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Friday, December 1, 2006

Robert Lee Christmas celebrations set for today

The opening of the Christmas season in Robert Lee is today, Friday, December 1, 2006. A number of local offices and businesses hold open house to serve refreshments and celebrate the season with their valued customers and friends.

The Coke County Courthouse will have an open house from 8 am to 1 pm. Robert Lee State Bank is having their open house from 9 am to 3 pm and Ivey Motor Company, Inc. will celebrate from 11:30 am to 2 pm. Other businesses and offices participating with open house celebrations include Rock Solid Communications, Robert Lee Care Center, Coke County Library, Robert Lee City Hall, Ash-Millican-Carson Real Estate, Kickin' Up Roses, This 'N That Shop, Key Feed Store, C & H Hardware, Especially For You, Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau, and Super H Grocery.

Coke County dance slated

The monthly dance for Coke County will be held from 6:30 pm - 9 pm Tuesday, December 5, at the Robert Lee Rec Hall.

Santa letter deadline set for December 4

Deadline for Letters to Santa Claus to be printed in this year's edition has been set for Monday, December 4. As in the past, we will go by the schools and pick up their Letters to Santa for inclusion in the Christmas paper on December 22. We will forward these letters straight to Santa after we get through typing them up for the paper.

As in the case of the Letters to Santa that are delivered to the post offices, we will pick them up, type them for the paper, and mail them on to Santa as fast as we can. Letters delivered to the post office must be there by December 18 to be included in this year's Christmas edition of the newspaper.

If you have any questions as to this year's Santa Letters deadlines or the holiday

printing schedule, give us a call at 453-2433.

Bryan's Barn date change

After 15 years of being open the entire month of December, this year, Bryan's Barn will be open for 2 weeks only.

Starting on December 16 through December 31, 2006, Bryan's Barn will be open every night including December 24, 25 and 31 from 6 pm until 10 pm.

There is no admission fee, but donations are appreciated. For more information call Jeffie Roberts 325-453-2957, 325-453-2584 or 325-453-2831.

Chad Martin Benefit slated

A drive-through chicken dinner benefit for Chad Martin will be held Sunday, December 3, 2006 from 11 am until 1 pm at the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department. The meal will be a drive-through carry out only and will consist of a barbecue chicken quarter, beans, potato salad, pickles and onions.

Tickets are being sold in advance and may be purchased at the Coke County Courthouse. Volunteers are also needed to assist with the final preparations of the meal on Sunday, December 3. If you would like to assist with the meal, call Misti at the Coke County Sheriff's Office at 453-2717 from 8 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday.

Chad is the 13 year old son of Lorrie and Larry Martin and the brother of Shannon Martin, all of Robert Lee. The entire Martin family gives countless hours of volunteer time to the people of Coke County. Proceeds from the sales will be used to defray medical expenses as Chad continues a series of tests and surgeries in the near future. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

RLBC to host Missions Banquet December 3

Robert Lee Baptist Church will be hosting the Lottie Moon International Missions Banquet, Sunday, December 3, in the Fellowship Hall at 6 pm. The complimentary menu will include ham and all the fixins. The speakers

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House**
celebrations.

will be former missionaries to Spain, Jason and Aimee Martin.

Red Hat Society lunch slated

The Coke County Red Hat Society has been cordially invited to a Christmas lunch in the home of Frances Williams of Robert Lee on Tuesday, December 5. For those who need directions, meet at the First National Bank in Bronte parking lot at 10 am to travel together. The cars will leave at 10:15 am sharp! Hope to see you there for a wonderful time!

Golf tournament set for Bronte

Singing Winds Golf Course in Bronte will be hosting a golf tournament on Saturday, December 9 beginning at 9 am. This tournament will be a 27-hole, two person, select shot. There will be food available on the course. For more information, call 473-2156.

Coke-Sterling FSA Office certifying grass

The Coke-Sterling FSA Office is currently certifying grass for all producers who have purchased a \$100.00 NAP policy on native pasture

for the 2007 crop year.

Producers have until December 15 to get their grass certified in the office. Don't delay as it could cost you a NAP payment.

Because they are working on a couple of items in the office, which the State Office has termed highest priority, it is important to call ahead and make an appointment. They may be forced to ask walk-ins to make an appointment and return at a later date. This is due to the importance given the projects by Washington and the State Office. We have a limited time frame to complete this work.

Producers may come by the FSA office or call (325) 453-2751 for additional information.

Christmas Greetings set for December 22

It is time once again for Christmas greetings! The Observer/Enterprise would like to remind businesses and individuals wishing to place a Christmas Greeting in the newspaper to call or stop by and choose your greeting for the December 22 issue.

Deadline for this year's greet-

ings is Tuesday, December 19. For more information or to place an ad, contact the office at 453-2433.

Angel Food Ministries delivery set for Dec. 16

The Angel Food Ministries distribution day will be Saturday, December 16 at 3 pm at Central Baptist Church in Bronte. Please remember to bring a box to carry your food home in.

They are also seeking volunteers for distribution days as well as donations to help offset operating costs.

San Angelo Craft Fair set

The Greater San Angelo Craft Guild will be hosting their 32nd annual Christmas Bazaar on December 2-3, in the Wells Fargo Pavilion on the Fair Grounds in San Angelo. The crafts are handmade. You will find all kinds of handwork, woodwork, quilts, jewelry and much more.

There will be hourly door prizes. Bring a can of food for Meals for the Elderly and receive an extra door prize ticket. Hours on Saturday are 10 am - 6 pm and Sunday 12 noon - 5 pm.

