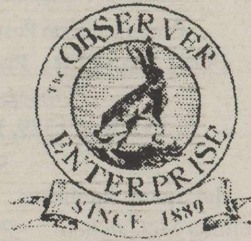


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Golf tournament set for Bronte

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.

Brownie Troop hosting brisket lunch Dec. 8

The Brownie girls of Troop #1192 will be hosting a brisket lunch this Friday, December 8 beginning at 10:30 am and ending at 1 pm. It will be held at the Catholic Parish Hall.

There will be dine in, carry out, or delivery. You may call in orders to Blanca Mendoza at 453-2510, 473-0401 or Robin Munoz at 812-2912. All walk-ins are welcome!

Each plate will consist of brisket, rice, beans, potato salad, bread and dessert.

Bronte blood pressure clinic

On Monday, Dec. 11, the Bronte Senior Center will hold a blood pressure clinic at 10 am. All are welcome to drop by and have your blood pressure checked. You don't have to be a senior citizen. For more information, contact Jane Wheat at 473-6471.

Bronte OES hosting dinner for senior citizens

The Bronte Order of the Eastern Star is hosting a dinner on Thursday, December 14th at the Bronte Senior Citizen Center.

The dinner will be at 11:30 am. Bronte OES will serve ham, turkey, dressing, and all the fixings! Any senior citizen is invited to come and enjoy the Christmas dinner sponsored by the Bronte OES.

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.

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.

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 Saturday, 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.

Driftwood to present

Christmas Concert

Robert Lee Baptist Church will host the local music group "Driftwood" for a Community Christmas Concert on Sunday night, December 17, at 6 pm in the Sanctuary at 22 W. 11th St., Robert Lee. Members of the group include Daryl Copeland, Kyle Long, Jim Clendennen, Buck Duncan, Dallas Johnson, and David Sheldon. Meagan Ross will be a guest musician during the night.

There will be a love offering taken during the concert that will be donated to the Coke County Food Pantry.



County Judge Honored! Coke County Judge Roy Blair has been honored by the Texas Judicial Academy for going the extra mile to be prepared to handle his duties as County Judge.

Judge Blair was inducted as a Fellow in the Texas Judicial Academy November 15th at a reception in Austin during the 2006 Fall Judicial Education Session.

The Academy, a partnership between the Texas Tech University School of Law and the Texas Association of Counties, names as Fellows each year those judges who attain significant judicial education above that required by state law.

The educational program of the Texas Judicial Academy is overseen by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals and includes instruction by higher court judges, law school faculty as well as representatives of the Texas Probate College and the National Judicial College.

Christmas Social set at Fort Chadbourne

The Fort Chadbourne Foundation will host its first annual Christmas Social on Saturday, December 16, 2006 from 5:30 pm to 9 pm. Admission is free. Fort Chadbourne appreciates all the support from businesses, volunteers, the people of Coke County and surrounding communities, and would like to open its doors and express its gratitude for all their encouragement and help into making Fort Chadbourne what it is today.

The open house will take you back in time to the 1850's. Santa will arrive at 6 pm by horse and buggy. The smaller room of the main barracks will be just for Santa and the kids, where the local children's art work from the coloring contest will be on display. The winners will be announced that night. A Santa Walk, like a cake walk, will be held where the kids can win prizes if they land on the lucky square.

The adults can enjoy the social in the main barracks,

with warm fires, and refreshments from days gone by where wassail, eggnog, coffee, and cookies will be served. Door prizes will be given away. There will also be a bake sale so you can buy some delicious baked goods for Christmas. The Ice House Brass Band Quintet will be entertaining everyone with Christmas and period music. Other performers will be strumming guitars around campfires.

That is just the beginning of a fun filled evening. Everyone at the Fort will be in period dress. The Fort Chadbourne Cavalry and Artillery will be present and in full uniform. There will be nighttime cannon fire. Catch the hayride over to the Fountain House. There the Officer's Quarters will be decorated, and a live Christmas reenactment of a soldier's family in the 1850's can be viewed. Visitors may look into the house and see the family going about its nightly routine as perhaps the officer works on his post returns, and the wife reads the "Night Before Christmas"

to the children.

Weather permitting there will be a marshmallow roast on the parade grounds, where there is a 25 foot Christmas tree of lights. All the fires in the buildings will be lit to keep everyone warm. There will be something for men and women, young and old alike. Please join us on December 16th and help us start an annual tradition. We look forward to seeing all of you.

