijerina

Dear Santa,
Are the elf's helping you make toys? How do you feed Roodolf? Do you like milk and cookies? How is roodolf? How are you?
Your pal, Ean

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Clause? How is Rudolf doing? What I want for Christmas is a teddy bear, fur real friends and more. I hope it snows this year.
Cami white

Dear Santa,
How is miss claus? What do you feed Rodaugh? May I have a kitten? How are the riandeer? Can my mom have some shampoo? Elax whant"s a doll. My dad whant"s a new work truck.
Jerica davis

Dear Santa,
How is the work shop? I want a remote control airplain. I also want a football helmet and a uniform. How is roodof? I want a telescope to.
Your friend, Blaine

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer doing? What are you feeding Roodolf. I want a video disc player. And a game cube. Plus an air hokey table. A glow in the dark Sord. I hope you are doing a great job protecting. Are your elfs doing a great job.
Your friend, Chris James

Merry Christmas

Bronte First grade

Dear Santa,
I can't wait until Christmas! I am thankful for Santa. I want a discne. I also want a dazy dog. Thank you very much.
Your friend, Stacia Emfinger

Dear Santa,
I can't wait until Christmas! I am thankful for Santa. I want a berbe. I also want a Christmas. Thank you very much.
Your fried, Mireya Sanchez

Dear Santa,
I can't wait until Christmas! I am thankful for yre toys. I want a game. I also want a Dog. Thank very much!
Your friend, Heriberto Cecilio

Dear Santa,
I can't wait until Christmas! I am thankful for Santa. I want thre Kribs. I also want a Christmas tree. Thank you very much.
Your friend. Moriah Royall

Dear Santa,
I can't wait until Christmas! I am thankful for Santa. I want a berat dol. Thank you very much!
Your friend, Dakota Arthur

Dear Santa,
I love Christmas! I am thank for god. I want a babe tyy. Thank you very much! Your friend, Madison Harris
Dear Santa,
I can't wait until Christmas! I am thankful for Santa. I want a game. Thank you very much!
Your Friend, Lindsey Dennard
Dear Santa,
I can't wait until Christmas! I am thankful for presits! I want Power rander. I also want a skate bord.
Thek yoo, Yor feren OrLc Efen Fuentes

Dear Santa,
I can't wait until Christmas! I am thankful for Santa. I want a xbox. Thank you very much!
Your friend,
Jared Soctt

Dear Santa,
I can't wait until Christmas! I am thankful for you. I want Barbe of Swan Lake. Thank you very much,
Yor fren Kourtney Kelton

Dear Santa,
I can't wait until Christmas! I am thankful for Santa. I want a Nibtind. Thank you very much.
Your friend, Kolby Lee

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
COKE COUNTY TAX OFFICE
Gayle, Vallery & Kay

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.

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To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa,
I can't wait until Christmas! I am thankful for Christmas. A also want a dazy dog. Thank you very much.
Your friend, Savannah Arthur

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toys. I'm big now. Would you please bring me a pupe, pokemon, kitchen and moove. I will lev you cookies.
Love, K. Reynolds

Dear Santa,
Thankyou for making our toys. I live in tennosin now. Would you please bring me a lnhndow and a barbie pet shop and video games? Santa please don't get lost.
Love,
Serena Baker

Dear Santa,
Thank you my presents form last yir. I lvd to read. Would you please bring me a clock, a book, and a toy motorcycle? I will levave food out for Rudolf.
Love, Tyler May

Dear Santa,
Thank you for making the presents! I'm six now. My teacher is Mrs. Graves. Would you please bring me a puppy , video camera.
Love,
Crystal Bilbrey

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bing ou toys! Mrs. Graves is my teacher in first grade. Would you please bring me kittens and pupys and Barbe jeep. Don't git lost Santa.
Love,
Maria Franco

Dear Santa,
Thank you for making the presents. My teacher is Mrs. Graves. Would you please bring me a big brat, a kitten, and a dog! I like your shirt.
Love,
Sydney Breeding

Dear Santa,
Thank you for giving us presents. My teacher is Mrs. Graves now. Would you please bring me a Babedoll, Barbie pet shop, and a cat? Please be cefol on your way.
Love,
Jessica Arthur

Dear Santa,
Thank you for making our presents. I am six now. Would you please bring me a video game, a Nintendo 64, and a toy gun? I will leave you cookies.
Love,
Dakota Kelly

Dear Santa,
Thank you for making our toys. I am in 1st grade now. Would you please bring me a baby kittin and baby puppies and a barbie jeep? I will leave carrots for your reindeer and cookie's and milk for you.
Love,
Addie Rosson

Dear Santa,
Thank you for giving us presents. I have a no teacher hr nam is Mrs. Graves. Would you please bring me a video, puppy, Santa I will gif www once.
Love,
Jacob Baken

Dear Santa,
Thank you for making are toys. My teacher is Mrs. Graves. Would you please bring me a cat, telener, and a big dog all grown up sofd pelow of Tomy. I love Rudolf.
Love,
Jensen

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my presents Santa! I am getting bigger evry day! Would you please bring me makeups, pajamas, and go-go my walking pup? Make sure you know were my kitchen is because I'm going to leave some cookies for you and some carots for your reindeer.
Love,
Esmeralda Ruezga

Dear Santa,
Thank you for making presents. I have a teacher her name is Mrs. Graves. Would you please bring me dog, airplane, and radios. I will leave the cookies on the tabll and the letter on the door.
Love,
Amber Betts

Dear Santa,
Thank you for making presents. Mrs. Graves is are teacher. Would you please bring me a airplane, and a puppy and a videogame! I will leave you cookies.
Love,
Josh Puentez

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the bike. I'm in Mrs. Graves class now. Pleas bring me a green Power Ranger, Ninja Storm and X box. Goodby for now.
Love,
Joshua Means

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents. Mrs. Graves is are teacher. Would you pleas bring me a dog and a cat and a video game? I will leave you some cookie and some milk.
Love,
Oscar Pena