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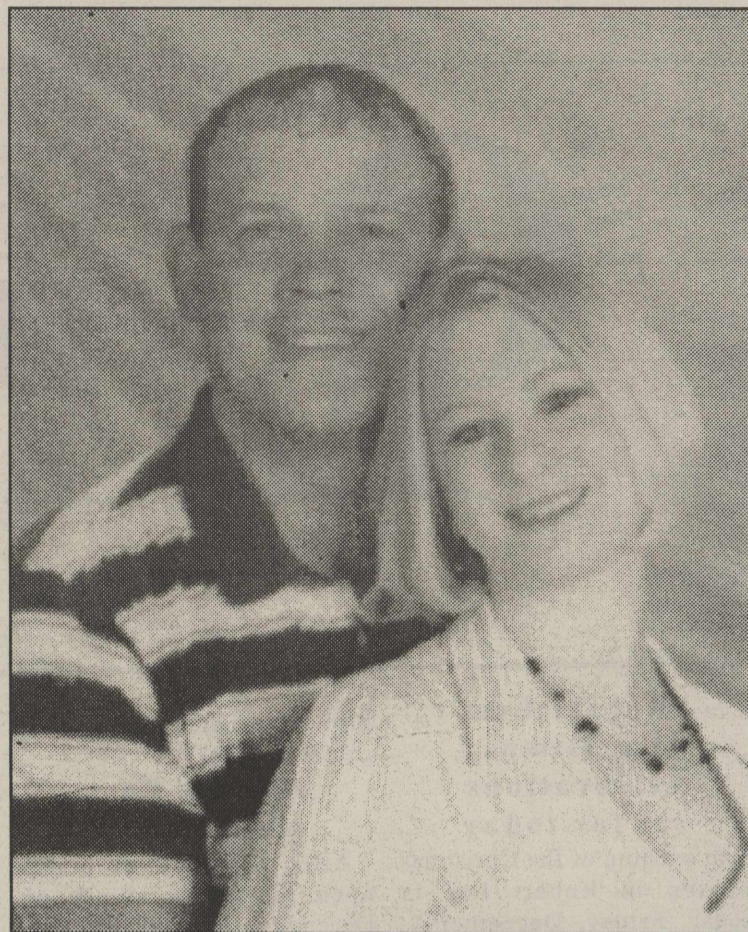
Producers with an approved application will work with an NRCS conservation planner to develop a contract and a plan and will begin implementing conservation practices next spring.

For more information, contact the local NRCS office or visit the Texas NRCS Web Site at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/.

Letter to the Editor

I would like to see if I could get an answer to a few questions I have. I was wondering if the landowners along Sanco Rd pay more taxes than the owners along Graham Valley Rd pay? It seems that they must because about 3 to 4 times the money is spent on Sanco Rd. 3 times this year I believe the dump trucks, water trucks, the packers, and maintainers were used to smooth the road plus all the times it was maintained. Nothing like this has happened to Graham Valley Rd. in the 6 years I have been driving it. When Graham Valley Rd. is maintained they are in such a hurry to get over it, they just roll rock out of ditch on to road and don't even fill the ruts and holes, plus most of the time they quit at Austin Ranch Road without finishing the rest of road. I guess the landowners at the end of road don't pay hardly any taxes and don't get to get their part of the road maintained. This must be how it is. Or maybe someone who is very important lives on Sanco Rd. It has to be one or the other.

Ben Ratliff



Alexander-Heiman engagement announced! Rocky and Sheila Alexander of Ira, Texas, announce the engagement and upcoming wedding of their daughter, Amanda Diane Alexander of Ira, Texas, to Carey Don Heiman of Ira, Texas. He is the son of Jimmy Heiman of Granbury and Carolyn Wilson of Hobbs, New Mexico.

Carey is the grandson of Nita Wilson of Ira and Johnnie Heimer of Wichita Falls, Texas. Amanda is the granddaughter of Sue Alexander of San Angelo, and Eph and Dovie Cummins of Robert Lee.

The future bride is a graduate of Western Hills High School in Fort Worth. The prospective groom is a graduate of DeQueen High School in DeQueen, Arkansas. After graduation, he served 10 years in the U.S. Army and is currently employed by Southern Electric in Snyder.

The couple are planning a 3:30 pm wedding on December 9 in the First Church of God in Ira.

Obituaries

Whiteside

Louise Whiteside, age 89 of Evant, died on Saturday, November 25, 2006, at a Temple hospital.

Graveside services were held at 11:00 am on Tuesday, November 28th at the Robert Lee Cemetery, in Robert Lee, Texas, with Rev. Maxie Evans officiating.

Mrs. Whiteside was born on February 25, 1917 in Sanco, Texas. She was the daughter of the late G.P. and Alice Gartman Preslar. She grew up in Coke County. She married T.K. Whiteside in 1934. They resided in Robert Lee most of their married lives. He preceded her in death in 1992. She moved to Evant in 2002. She was a homemaker and a member of the Robert Lee Methodist Church.

She is survived by her son, Ben Whiteside and wife Shirley of Brandon, Mississippi; a grandson, Tracy Whiteside; and one great-grandson, Tate Whiteside.

Memorials can be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

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Toys for Tots Volunteers needed

2-1-1 Texas of the Concho Valley is working in collaboration with Toys for Tots to provide gifts to families in need this Holiday Season. They are seeking mature,

responsible, caring adults that would be willing to donate hours of their time to help sort Christmas gifts for the kids on the Toys for Tots list. They currently have over 300 kids on the list! A volunteer would be required to match age and gender appropriate gifts with the kids on the list...it's as simple as that.

If you would be interested in helping them out this Holiday Season, call the Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley at (325) 223-5704 and ask for Toni P. Gutierrez, 2-1-1 Manager, for more information. They look forward to hearing from you.

Texas NRCS sets Dec. 15 deadline for EQIP

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas has set a Friday, December 15, 2006, sign-up deadline for the 2007 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).


Immediately following the end of the sign-up period, all applications will be ranked.

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 324 S. Franklin • Bronte
 (325) 473-4811
 Tim White, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School
 11 am & 6 pm Worship
 Wed. 6 pm

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
 Corner of Washington & Holmes
 Bronte
 (325) 473-3281
 Rev. David Bailey, Pastor
 Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship
 5:00 Youth

First United Methodist Church
 PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
 Robert Lee
 (325) 453-2417
 Rev. Steve Rowe, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 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

St. James Catholic Church
 215 N. Washington, Bronte
 (325) 365-2687
 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
 Sun. 5 pm

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

Northside Church of Christ
 PO Box 388 • 9th & Chadbourne
 Robert Lee
 (325) 655-9784 or 453-2685
 Portis Ribble, Minister
 Services: Sun. 10 am & 1:30 pm;
 Wed. 6 pm

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
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 (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
 Rev. Richard Easterling, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship

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 PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
 (325) 453-2724
 Jason Martin, Pastor
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 11 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

Tennyson Baptist Church
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 Joe Hodges, Pastor
 (325) 473-2040
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 11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting
Victory Assembly of God
 PO Box 638 • 6th & Houston
 Robert Lee
 (325) 453-2208
 Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting



CRMWD Employees of the Year! The Colorado River Municipal Water District has named its 2006 employees of the Year. They include Billy Osburn, Wes Cox, Dale Reber, Don Meeks, Larry Quillen, Royce Hood and Martha Hernandez.