Fort Chadbourne is located on Highway 277, 10 miles north of Bronte. You may call 325-743-2555 or 325-473-5311 for more information.

Christmas Greetings set

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

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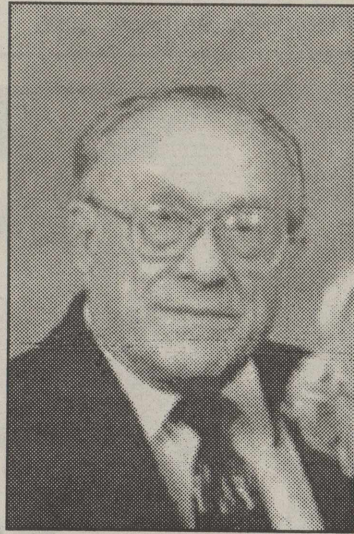
Bettye Mackey Banks, 67, of Robert Lee and formerly of Odessa, passed away December 3, 2006, in Dallas after a lengthy hospital stay. She was born in Grayson County, Texas, on February 24, 1939 to Jake B. and Minnie Hefner Mackey. Bettye was married to Richard L. Banks on December 10, 1960 in Midland, Texas. She as a homemaker and supported her husband in all endeavors for 7 days short of 47 years.

Bettye is survived by her husband Richard, daughters Rachele Banks of Scottsdale, Arizona; Carla Roland and her husband Steven of Terrell, Texas. Her grandchildren Steven Roland, Jr. and Jessica Roland of Terrell, Texas. Also surviving Bettye is her mother Minnie E. Mackey of Andrews, Texas; her sister Billye Cloud of Kermit, Texas. Her special friends Mary Sanderlin and Betty Mannering as well as in-laws, nieces and nephews and a host of friends through her 28 year association with the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary where she served in many different capacities as an officer from the local to state level and was the 16th District President. She was active in the Band and Choir Boosters at Permian High School.

Visitation was at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home, Wednesday, December 6 from 6 pm to 8 pm. Funeral services were at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home Chapel on Thursday, December 7 at 11 am. Burial followed at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Rev. Jimmy Braswell officiated. Pallbearers were Joe Banks, Sam Banks, Marshall Banks, Lee Banks, Scottie Sanderlin and Bobby Cloud. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Sunset Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home.

Memorials may be directed to the American Diabetes Association; 10 Desta Dr; Midland, Texas 79705.

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Rogers

Rev. Maynard Ruskin Rogers passed away on Monday, November 27, 2006 in the Bronte Health and Rehab Center.

Rev. Rogers was born to Bert and Minnie Baumgartner Rogers on December 10, 1912 in Waverly, Iowa, but grew up in Waterloo, IA. After graduating from West High School in 1932, he attended and graduated from Northwestern Bible and Missionary Training School in Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1935. He held two pastorates while a junior and senior student. His first fulltime pastorate was the First Baptist Church of Farmington, IA, where he was ordained in 1936.

Rev. Rogers was married to Ruby Grace Hastings on November 28, 1935 in Horton, IA.

They moved to Abilene, Texas where he attended Hardin-Simmons University. During his life long ministry, Rev. Rogers was pastor in



"Can Do"! The Robert Lee Elementary 6th Grade class sponsored a "Can Do" food drive to benefit the Coke County Food Bank. The 2nd and 4th grade classes won the competition and were treated to cupcakes. A total of 1188 cans were donated.

McCamey, Edinburg, Bronte, Miles, Canton, Fabens, Sanderson, Normangee, and Sunrise Beach, Texas. He was also minister of churches in La Mesa, NM, Waterloo, IA, and Locharbor, LA. He retired from fulltime ministry in 1983 at the age of 70. He proudly served as chaplain of the Bronte Health and Rehab Center during his last 5 years.

Rev. Rogers was preceded in death by his loving wife of 67 years, Ruby; his infant son, David; daughter, Faith Spraberry; parents, Bert and Minnie Rogers; two sisters Gladys Held and Alice Whitson; a brother, Rev. Winston Rogers; and sons-in-law Johnny Bonner and Clark J. Miller.