Bronte
Second grade
Dear Santa,
My name is Kaleb. I am 8 years old. All I would like is a spider-man game and a Hulk game, and a go cart and farliy odd Parents.
yore friend,
Kaleb

Dear Santa,
My name is Marisa. I am seven years old. Can I have an x-box for Christmas? How is al of your randers? And I want a new game for my Nintendo, and a new chair! how are your elves? Are your elves working hard? or and I want a new clickits.
Your pal
Marisa

Dear Santa,
My name is Trinity. I am a student in Mrs. Rawls class. I hope Mrs. Sants is knot hurt. I want a horse for Christmas, and a styling head.
Your friend,
Trinity

Dear Santa,
My name is Bailey. Are the rain deer okay. I want some clickits and a new collar for my dog cowgirl. And I want a pair of pants. I also want a new note book and a barbie. Also a toy horse. A new foot-ball to.
Love,
Baily McGlothlin



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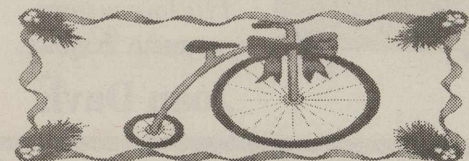
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Season's Greetings

All the best wishes of the Christmas season to you and your family.

RICK & KAY STYLES

To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa,
My name is Megan. Say hi to Elven. May you pleas bring me a personal CD player, and a safety lock jurnel, and a kittin.

Love,
Megan Yackley
Marry Christmas!

Dear Santa,
My name is Lauren Allen. I am eight years old. I want a toy horse. And a My scene styling head.

Your pal,
Lauren

Dear Santa Claws,
My name is Christian Hensan. Can I have some new shoes. I do not have a chimney at my house.

from your friend Christian Henson

Dear Santa,
My name is Coby. Im realy looking ford to Christmas. I want a dirt bike suit, so I will be safe on my dirt bike. I will leav some cookeies and milk.

Your frind, Coby

Dear Santa,
My name is Courtney. I am eight years old. How are your reindeer doing. I want to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a horse for Christmas and a play station. I also want a new bike.

Sincerely,
Courtney

Dear Santa,
I wand a CD player, a CD, and head phones to go with it. I can write in Cusive. I also want a pet micro-squirrel, its a tipe of squirrel. I also want other things like finger nale polish and other things. My name is Lyndsay Brooke Hargrave.

Sincerely,
Lyndsay Hargrave

Dear Santa,
My name is Ty. I am seven. I want nine things for Christmas. I want a alarm clock and a hunting clock. I also want the movie Hey Arnold and a Hunting walet with some money in it and a play station game.

P.S. I will leave extra toping on the cookies.

Your friend, Ty

Dear Santa,
My name is Stetsen. Can I hav a x-box? Plez can I hav a go-cart, and a new bike? Can I hav a snwo cone maker, and a TV deer gam? How is the randeer? I hope thar ok.

Yours truly, your friend,
Stetsen

Dear Santa,
My name is Bear and I wood like a sel phon an a motrige skotre and a game boy advance. and a nife. and a lap top and a clubhouse.

Your friend Bear

And I am 7 and I am about to be 8 in February 16.

Dear Santa,
Can i have a game cube and a N64 and a gam boy advance SP?

Your frand,
Mason Lee Stevens Smith

Dear Santa,
I want a game boy advance. And a game cube. And I want more nintendo sixty four games. And more yugioh cards. And a big race tracke.

Your Pal,
Fred Jr.

Dear Santa,
My name is Johnathan. May a have a x-box? Ples can I have a gun lik a shogun? Even a Pla Stashintow?

Your friend,
Johnathan Moore

Aloha Kris Kringle

On this 79 degree day of Dec. 8, 2003, may I request a snowfall sometime during the holidays?

Also, when you land on our rooftop, will you sing or whistle the good ole song "Up A Lazy River"? It's one of my all-time favorites.

We're grateful to you for remembering all of our precious kiddos & our beloved Sr. citizens in Coke County. (& all our "in-between" folks too!)

Many thanks,
Milly Morgenstern



Robert Lee Children
&
Santa Claus!

*Silent Night
Holy Night*
May the wonder of His love inspire you anew. Rejoice.
Joan Davis

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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IN THE SPIRIT OF GIVING...

*We're extending our very best wishes to you and yours for a holiday filled with good friends and cheer.
We're proud to be a part of this fine community and are grateful for the opportunity to serve you.*

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Built Ford Tough Trucks/FFA scholarship to be awarded to local youth

Ivey Motor Co., Inc. of Robert Lee is sponsoring (3) \$1,000 scholarships to be awarded to local FFA members in the spring of 2004. Ivey Motor Co., Inc. has been a participating dealer in the Built Ford Tough Trucks/FFA Scholarship Program for the past 2 years. This Built Ford Tough Trucks/FFA scholarship is one of over 600 that will be awarded by local Ford dealers nationwide to FFA members in

their trade area who are high school seniors planning to attend college during the 2004-2005 school year. In addition, Ford Trucks sponsors five national scholarships, affording those applicants who do not fall within a participating Ford dealer trade area an opportunity to receive a scholarship.

This is the seventh year of the Built Ford Tough Trucks/FFA Scholarship Program, which has awarded over \$2,000,000 to FFA members since 1997. Ford Trucks

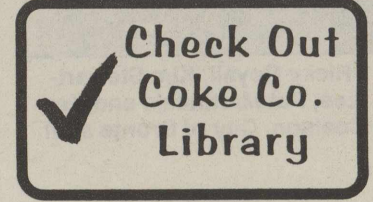
is the largest sponsor in the FFA scholarship program.

The Built Ford Tough Trucks scholarship program is a collaborative effort between Ford Division, Ford Motor Company Fund and local Ford dealers. Dealers contribute \$500 toward each \$1,000 scholarship and Ford Division and Ford Motor Company Fund match an additional \$500. FFA members may apply for one of the over 600 Built Ford Tough Trucks scholarships through a special Ford Trucks scholarship application available from Ivey Motor Co., Inc. Students may also download the applications or view a list of participating dealers at www.ffa/activities/scholarship.s.org.