CRMWD names Employees of the Year

The Colorado River Municipal Water District named its employees of the year for 2006, recognizing seven individuals for their contributions and dedication to the mission of the District. These employees were recognized by the Board of Directors at their November 8, 2006 Board Meeting. General Manager John Grant noted that "the employees recognized today represent the leadership of the District and are all very good ambassadors when interfacing with our customers and the public."

Employees are nominated by their peers or supervisors from each of six operational areas of the District. Billy Osburn, foreman for Electrical Crew was selected as the Roving and Electrical/Electronics crew Employee of the Year (EOY) and was also recognized as the overall District EOY for 2006.

Osburn has been employed with CRMWD since 1983 and is an accomplished electrician, whose leadership helps the crew maintain everything from wall outlets to sub stations throughout the entire District. He was commended by Operations

Manager Ralph Truszkowski for keeping up with the ever-changing technology while possessing the experience to keep earlier electrical systems operating properly.

Also honored were members of the operations divisions, including eastern division EOY Wes Cox and southern division EOY Dale Reber. Cox is the Thomas Area Foreman, employed since 1979 and Reber is the Foreman of the Ivie Area Operations Crew who joined CRMWD in 1986. For the western division, two equally qualified candidates

were chosen: Don Meeks and Larry Quillen. Both men have worked for CRMWD since 2000, even starting on the same day. Don is the Ward County Area Foreman and Larry is the Martin County Area Foreman.

Spence Ranger Royce Hood, employed since 1968, was selected as the Natural Resources Division EOY and Secretary Martha Hernandez was selected as the EOY representing Administration, Central Control and Engineering. She has been employed by CRMWD since 2002.

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Pastors,
Irving and Betty Smith

Melinda,

Thanks for 25 great years together, wonderful memories and, the good Lord willing, 25 more.

Love,
Wayne



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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



District UIL! The Elementary District UIL meet was held in Garden City on November 15. Bronte Elementary had a large crowd representing the school. Those participating included (top row, left to right) Caleb Rosson, Carson James, Ty Lee, Stetsen Emfinger, Jayden Baumann, Mason Smith, Nathaniel Rosales, (second row, left to right) Jensen Reed, Lauren Allen, Bailey McGlothlin, Paige Royall, Kaitlyn Braswell, Brooke Bedford, Brayde Knight, Maria Franco, (third row, left to right) Jessica Arthur, Stacia Emfinger, Addie Rosson, Ashlee Irwin, Crystal Bilbrey, Brittany Bedford, Hailey Bennett, (front row, left to right) Marley Braswell, Erika Puentez, Cambri Kelso, Bree Bailey, (not pictured) Jael Williams and Madison Harris.

Bronte Shorthorn basketball results

by Coach Moore

On November 16, the Shorthorn "A" team defeated

Garden City at home by a score of 37-32. Scoring: Kerwin Rawls 11; Dakota Rawls 16; Creed Coalson 2; and Terran Charles 8.

The JH "A" team came off with a great start to the season with a win over Garden City last week. We had only 2 days of practice before this game, but were able to get an offense together as well as a defense and a press. We were behind until the fourth quarter when the guys tied it up to take us into overtime to win the game. A great effort both offensively and defensively by this group. I'm looking forward to a good season!

On the 20, the Shorthorn "A" team defeated Water Valley at home by a score of 38-20. Scoring: Kerwin Rawls 14; Dakota Rawls 22; and Terran Charles 2.

Another victory for the JH boys "A" team on Monday against Water Valley! We got off to a slow start scoring only 12 points in the first half, but came back in the 2nd half to score 26 more. Again, a great job by these guys defensively. We were able to press effectively in the 2nd half, which led us to being able to score more.