He is survived by his two daughters Grace Bonner of San Angelo, Texas and Joy Miller of Bryan, Texas; four grandsons Kyle Lee of San Angelo; Kent Lee and wife Ruby of Water Valley, Texas; Brian Miller and wife Stephanie of Wharton, Texas; and Nathan Miller and wife Cherie of Tampa, FL; great grandchildren Jami Lee of San Angelo; Chandra and Cheyenne Lee of Water

Valley; Brandi, Koltan, and Kaleb Lee of Water Valley; Ashlyn, Katelynn, and Brooklynn Miller of Wharton; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life was held at 1 pm Saturday, December 2 at the First Baptist Church in Bronte. Interment followed at 3 pm in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens in San Angelo. Arrangements were provided by Johnson's Funeral Home. Pallbearers were his four

grandsons: Kyle, Kent, Brian, Nathan; Wes Bonner, and Ed Cumbie. Honorary pallbearers were Royce Lee, Stephanie Miller, Cherie Miller, Ruby Lee, and the loving staff of Bronte Health and Rehab Center.

The family requests, in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to Bronte Health and Rehab Trust Fund or VistaCare Hospice Services of San Angelo.

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Invite You to Worship**

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PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson
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Preacher John V. Driggers
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

Central Baptist Church
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. 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

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
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

Rev. Richard Easterling, Pastor
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Robert Lee Baptist Church
PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
(325) 453-2724

Jason Martin, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

Tennyson Baptist Church
Hwy 277 • Tennyson
Joe Hodges, Pastor
(325) 473-2040

Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
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

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Blackard-McCabe exchange vows

The outdoor amphitheater in Robert Lee, Texas, was the background for the marriage of Trent McCabe and Shana Blackard, on the afternoon of November 4, 2006.

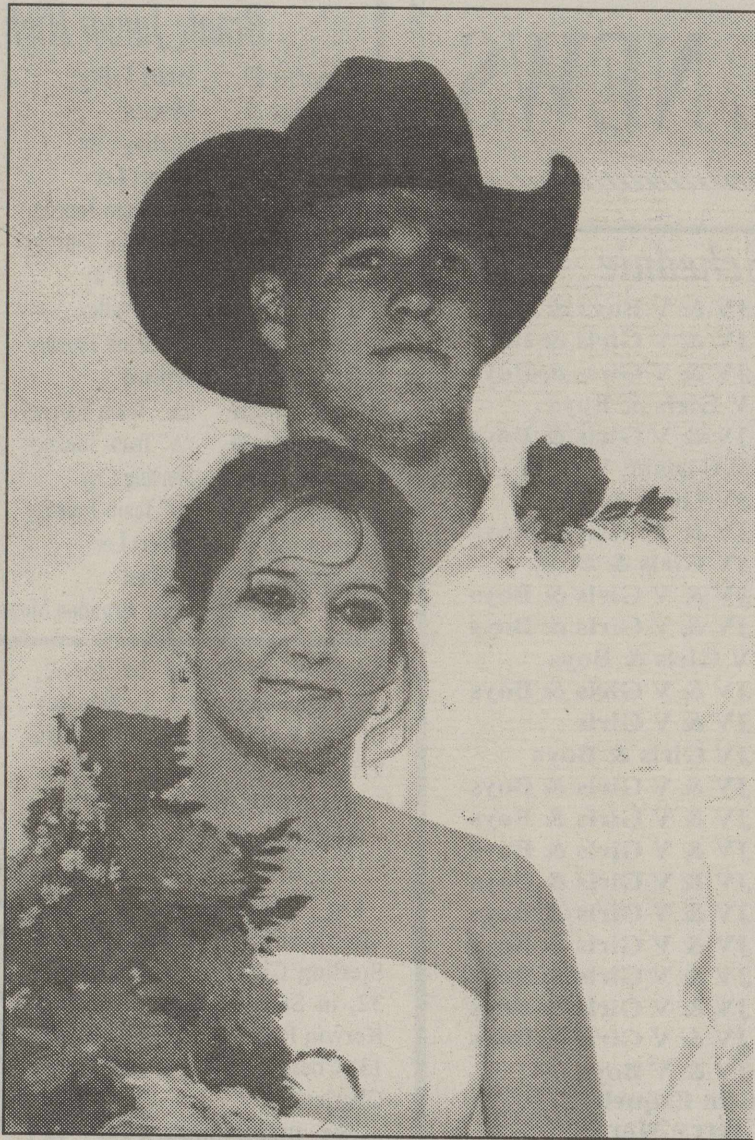
Parents of the bride are Lonnie and Susan Blackard of Snyder, Texas, and parents of the groom are Melvin and Debbie McCabe of Robert Lee, Texas. The bride's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Tolbert, Mrs. Doris Blackard of Snyder, and the late Rodger Blackard. The groom's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jody Weeks of San Angelo, Dolores and Ray Seal of Robert Lee and the late Fred McCabe, Jr. Great-grandparents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Rogers of San Angelo.