As a special incentive for FFA chapters and members, Ford Trucks has chosen to award a two-year lease of a 2004 F150 to the FFA chapter with the most high-scoring

applications. For details on this exciting program, contact the FFA Foundation at (800) 769-3105.

The Built Ford Tough Trucks/FFA Scholarship Program is designed to recognize the academic achievement, accomplishments and talents of FFA members throughout the U.S. Ford Trucks and its dealers sponsor these scholarships as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.



The Coke County Library reminds readers and gift givers that Grandmother Stories from the Heart of Texas by Jane Austin Bruckner and The History of the Old Coke

County Jail and Sheriffs with Related Facts and Tales are available at the library. Both of these authors have designated the proceeds of the sales of their books toward the preservation of the Old Jail which will preserve for generations part of the history of this county. A gift of this type will keep giving for the next 97 years at least.

Henry W. Beecher said: "Books are not made for furniture, but there is nothing else that so beautifully furnishes a house. Lady Montagu is quoted in Baretlett's Familiar Quotations, "No entertainment is so cheap as reading, nor any pleasure as lasting; and M. Adler says, "Reading is a basic tool in the living of a good life."

Giving books really cuts down on library book circulation. Many patrons say, "I haven't been in a while because I got some books for Christmas. But nothing makes a book lover happier than to hear just that.

The Coke County Library will be closed Wednesday, Thursday and Friday next week. Happy Holidays to all library patrons and families. Next time a book is stamped it will be 2004 - already.



**Tidings Of
Comfort And Joy**

Merry Christmas and happy holidays from
the whole flock!

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Merry Christmas

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for making this a
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Body Shop**

Season's Greetings

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



*Dee Anna Harmon,
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Gayle Bolding, Brenda
Skinner, Cynthia Metcalf,
Peggy Davis, Karen Hayes,
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Howard, Virginia Garlington,
& Ambrocio Huapilla.*

Robert Lee State Bank

Robert Lee, Texas

MEMBER FDIC



Bronte is proud to have new Christmas banners in the downtown area. They were purchased by various individuals and organizations.



Lanette Fletcher, Bronte OES, and Jack Moore, Bronte Masonic Lodge.



Ricky Royall, Kim Stewart-Lee, Pat Martindale and Ken Coalson, City of Bronte staff.



BFI Trash Collection employees



Fran Crumpler & Dorris Sonnenburg, First National Bank of Bronte



MERRY CHRISTMAS
Wishing all the joys of the season to you & yours this best of all times - Christmas!

W.E.B. CONSTRUCTION
Ed, Wyndell, & Kids

Sending best wishes to you this Christmas Season

The Country Inn
Beautiful Downtown Bronte

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



**Mass Schedule
Christmas Eve
December 24, 2003**

5:00 pm Family Mass
St. Mary, Star of the Sea
Ballinger, Texas

8:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass
St. James, Bronte

Midnight Mass
Prelude to begin at 11:30 pm
St. Mary, Star of the Sea
Ballinger, Texas

Christmas Day
St. Mary, Star of the Sea
Ballinger, Texas

Happy Holiday

Wishing all our good friends a holiday filled with love and laughter, mirth and warmth.

We will be open until 2 pm Christmas Eve & closed Christmas Day.

Cracker Barrel Restaurant

"The Best Little Cafe in West Texas"

801 Commerce
Robert Lee, Texas 76945
325-453-2375
Owner: Chris Ertresvaag

We do catering!

A visit with Santa Claus!



Registration deadline for next ACT test is January 2

The next national test date for the ACT Assessment is February 7, 2004. College-bound students should register by the January 2 postmark deadline. Late registration postmark deadline is January 16 (an additional fee is required for late registration). Students can register online at www.act.org or they can get a registration packet from their high school guidance counselor and register by mail. The website also has sample test questions and a link to a free financial aid calculator.

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges and universities in the nation. The test fee is \$26. Colleges use ACT scores, along with a student's high school GPA and other information to help determine admissions and the appropriate course placement for new students.

The ACT Assessment is curriculum-based, designed to measure a student's academic achievement. There are four sections to the exam: English, reading, math and science.

Students who have already taken the ACT can retest and try for a higher score. Juniors often use their scores to examine academic weakness-

es, take courses or tutoring to correct those weaknesses and retest as seniors. Students who test more than once can choose which scores to report to prospective colleges.

DPS issues

Christmas wish list

The Department of Public Safety has composed a wish list for the holiday season. DPS is asking travelers for the following gifts:

*Slow down-speed is the number one killer on Texas

roads.

*Don't drink and drive; get a designated driver.

*Buckle up everyone in the vehicle.

*Keep cell phone chatter to a minimum.

*Drive with courtesy; it's contagious.

*Slow down in bad weather, construction areas and heavy traffic.

"Following these tips will keep your family and everyone on Texas roads safer, and that will mean a merrier Christmas for all of us," said DPS Director Thomas Davis Jr. "The sad truth is that most fatal traffic crashes don't have to happen."

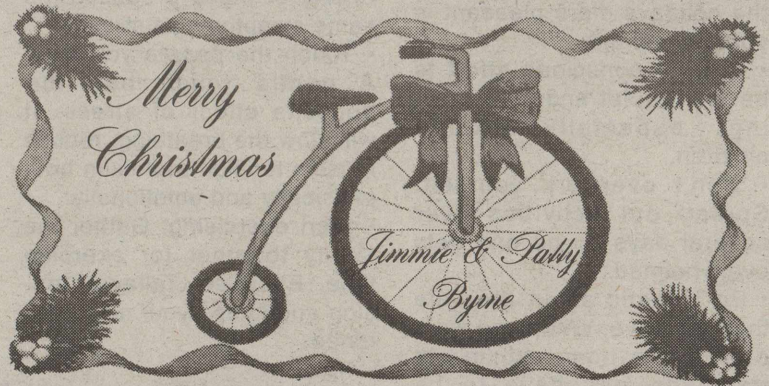
DPS will have all available troopers patrolling Texas roadways from Wednesday, December 24 through Sunday, December 28. DPS is once again participating in Operation CARE (Combined Accident Reduction Effort)-a nationwide effort maximizing enforcement on major interstate highways to reduce fatalities commonly associated with holiday weekends.