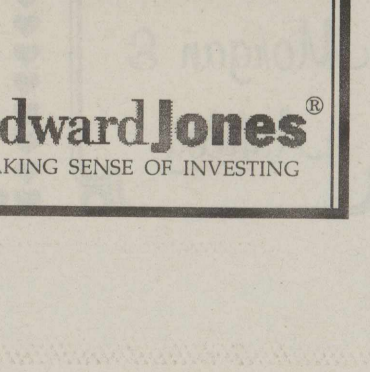
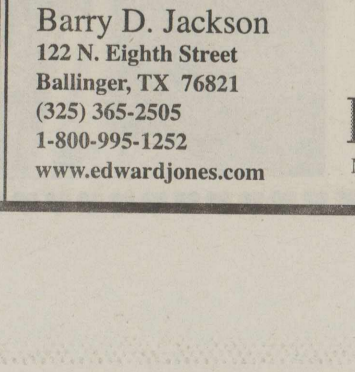
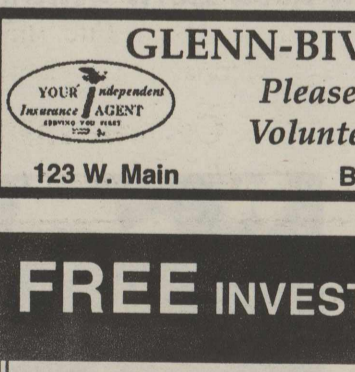
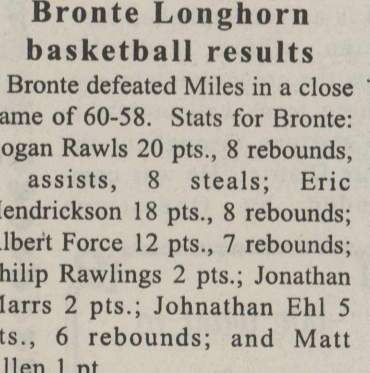
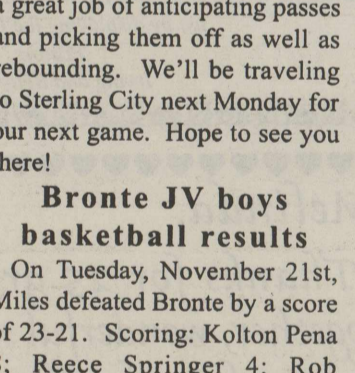
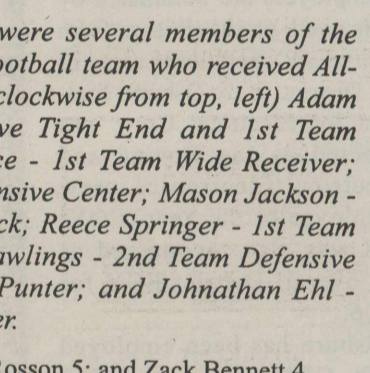
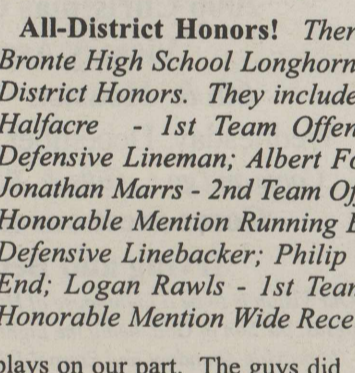
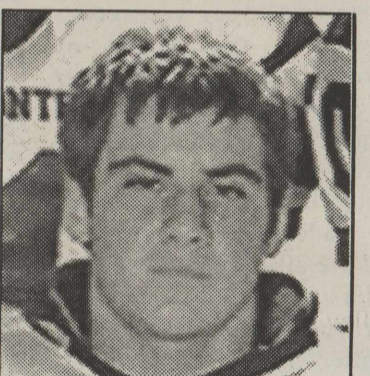
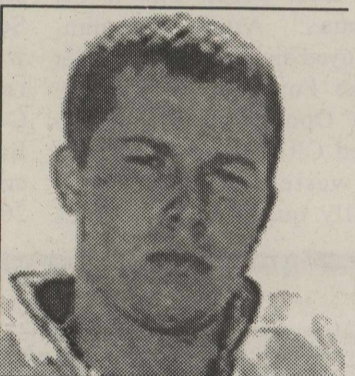
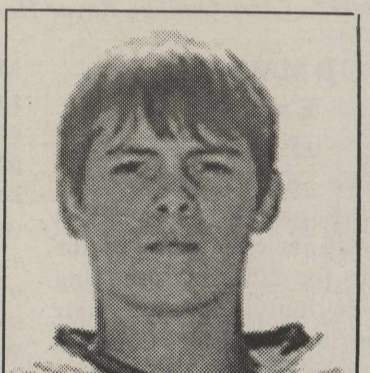
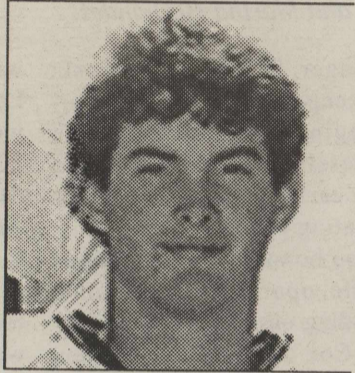
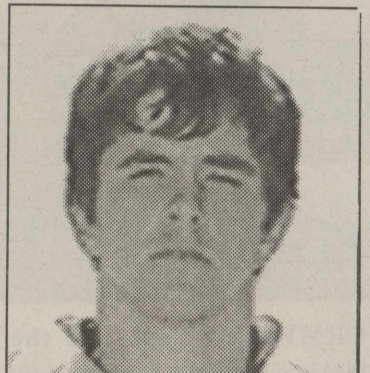
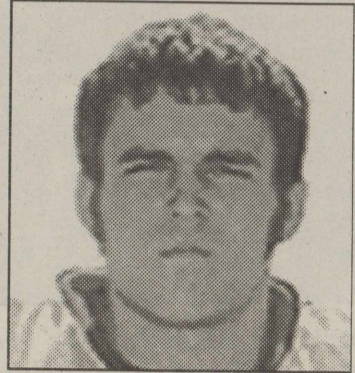
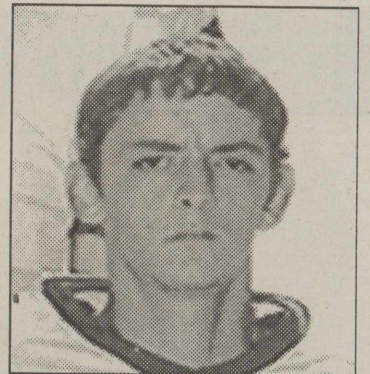
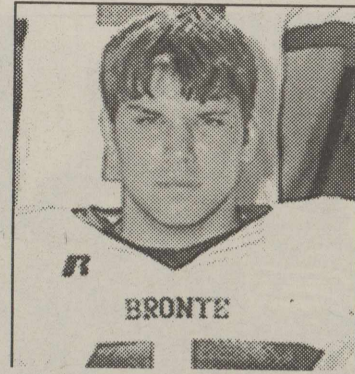
The Shorthorn "B" team

defeated Water Valley at home by a score of 25-15. Scoring: John Deller 10; Jordan Baumann 2; Kaleb Parks 2; Jordan Rowan 2; Conner Clark 7; and Beau Grigg 2.

The JH boys "B" team started off their season with a win as well! This group was really impressive for their first game. They stepped onto the court and got after it! This group still has a lot of improvements to make both offensively and defensively, and that will come with more court time both during practice and during games. They showed a ton of potential and got off to a great start!

On the 27, the Bronte Shorthorn "A" team defeated Menard 60-7 in Menard. Scoring: Kerwin Rawls 18; Dakota Rawls 20; Chase Harris 2; Arlis McMullen 2; Creed Coalson 5; Terran Charles 10; Skyler Ellis-York 1; and Jake Cotter 2.