The bandstand was transformed into a stage of fall color with red, yellow and orange sumac leaves, bronze mums, and western metal candelabra.

The West Texas sky was filled with gray-blue and silver clouds, while family and friends gathered in the amphitheater. The groom and his brother, Andrew McCabe, who served as best man, greeted family and friends with broad smiles and hugs. The groom's horse, Candy, calmly stood tethered to the stage.

The musicians, Stephen Myers, Jim Clendennen, and David Sheldon, set up their equipment and instruments while the guests registered at the table covered with an antique table cloth, designed and crocheted by the grandmother of the groom, Dolores McCabe Seal, and attended by Brittini Drennan, cousin of the groom. Ushers were Carson Drennan, cousin of the groom and Cade Harper, and Canyon McCabe, nephews of the groom.

As the music began, the bride, dressed in a white, strapless gown, with criss-crossed backing, walked with daughter, Kaitlyn, under the mesquite tree into the arena and onto the stage, where she was met by her groom, wearing a white shirt and jeans, who



Mr. and Mrs. Trent McCabe

escorted her onto the bandstand. The bride's attendant was Jody Stone. Judge Joan Davis began the service with the poem, "A Cowboy Kiss". Brandi and Michael Ramon sang "It's Your Love" at the beginning of the ceremony.

Learning to unsaddle a horse is part of a cowboy bride's responsibilities. Trent led Shana to his waiting horse, Candy, for the unsaddling lesson. The ceremony proceeded following the unsaddling. Brandi Ramon sang "Never Loved You Enough", ending the ceremony.

The reception was held on the stage of the amphitheater. The white wedding cake, three-tiered with red roses and vanilla cream, sat on a mirror surrounded with western-themed decoration. Barbara Sparks created the cake.

The groom's grandparents, great-uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Noelke, and uncle and aunt, Mike and Connie Biggerstaff, provided the cowboy spread buffet and

buckets of soft drinks.

The wedding party and guests enjoyed the buffet and danced under the stars to the music of David and Brandi Sheldon's DJ selections.

Fredda McCabe created the setting for the wedding and Pat and John Stephens attended to wedding details. Brandy McCabe, sister-in-law of the groom, served as photographer. Darren, Lance and others stayed to clean up and take down decorations.

Wes and Farrell Jean Washam's home was the scene of a bridal shower on November 18. A western theme was provided for the bride and her guests by hostesses, Kei Antilley, JoNell Blair, Natalie Blair, Gayle Bolding, Linda Burns, Becky Clendennen, Dee Anna Harmon, Mimzi Horn, Barbara Jameson, Suzann Johnson, Fredda McCabe, Kelly Millican, Wanda Oleksiuk, Dean Percifull, Kim Phillely, Ruth Robertson, Dolores Roe, Gay Sawyer, Dianne Simpson, Jody Stone and Farrell Jean Washam.

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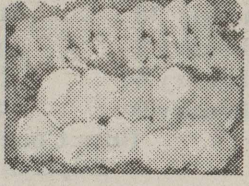
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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Bronte High School Basketball Schedule

November 17	Hawley	There	4:00	JV & V Boys & Girls
November 21	Miles	There	4:00	JV & V Girls & Boys
November 28	Veribest	Here	5:00	JV & V Girls & Boys
Nov. 30 - Dec. 2	Bronte Tour.	Here	TBA	V Girls & Boys
December 5	Menard	Here	5:00	JV & V Girls & Boys
December 7-9	Highland Tour.	There	TBA	V Girls & V Boys
December 7, 9	Sterling City Tour.	There	TBA	JV Girls & Boys
December 12	Miles	Here	5:00	JV & V Girls & Boys
December 14, 16	Eldorado Tour.	There	TBA	JV Girls & Boys
December 15	Veribest	There	4:00	JV & V Girls & Boys
December 18	Menard	There	4:00	JV & V Girls & Boys
December 28-30	Eula Tournament	There	TBA	V Girls & Boys
January 2	Loraine	Here	5:00	JV & V Girls & Boys
January 5	Garden City	There	5:00	JV & V Girls
January 6	Bronte Tournament	Here	TBA	JV Girls & Boys
January 9	Water Valley	There	4:00	JV & V Girls & Boys
January 12	Blackwell	Here	5:00	JV & V Girls & Boys
January 16	Sterling City	There	5:00	JV & V Girls & Boys
January 18	Robert Lee	Here	5:00	JV & V Girls & Boys
January 23	Garden City	Here	5:00	JV & V Girls & Boys
January 26	Water Valley	Here	5:00	JV & V Girls & Boys
January 30	Blackwell	There	4:00	JV & V Girls & Boys
February 2	Sterling City	Here	5:00	JV & V Girls & Boys
February 6	Robert Lee	There	4:00	JV & V Girls & Boys
February 9	Garden City	There	5:00	JV & V Boys