Alcohol is always a concern during the holidays, and DPS is supporting the statewide

drunk driving campaign.

"We would prefer voluntary compliance with traffic laws," said Davis. "However, if you choose to drive without regard for the safety of others, increased enforcement means you are three times more likely to get a traffic citation or be arrested for DWI during the Christmas weekend."

Luis Charles, The Country Inn in Downtown Bronte



Happy Holidays
from
FORT CHADBOURNE FOUNDATION
Garland, Lana, Annie, Steve, & Eric

Wishing you a memorable and merry Christmas. Thanks for the opportunity to know and serve you.

COKE COUNTY ABSTRACT COMPANY
Mike, Kathy, April, James, Betty, & Kay

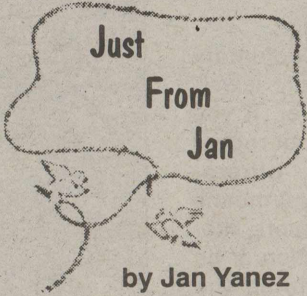
NOEL

As we approach the Holiday Season, let us not forget the Birth of Christ. May peace and goodwill always dwell in your hearts.

Glenn-Bivins Insurance
Marilyn, Lucretia, Mary & Lanette

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

SHAFER FUNERAL HOME & MONUMENT CO.



by Jan Yanez
Cooperative
Extension Agent

Plan for Happier Holidays

Here are some tips to make the holidays more pleasant in your household.

- Make a conscious effort to be more quiet and slow moving, especially around children.
- Don't overwork yourself. Spread out activities over several days so no one gets overwhelmed.
- Be realistic about the time that you have. When you work outside the home, some old traditions may have to be overlooked.
- Try to keep a normal routine. Allow plenty of sleep for all family members.
- Be choosy about your activities. Select only those important to you and your family.
- Concentrate on people instead of objects during the holidays.
- Don't overspend. As you plan holiday meals and gift purchases, keep your budget in mind.
- Have regular, sit-down meals. Slow down. Avoid eat-



ing on the run.

- Cut down on caffeine, salt, alcohol and sweets. Too much of any of these produces the same symptoms as stress.
- Touch the people you love. A gentle touch has the opposite effect of stress. It will slow the breathing, reduce muscle tension and calm both physically and emotionally.
- Start exercising. Gather the family together for exercise time. Exercise relieves tension and keeps your mind well tuned.

• Invent the "whisper hour." When noise levels get too high, set a timer for an hour. During this time everyone in the house must whisper.

• Avoid tasks or people that anger or irritate you. If you can't avoid them, then change your attitude about them. Try seeing something silly about them. Remember, you can control your feelings by your attitude about stressful events.

• Prepare children for family gatherings by sharing photos of guests.

• Incorporate quiet times during your day. Play slow, soft music, have quiet cuddly stories, or go for a walk. This can help bring everyone's activity and anxiety levels down.

• It's ok not to do it all. Choose a few traditions that are your favorites to preserve.

• Ask the elders what they remember most from their holidays. Share stories and enjoy!

A visit with Santa Claus!



Bronte Family Health Center

• Special Hours: The clinic will be closed December 22, 2003, until December 26, 2003.

• For appointments or information, please call
473-6003

Have a safe and happy holiday!