The Bronte JH "A" team went to Menard on Monday and came home with a 60-7 win over the Yellowjackets! The guys set the tone early in the game outscoring Menard 11-0 in the first quarter. Most of our scoring occurred as a result of defensive



School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, December 4

Cereal, diced pears, toast, jelly, milk

Tuesday, December 5

Sausage rolls, assorted juice, milk

Wednesday, December 6

French toast sticks, assorted juice, syrup, milk

Thursday, December 7

Blueberry muffins, assorted juice, toast, jelly, milk

Friday, December 8

Breakfast pizza, assorted juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, December 4

Burrito, Spanish rice, tossed salad, assorted fruit, sugar cookie, milk

Tuesday, December 5

Steakfingers, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, fruit bar, milk

Wednesday, December 6

Frito pie, chili & cheese, pinto beans, tossed salad, pear halves, corn chips, milk

Thursday, December 7

Fajita chicken over rice, broccoli and cheese, sweet corn, bread sticks, apricot fruit fluff, milk

Friday, December 8

Pizza, tossed salad, banana, pink panther cake, milk

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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



District 4-H Food Show! The District 7 Food Show was recently held in Abilene with over 250 kids attending. These 4-H members have respectively won at the county level and now compete at the district level. Those participating from Coke County were Senior Division - Emilee Yanez; Junior Division - Hanna Hamrick, Brady Clawson, Bailey Hooten, Hunter Hamrick.



Top Honors at District! These two Coke County 4-H'ers recently placed at the District 4-H Food Show in Abilene. Emilee Yanez (left) was awarded third place in the Senior Division Main Dish Contest, while Hanna Hamrick placed sixth in the Junior Division Main Dish Contest.

Lady Steers basketball results

On November 7, the varsity Lady Steers were defeated by Christoval by a score of 50-37. Scoring for Robert Lee were Kasie Skinner 2; Arrin Minjarez 3; Kelsy Duncan 3; Brettanie Reed 18; Sarah Philley 6; and Becca Skinner 5.

On November 11, the varsity Lady Steers were defeated by Highland 41-16. Scoring for Robert Lee were

Kasie Skinner 3; Arrin Minjarez 4; Brettanie Reed 2; Sarah Philley 3; and Becca Skinner 4.

On November 14, the varsity Lady Steers defeated the Tree of Life Church by a score of 80-16. Robert Lee scorers were Jaden Alexander 2; Olga Perez 3; Kasie Skinner 4; Arrin Minjarez 9; Kelsy Duncan 12; Molly Burns 8; Megan Percifull 10; Brettanie Reed 15; Sarah Philley 15; and Becca Skinner 2.

The JV Lady Steers were defeated by the Christoval JV 47-23. Robert Lee scorers included Becca Saucedo 3; Nancy Landeros 5; Briana Brisbin 2; Sarah Jones 9; and Jodi Sheldon 4.

The JV Lady Steers

defeated Highland by a score of 31-9. Scoring for Robert Lee were Emilee Yanez 4; Molli Hinderliter 1; Briana Brisbin 4; Norma Rojas 4; Sarah Jones 10; Jodi Sheldon 6; and Ashley Sawyer 2.

Upcoming games will be held November 30 - December 2, in the Irion County Varsity Tourney, and December 2 will be the Robert Lee JV Tourney.

WCCHD Board Meeting held

The West Coke County Hospital District Board of Directors met in regular session on Monday, November 27, 2006 at 9:30 am at the Robert Lee Care Center. Board members Mary Bessent, Pat Stephens, Marilyn White, and Mike

a first come, first served basis. Hot Dogs and various other refreshments will be served and the public is encouraged to come by for a visit.

Financial reports were discussed, and a motion was made to review and revise the reports. The motion passed.

The Board heard reports from various department heads, and was excited to learn that in-patient and out-patient rehabilitation, physical therapy and occupational therapy, is available at the Care Center. Plans are in progress to begin IV rehabilitation upon the completion of required certification. The Board was informed by Cy Jenkins that the policy handbook is in the process of being reviewed and revised.

There were no future agenda items at this time. The date of the next Board meeting is December 28 at 9:30 am. The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 pm.

Lomas were present. Others present were Cy Jenkins, Administrator, and Christi Phillips, Business Office Mgr.

President Bessent called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM, and determined there was a quorum. Cy Jenkins led the invocation. There were no visitors. Absent board members were excused, and the minutes from the previous meeting were approved. The employee Christmas party was discussed, and it was determined that the various department heads will finalize the plans within the parameters set by the Board. Christmas bonuses will be distributed to employees at the party.

The Board was updated on the Care Center plans for the Open House on Friday, December 1, to be held in conjunction with the flu clinic. Shots will be given on

School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, December 4

Juice, muffin, cereal, milk

Tuesday, December 5

Juice, biscuit & sausage, cereal, milk

Wednesday, December 6

Juice, pop tart, cereal, milk

Thursday, December 7

Juice, cinnamon roll, cereal, milk

Friday, December 8

Juice, pancake & sausage on stick, cereal, milk

Lunch

Monday, December 4

Pizza, corn, salad, breadsticks, peaches, milk

Tuesday, December 5

Chicken strips, mac & cheese, green beans, sliced bread, pears, milk

Wednesday, December 6

Tacos, salad, ranch beans, Spanish rice, orange, milk

Thursday, December 7

Rib-B-Ques, scalloped potatoes, green peas, roll, pineapple, milk

Friday, December 8

Chicken fried steak on bun, pickles, tator tots, applesauce, graham crackers, milk