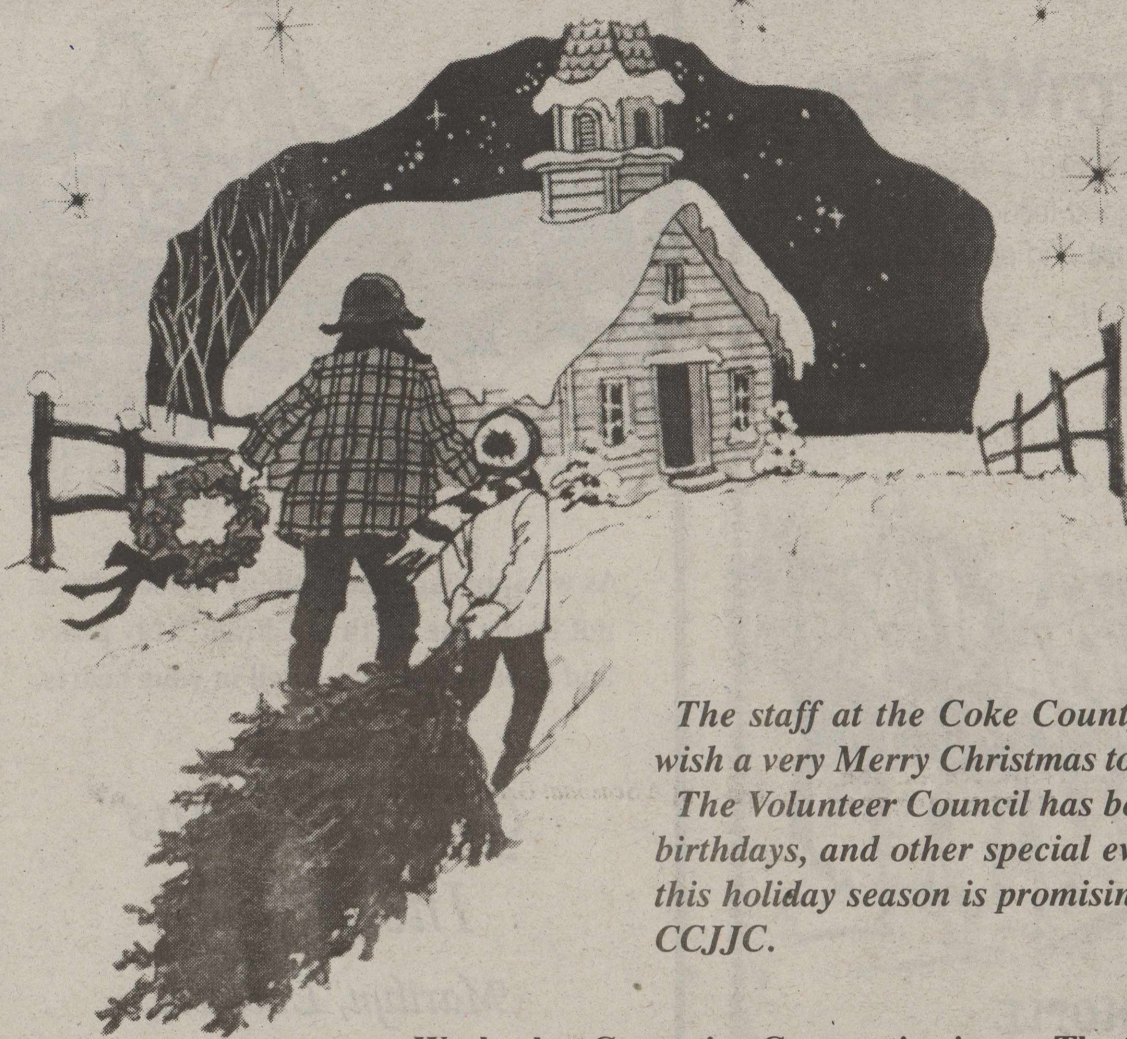


Merry Christmas
from
Merle Norman Cosmetics
Debbie McCabe 453-4642

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Wishing Everyone
HAPPY & HEALTHY HOLIDAYS
Jimmy, Staci, Jimmy Lynn & Ashley Womack

MERRY CHRISTMAS And A Happy and Prosperous NEW YEAR From All Of Us At



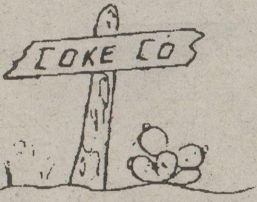
**The
Coke County
Juvenile
Justice Center**

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!

Wackenhut Correction Corporation is now The GEO Group, Inc.



COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

By Tommy Antilley
Cooperative Extension Agent

Cull Open, Late-Calving Cows

Farmers and ranchers who haven't already culled open, late-calving and poor performing cows should do so soon.

There's no need to put expensive winter feed into cows that are unproductive and inefficient. Culling the cow herd now will also help you more effectively plan on feed supplies for the winter months.

The culling process should also "weed out" unsound cows with bad eyes, udders or feet and legs.

Also, pregnancy testing cows this fall may be a more profitable management tool than ever before.

Since it's difficult for a cow to produce a calf large enough to pay her annual maintenance bill and leave some profit for the producer, an open cow is surely losing money. In addition, cows calving late and during the summer months wean calves 30 to 90 pounds lighter than their herd mates which calve at earlier times. For this reason it's advisable to cull cows which will calve late next year and purchase pregnant replacements which will calve early.

Whoever does the pregnancy diagnosis (usually your veterinarian) will be able to estimate the calving date on each animal and make it easy to identify next year's late-calving cows. Work toward a 60-day calving season or one that's certainly no longer than 90 days.

Removing barren and late-calving cows from the herd will increase both the herd's reproductive potential and pounds of calf weaned.

Time to Plant Trees

November through February is a good time to plant trees and shrubs in most of the state. Fall is the best season

tion. This results in fewer chiropractor visits! In the new location set the shrub at the same level it was growing before and water it in well to settle the soil around the roots.

Do not get in a hurry to prune woody plants. Late December through February is the best time to prune them.

Wait to start pruning fruit trees until late winter. Some fruit trees may bloom earlier when fall pruned, increasing the risk of crop loss to a late spring frost.

Falling leaves are valuable assets for the garden. Collect and stockpile them for many months of mulching, or compost them. To build a compost heap or fill a bin, alternate layers of leaves with "green" materials. Spent plants, vegetable trimmings, manure and high-nitrogen fertilizer all provide the nitrogen needed to blend with leaves or pine needles for composting. Wet each layer thoroughly and add a shovel full of compost or garden soil as you build up the compost pile to introduce microbes. Turn contents with a spading fork every month or so to hasten

for planting because it allows plenty of time for the plant to settle in and begin root growth before the onset of hot weather next summer. Fall-planted ornamentals will have an advantage over spring-planted plants. This can be important when it comes to surviving the critical first summer here in Texas. In the Panhandle, planting is often delayed until late winter due to concerns with the severe cold.

In the central half of the state, this month is a great time to move a shrub to a new location in the landscape. Cut the top back by about one-third, to compensate for the roots lost when digging the plant. Try to get as much of the soil and roots as is practical when you dig up the plant. It is more important to dig wide than to dig deep. Slide a tarp beneath the plant rather than trying to lift it. Use the tarp to drag it to its new loca-

decomposition.

Houseplants do not need as much nutrition in the winter when light levels are lower. You can cut back on fertilizing indoor plants from fall through late winter. An exception would be plants in a bright atrium or a well-lighted window.

Now that mowing season is over in most of the state, it is time to drain gasoline from power tools and run the engine until the fuel in the carburetor is used up. This way, they will be ready for winter storage. Drain and store garden hoses and watering equipment too.



George Snapp

Merry Christmas



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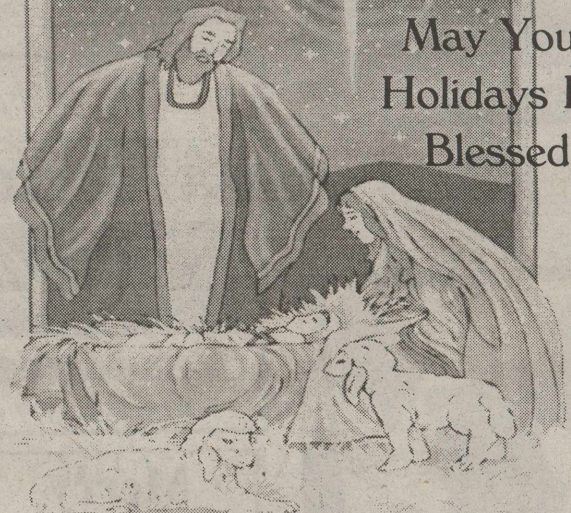
Happy Holiday

To all our friends
May your Christmas be truly joyous.



**Paul
& Joan
Burns**

Tis the Reason
For the Season



May Your
Holidays Be
Blessed

The Pitcocks
Gaylon, Kaye, Blake, & Korey



Merry Christmas

Best wishes
of the season.
Have a happy
holiday!

County & District
Clerk's Office
Mary, Sharon
& Carlene

CHRISTMAS 2003

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AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBERS &
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YOURS SEASON'S GREETINGS
& BEST WISHES.
MAY YOUR HOLIDAYS
BE FILLED WITH HAPPINESS.**

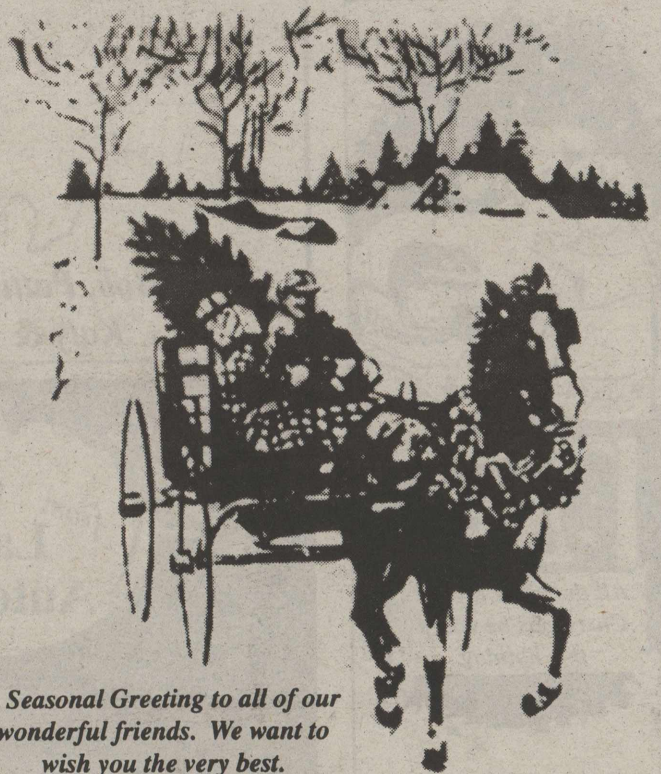
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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

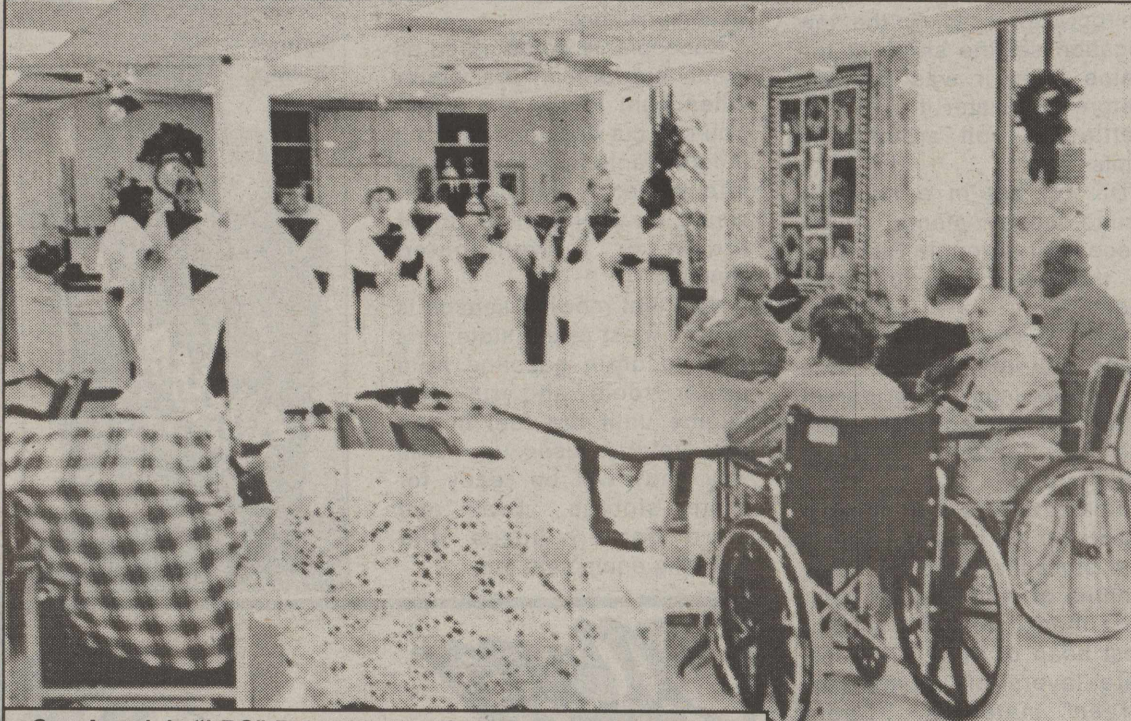


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San Angelo's "LRC" Rehabilitation Center choir gave a special performance for residents of Robert Lee Care Center recently.



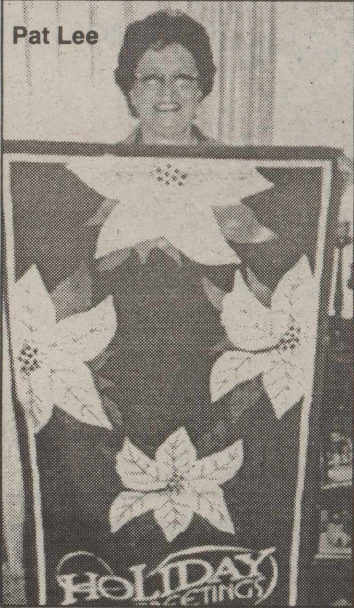
Visits with Santa Claus!