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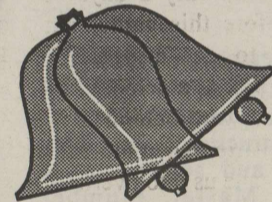
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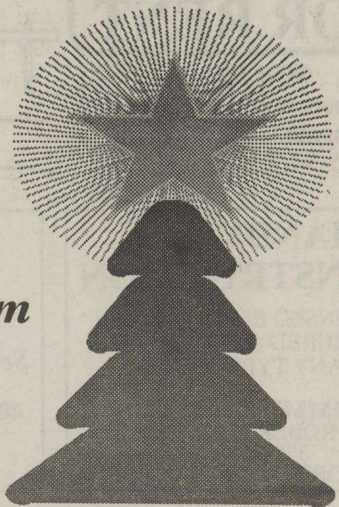
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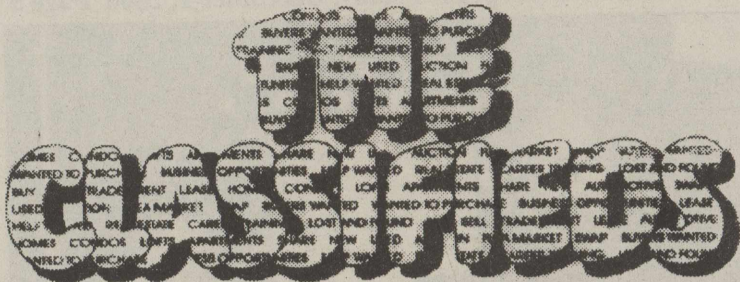
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Contract 6156-77-001 for TREE AND BRUSH REMOVAL in COKE County will be received on December 21, 2006 until 1:00 pm and opened on December 21, 2006 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$40,986.00. Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.
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out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

19-2tc

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF COKE ORDER PROHIBITING CERTAIN FIREWORKS IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF COKE COUNTY, TEXAS

WHEREAS, the Texas Forest Service has determined that drought conditions exist in Coke County; and WHEREAS, on the 27th day of November, 2006, the Commissioners Court of Coke County has determined that the normal danger of fire in the unincorporated areas of Coke County is greatly enhanced by the extremely dry conditions now existing; NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners Court of Coke County adopts this Order prohibiting the sale or use of restricted fireworks in the unincorporated areas of Coke County.

A. No person may sell, detonate, ignite, or in any way use fireworks classified under 49 C.F.R. part. 173.100(r)(2) (10-1-86 edition), as "skyrockets with sticks" and "missiles with fins" in any portion of the unincorporated area of Coke County.

B. This Order does not prohibit:

1. common fireworks, small in size classified as Class C explosives;
 2. large fireworks devices designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration, or detonation and classified as Class B explosive by the U.S. Dept. of Trans. (TEX. OCC. CODE, Chapter 2154).
- C. A person commits an offense if the person knowingly or intentionally violates a prohibition established by this Order. An offense under this order is a Class C Misdemeanor.

APPROVED THIS THE 27TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2006, BY THE COKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT.

Roy Blair
COUNTY JUDGE
Attest:
Mary Grim
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**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF COKE
ORDER RESTRICTING
OUTDOOR BURNING**

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court finds that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Coke County that outdoor burning is restricted in the unincorporated area of the county for 90 days from the date of adoption of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service or this Court. This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code 352.081, and other applicable statutes. This Order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Natural Resources Commission for: (1) firefighter training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; (3) planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or, (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048. Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

BE IT ALSO ORDERED THAT the purpose of this order is the mitigation of the hazard posed by wildfires by curtailing the practice of outdoor burning, with the exception of barbecuing in an enclosed fire box with water hose or fire retardant accessible at all time and someone attending the fire at all times, and materials used outdoors in activities such as welding and any other activity that could result in a fire. The purpose is to be taken into account in any enforcement action based upon this order.

1. Outdoor welding shall be allowed under the following circumstances:

A. Welding and cutting and grinding associated with welding activities shall not take place when the wind is over 15 miles per hour;

B. The welder must notify the Coke County Sheriff's Department before any welding, cutting or grinding begins;

C. All grass, leaves, brush and other easily combustible materials must be cleared within a fifty (50) feet radius surrounding the area where the activity is to take place before any welding, cutting or grinding begins; and

D. A spotter with water and a ready pressurized delivery system must be on hand before any welding, cutting or grinding begins and remain on hand until the activity is completed.

In accordance with Local Government Code 352.081 (h), a violation of this Order is a class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

ADOPTED this 27th day of November, 2006.

Roy Blair
County Judge
Attest:
Mary Grim
County Clerk
20-2tc

**Bronte Elementary
School Awards
2nd Six Weeks
Perfect Attendance**

PPCD

Elexia Davis, Quay Lloyd

Pre-K

Damian Albolaez, Karissa Cervenka, Anthony Demory, Hunter Hortenstine, Darion Watson

Kindergarten

Robert Arthur, Joshua Baken, Damian Delarosa, Jacob Eubanks, Isaiah Mayo, Cassidy McWright, Skyleigh Minjarez, Kaylee Puentez, Megan Reyes

1st grade

Met AR Goal

Cambrey Lange, Collin Moore, Vincent Basquez, Aaron Cervenka, Tanner Bedford, Tiara Watson, Darby Duncan, Melissa Perez, Sierra O'Brien,

Emmanuel Casillas, Anlyn Bohensky

Achieved Ready Reader Certification (accumulated at least 5 points on the AR program)

Vincent Basquez, Tanner Bedford, Anlyn Bohensky, Aaron Cervenka, Cambrey Lange, Collin Moore, Sierra O'Brien

Super Citizens

Tanner Bedford, Anlyn Bohensky, Emmanuel Casillas, Darby Duncan, Mason Keeney, Melissa Perez, Zachery Mayo, Tiara Watson

Perfect Attendance

Tanner Bedford, Nita Betts, Anlyn Bohensky, Emmanuel Casillas, Jack Corley, Jaque Davila, Mercedes DeLaCerde, Darby Duncan, Joshua Fuentez,

Zachery Mayo, Gabriel Navarro, Kevin Parks, Dayana Perez, Shawn Puentez, Danny Pullen, Maddie Rowan, Kristen Stille, Miranda Tijerina, Baily Torres, Kaily Torres, Chelsea Trussell

2nd grade

Perfect Attendance

Kayla Arthur, Reighlyn Baken, Emily Barnett, Whitney Boyd, Ismael Cecilio, Evan Ferguson, Ryan Jones, Carson Kelso, Darin Munsey, Diego Perez, Justin Reed, Katlyn Reeves, Sarah Stevens-Smith, Emily Whitehurst, Chase Wynne