Mary Glenn & Marilyn Bivins of Glenn-Bivins Insurance



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Pat Lee

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Katy & Kevin Johnson**

Noel

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Coke County Treasurer's Office

Phelan Wrinkle

Seasons Greetings from **Larry's Automotive**

Larry, Gwen, Blaine, Cody, & Tessa

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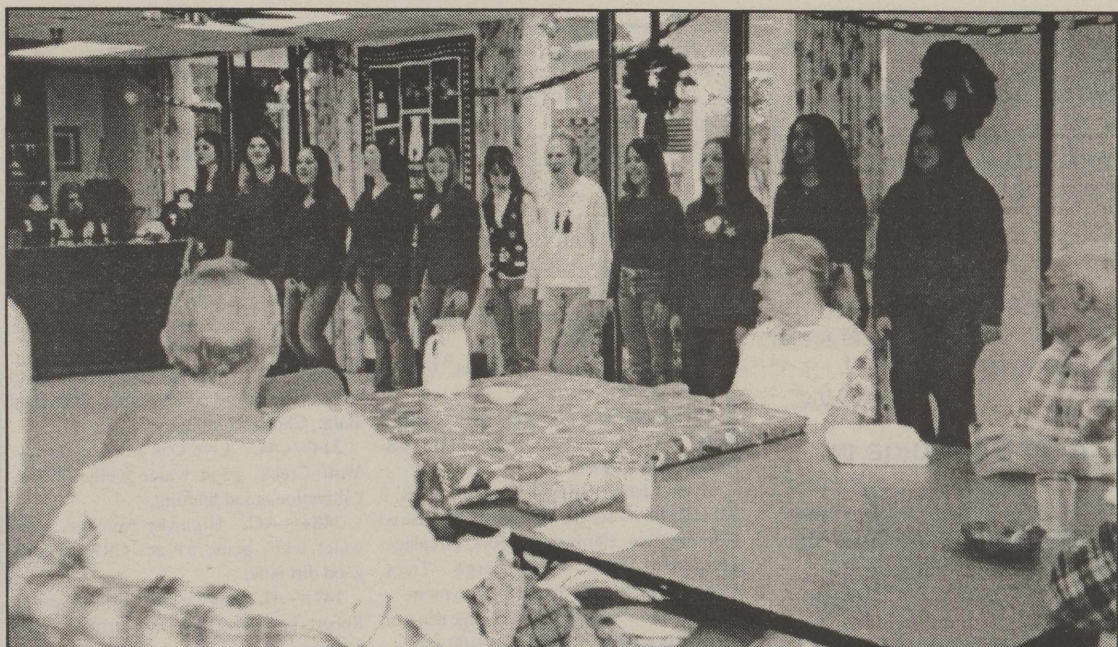
HOLIDAY GREETINGS

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We will be closed at noon on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day & New Year's Day.



Mrs. Sterling Myers' Grape Creek High School choir gave a special performance for residents of Robert Lee Care Center.

Tips for child's car seat safety

When the weather turns cooler, we all get our jackets and coats out of the closet. Did you know that putting your infant or child in their coat or blanket before putting them in their car seat can greatly affect the way the car seat is designed to work?

The harness straps in car seats are designed to lie flat and snug against your child. When they are adjusted properly, there should be no slack in the harness system. If you wrap your baby in a blanket before placing him in the car seat, and loosen the harness straps to accommodate the extra cloth...you have put slack into the system. The same thing happens if you put a coat on your toddler and loosen the straps before buckling him in his seat.

In a collision, this extra fabric and padding will compress and create slack in the harness system, which will allow your child to move further forward during a crash before being stopped by the harness straps--increasing the injuries they will suffer.

So what should you do? First, always keep your child in the clothes they will be wearing when they are indoors. Place the child in the infant seat or car seat, making sure the harness straps are snug over the shoulders and that they lie straight and flat down to the buckle. Buckle the child in and THEN put the coat or blanket OVER them--on TOP of the harness system. You can even turn the coat around and put his arms through the sleeves after he is buckled into his car seat...BUCKLE THEM, THEN BUNDLE THEM.

This will ensure your kids are kept snug in their seat, the harness system is able to do its job in the event of a crash, and that the kids stay warm.

Remember to check you safety seats often and look for stress marks or hairline cracks on the shell, frayed harness straps, torn padding, etc. You can contact the manufacturer for replacement parts.

For more detailed information on car seats and car seat safety, please see the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's website at <http://www.nhtsa.gov/>.



Blessings

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

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Grocery & Station
Jim & Geanette Skinner

Wishing you joy, peace & love this holiday season.

Dear New & Old Friends,
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and may good friends
always surround you.

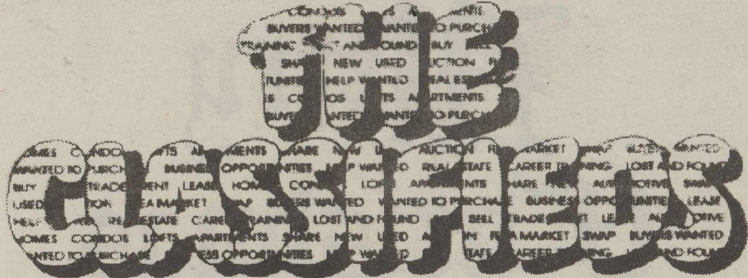
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Robert and Marsha Wink

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your
patronage
throughout
the year.

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Gang**

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THE FAMILY OF
Jean Sowell wants to thank each of you for the outpouring of Love from our church family and community. We thank you for your gifts of prayer, food and flowers. Our continued praise for the EMS and fire department for going beyond the call of duty. What a great blessing.

Thank you,
Roland Sowell
Darrell Sowell
David & Donna Scott
Dana & Carolyn Sowell
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

To the public and, See Listing Below, Pursuant to Section 59.044 of the Texas Property Code, notice is hereby given of the sale of the contents of Units, See Listing Below, of the storage facilities located at the southeast corner of Commerce Street (TX 158) and East 6th Street, the northwest corner of Bishop Street and West 10th Street (TX 208) and the southeast and northeast corners of Chadbourne Street and West 8th Street. The contents of the units will be sold to satisfy a contractual Landlord's Lien. The sale will be conducted no sooner than 26, Dec. 03.

Roy Dean or Diana Clark #7
James Torres 37-AB
Cheryl Millican 47-AB
Allen Clendennen
21-2tc

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Lane Operating Company, 719 Scott, Suite 400, Wichita Falls, Texas, 76301, is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Jameson (Strawn) Formation, W.C. Blanks Lease, Well Number F-9. The proposed injection well is located 7 miles Southwest of Silver in the Jameson (Strawn) Field, in Coke County, Texas. Fluid will be injected into strata in the sub-surface depth interval from 6313' to 6350'.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas

ORDINANCE # 364
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXHIBIT "A" OF ORDINANCE #330 (DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN)

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRONTE, TEXAS, Exhibit "A", Section C of Ordinance #330 is hereby amended to read as follows:
C. DROUGHT CONTINGENCY MEASURES

2. Moderate Conditions
The goal of moderate condition drought contingency measures is to achieve a 10% reduction in daily demand.

a. Continue with the implementation of all the actions outlined for Mild Conditions;

b. Residents will limit the following uses of water:

1.) flushing gutters or permitting water to run or accumulate in any gutter or street.

2.) recreational use of faucets, hoses, and fire hydrants

c. Water for use in road construction or for oil rigs will be prohibited

d. A mandatory outdoor water use schedule will be set as follows:

1.) Water customers who reside on the west side of U.S. Hwy. 277 are allowed to water at any time on Thursdays. Water customers who reside on the east side of U.S. Hwy. 277 are allowed to water at any time on Tuesdays. Watering is permitted at any time if it is by means of a handheld hose, faucet filled bucket, watering can of five gallons or less or drip irrigation. Soaker hoses are NOT considered to be "drip irrigation."

IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED that said Amendment shall become effective as of December 19, 2003.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 11TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2003.

APPROVED: Martin Lee

MAYOR

ATTEST:

Pat Martindale

CITY SECRETARY

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Gaylord Childers of Odessa, Texas, visited Robert Lee Care Center and played the piano for the residents during dinner.



Elena Sanchez's Robert Lee High School Spanish Club hosted the December Birthday celebration at Robert Lee Care Center. They made each resident a gift and gave them each a poinsettia. The Spanish Club also entertained the residents by singing Christmas carols.

Child support stretched during holiday season

For single parents, the holidays bring unique pressures. Post-divorce family budgets are stretched thin, and during the holidays - when pressure to spend money on travel and gifts increases - it can be especially difficult. Webster Watnik, author of *Child Custody Made Simple*, recommends that single parents cope with the money pressures in creative ways.

Watnik explains that child support is calculated to provide for children's basic needs, but it rarely covers the extra things parents want for their children. "Gameboys, roller blades, a plane trip to the relatives - you name it," says Watnik. "During the holidays, you want to give your children nice things, but support is rarely enough to pay for those things."

Custodial parents who can't afford to buy what they want may become resentful at the noncustodial parent. They feel the support is too low, or if the paying parent missed some payments, it put added stress on the budget. However, says Watnik, the parent who pays support rarely has enough left over for expensive gifts, and may also feel resentment towards the other parent.

"The holidays are difficult," says Watnik, "everyone gets a little testy. With a realistic attitude and some creativity, you can make it work to your advantage." In *Child Custody Made Simple*, Watnik offers these ideas for single parents coping with a holiday budget crunch:

Pool Money

If the parents communicate well, combine the money used for gift-buying. Some gifts can stay in one home, some in the other, and the children can bring shared toys back-and-forth.

Make Gifts

When there is not enough money for the really expensive toys, consider visiting a crafts store. You'll find some amazing and amazingly cheap-gifts you can make.

Help Others

Helping others during the holidays is not only free, but yields terrific experiences. Food bank, hospice, even volunteering at an animal shelter - every community has ways to help others. Take some pictures and you'll have a wonderful photo album.

"The important thing to remember," says Watnik, "is that you don't need the postcard perfect holiday. Be flexible and adapt. You can still have a rewarding, engaging, and meaningful holiday."

Safe driving campaign targets drunk driving

Santa has a warning for Texas motorists: He knows when you've been drinking. He knows when you're .08.

So do thousands of law officers trained to identify drivers who've reached the state's legal limit for intoxication. And they'll be patrolling Texas streets and highways in December in an effort to reduce alcohol-related traffic deaths and injuries.

TxDOT's lively new campaign, which features several tongue-in-

cheek holiday slogans based on Christmas carols, has a deadly serious message. If you drink this holiday season and get behind the wheel, you'll find more than coal in your stocking come Christmas Day. Expect penalties ranging from stiff fines and drivers license suspension to spending time in jail.

DWI prevention messages are appearing on TV, radio, billboards, gas pumps and decals and coasters in bars and restaurants statewide. The public education campaign is part of a concerted effort between December

19 and January 4 to change Texas' standing as the national leader in alcohol-related traffic fatalities. Impaired drivers are to blame for more than 1,700 deaths and 25,000 injuries in Texas each year.

"If alcohol is involved in holiday celebrations, we're reminding drivers to designate a driver who hasn't been drinking, or take a cab," said Carlos Lopez, TxDOT's

traffic operations director. "It may be the season to be jolly, but we want Texas motorists to know if you drink and you drive, you go to jail."

Texas Department of Public Safety and more than 600 local law enforcement agencies will be out in force during the holidays to keep Texas roads and highways as safe as possible.

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