AB Honor Roll

Reighlyn Baken, Harley Cerda, Evan Ferguson, Alex Guia, Ryan Jones, Carson Kelso, Justin Reed, Katlyn Reeves, Sarah Stevens-Smith, Chase Wynne

Super Longhorns

Brittany Bedford, Whitney Boyd, Alex Guia, Destiny Lyon, Alejandro Rosales, Tristan Sullivan, Emily Whitehurst

A Honor Roll

Emily Barnett, Brittany Bedford, Whitney Boyd, Hannah Brackeen, Jessie Ehl, Destiny Lyon, Alejandro Rosales, Emily Whitehurst


Met AR Reading Goal

Emily Barnett, Brittany Bedford, Whitney Boyd, Hannah Brackeen, Ismael Cecilio, Jessie Ehl, Evan Ferguson, Alex Guia, Ryan Jones, Carson Kelso, Justin Reed, Katlyn Reeves, Alejandro Rosales, Emily Whitehurst

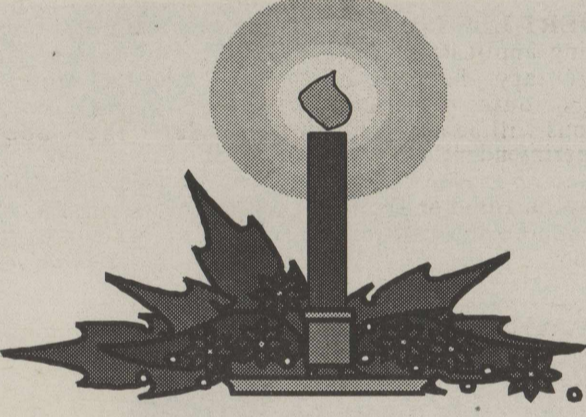
3rd grade

AR Reading Goal

Bree Bailey, Cambri Kelso, Sarah Sanchez, Jayden Baumann,
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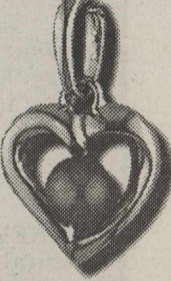
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...BES Awards

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All "A" Honor Roll

Bree Bailey, Cambri Kelso, Sarah Sanchez, Ean Ward

"AB" Honor Roll

Jayden Baumann, Hailey Bennett, Ashlee Irwin, Austin Parker, Kyler Richards

Super Citizens

Bree Bailey, Hailey Bennett, Zachary Rosales, Sarah Sanchez, Ean Ward

Perfect Attendance

Jayden Baumann, Hailey Bennett, Jeffery Brown, Ashlee Irwin, Cambri Kelso, Emmery McCollough, Austin Parker, Sarah Sanchez

4th grade-Bearden's

A Honor Roll

Marley Braswell

A-B Honor Roll

Heriberto Cecilio, Maria Franco, Kourtney Kelton, Joshua Means, Jared Scott

Perfect Attendance

Dakota Arthur, Caleb Byars, Kourtney Kelton, Alondra Perez, Jacob Baken, Heriberto Cecilio, Joshua Means, Moriah Royall, Marley Braswell, Maria Franco, Oscar Pena, Jared Scott

4th grade-Coalson's

Perfect Attendance

Jessica Arthur, Amber Betts, Crystal Bilbrey, Charissa Caston, Stacia Emfinger, Dalton Ogle, Joshua Puentez, Jensen Reed

"A" Honor Roll

Jensen Reed

"AB" Honor Roll

Jessica Arthur, Charissa Caston, Joshua Puentez, Addie Rosson

Met AR Reading Goal

Jensen Reed

5th grade

A Honor Roll

Ty Lee, Megan Yackley

AB Honor Roll

Tammie Halfacer, Brandon Harris, Reagan Harris, Coby Malone, Mason Stevens-Smith, Courtney Wyatt

Perfect Attendance

Lauren Allen, Fred Arthur, Stetsen Emfinger, Ty Lee, Coby Malone, John Moore, Shanyia Parker, Marisa Sanchez, Courtney Wyatt, Megan Yackley

Met AR Goal

Tammie Halfacer

6th grade

A Honor Roll

Kaitlyn Braswell, John Eiland, Erika Puentez, Jael Williams

A-B Honor Roll

Brooke Bedford, Thoren Charles, Michael Harris, Carson James, Kyle Kelton, Michelle Rhodes, Caleb Rosson, Ethan Sedden

Met AR Goal

Kaitlyn Braswell, Erika Hargrave, Michele Rhodes, Jael Williams, Nathan Fillman

Perfect Attendance

Grady Barnett, Randall Barnett, Brooke Bedford, Kaitlyn Braswell, Thoren Charles, Randon Eubanks, Nathan Fillman, Erika Hargrave, Michael Harris, Mason Hoyt, Carson James, Kyle Kelton, Brayde Knight, Erika Puentez, Michelle Rhodes, Caleb Rosson, Paige Royall, Zachary Taylor

Mrs. James' first grade is very thankful! Nita Betts is thankful

for her clothes. Jack Corley is thankful for turkey. Jaqui Davila is thankful for her friends. Colton King is thankful for getting to eat Indian Corn. Gabriel Navarro is thankful for getting to eat pie. Kevin Parks is thankful for Thanksgiving. Dayana Perez is thankful for being happy. Shawn Puentez is thankful for having meat. Danny Pullen is thankful for his mom and dad. Madie Rowan is thankful for Thanksgiving. Baily Torres is thankful for Jesus. Kaily Torres is thankful for her sister and first grade family. Maria Zamora is thankful for her family.

64 Study Club enjoy Thanksgiving meal

The 64 Study Club met to celebrate Thanksgiving on November 14 with a meal catered by Kenny Blanek. There were 32 members and 22 guests in attendance. A very enjoyable musical program was presented by Mack Fox, accompanied by Diane Dietheridge. Winning the door prizes of fall arrangements were Nancy Allen

and Dale Fields. Members with birthdays in November were Reba Tabor and Trish Rowe.

RLVFD Notes

by Mark Sides, Asst. Chief, Sec/Trés

November was almost a quiet month. The department received a call to roll on a structural fire west of Silver at 10:55 pm on Wednesday, November 22nd. Two trucks and the tanker responded. The first truck arrived on scene to find a garage totally destroyed, two travel trailers totally engulfed, and a house partially involved. The fire attempted to spread to nearby structures but was contained to the original four. All fires were extinguished by 3:30 pm. The original four structures were a total loss, but a mobile home, four travel trailers, four vehicles, and nearby pastures were protected. A vacuum truck, provided by a local oil company, arrived on scene to supply water prior to the arrival of the department tanker. The next department meeting is a business/training meeting, and is

scheduled for Monday, December 4 at 7 pm. All department personnel are urged to attend.

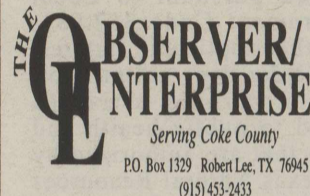
Cowley family reunion held

Thirty-six descendants of the late Lem and Lillie Cowley met for a "cousin party" Saturday, November 25 at the Maryneal ranch home of E.S. and Jean Herring. Visiting, picture taking, looking through scrapbooks and lunch were the order of the day. Dale Fields and Cova Sparks of Robert Lee are the only surviving children of the Cowleys and there are only two great grandsons who carry the Cowley name. Two grandchildren, Bobby Cowley and Katy Frank Cowley, are deceased.

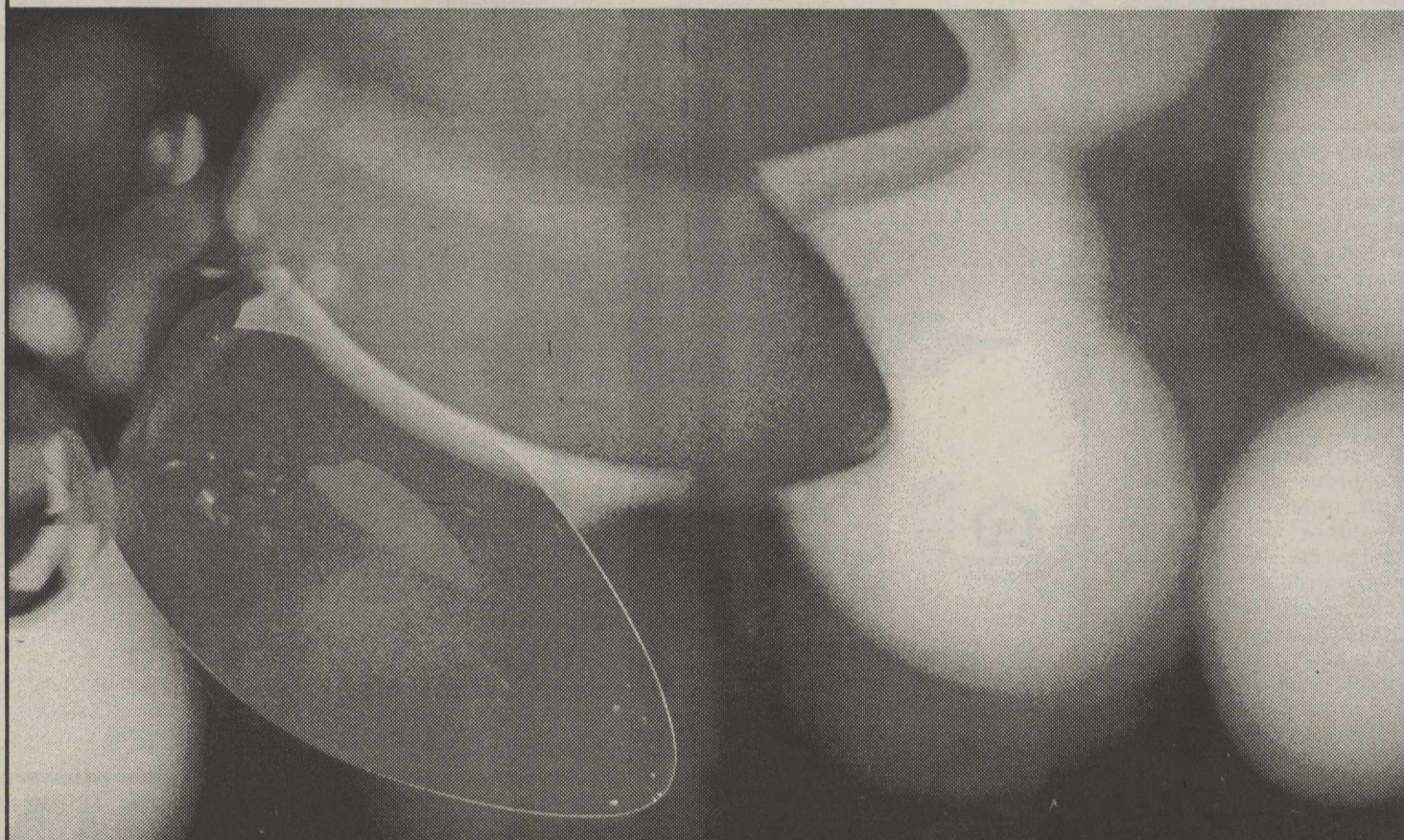
Present for the occasion were: Dale Fields, Jackie Walker, Kerry, Frankie, Justin and Jordan Gartman, all of Robert Lee; Pete Rumpy, Judy Cathey, Tom Clark, Linda Fritz, Larry, Brandy and David Cathey, Doris Fox, Brenda LaPier and Pam and Emily Talley, all of San Angelo; John and Jessie Cathey

of Wall; Al, Lois and Brad Fields of Heath; James, Peggy and Casey Fields of Tuscola; Mike, Donna, Kimberlee and Matthew Gosney of Muscle Shoals, Alabama; Rick and Cindy Sheppard of Uvalde; Zac and Ann Sheppard of San Antonio; Nash Sheppard of Fort Worth; and Snooky and Jean Herring of Maryneal.

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5:35 p.m. Thursday



Lighting up the holidays.

As you begin using decorative lighting in and around your home this holiday season, AEP Texas 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 Texas, please enjoy a safe, bright holiday season with your family and friends. **AEP Texas is there, always working for you.**



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