Boys Coach: Rocky Rawls • Girls Coach: Justin Esquell
 Superintendent: Alan Richey • Principal: Terry Marrs
 Athletic Director: Keith McCutchen

Longhorns named champions of Bronte/T&C Classic

In the first game of the Bronte/Town & Country Classic basketball tournament, the Longhorns defeated

Veribest 56-22. Bronte stats: Logan Rawls 5 pts., 10 rebounds, 5 assists, 3 steals; Eric Hendrickson 13 pts., 12 rebounds, 4 steals; Albert Force 19 pts., 7 rebounds; Philip Rawlings 6 pts.; Johnathan Ehl 4 pts., 5 rebounds; Brett Wills 2 pts., 4 assists; and Paul McConnel 7 pts.

In the semi-final game, the Longhorns took another easy win over Ropes 47-20. Bronte stats: Logan Rawls 22 pts., 5 rebounds; 7 steals, 4 assists; Eric Hendrickson 6 rebounds; Albert Force 15 pts., 4 steals; Philip Rawlings 3 pts., 3 steals; Johnathan Ehl 4 pts., 4 assists, 3

steals; Brett Wills 3 steals; and Matt Allen 3 pts.

In the championship game, the Longhorns took the victory against Eden 55-46. Bronte stats: Logan Rawls 10 pts., 6 rebounds, 8 assists; Eric Hendrickson 9 pts., 7 rebounds; Albert Force 21 pts., 4 assists; Jonathan Marrs 9 pts., 5 assists; Johnathan Ehl 6 pts.

Bronte JV boys basketball results

On Tuesday, November 28, the Bronte JV boys defeated Veribest by a score of 53-19. Bronte scoring: Hayden White 2; Kolten Pena 4; Sam Rawlings 13; Reece Springer 4; Ernesto

Bronte Junior High Basketball Schedule

November 20	Water Valley	Here	5:00	A & B Girls & Boys
November 27	Menard	There	5:00	A & B Girls & Boys
December 4	Sterling City	There	5:00	A & B Girls & Boys
December 11	Robert Lee	Here	5:00	A & B Girls & Boys
December 14, 16	"A" Team Tourney	Here	TBA	A Boys
December 14, 16	"A" Team Tourney	Christoval		A Girls
January 4	Garden City	There	5:00	A & B Girls & Boys
January 8	Water Valley	Here	5:00	A & B Girls & Boys
January 13	"B" Team Tourney	Robert Lee		B Girls & Boys
January 15	Menard	Here	5:00	A & B Girls & Boys
January 18, 20	"A" Team Tourney	Irion County		A Boys
January 18, 20	"A" Team Tourney	Water Valley		A Girls
January 22	Sterling City	Here	5:00	A & B Boys & Girls
January 25, 27	"B" Team Tourney	San Angelo		B Girls
January 29	Robert Lee	There	5:00	A&B Girls & Boys
February 5	Veribest	Here	5:00	A&B Girls & Boys

Boys Coach: Brandon Moore • Girls Coach: Carol Moore

Casillas 2; Audie Miller 2; Matthew Halfacer 2; Ty Mackey 6; Rob Rosson 5; Jason Horton 9; and CJ McClure 2.

Bronte Shorthorn basketball results

by Coach Moore

On December 4, the Shorthorns "A" team defeated Sterling City by a score of 43-32, in Sterling City. Scoring: Kerwin Rawls 20; Dakota Rawls 13; Creed Coalson 4; and Terran Charles 6.

The junior high boys "A" team came away with their 3rd win of the season last night against Sterling City. We led 20-9 at halftime but didn't play very well defensively during the second half and let Sterling City stay in the game. We will need to play better defense next week during our tournament in order

to advance. Overall a good job though. This is an exciting group of players to watch play!

The Shorthorns "B" team played an exciting game in Sterling City, but lost 24-25. Scoring: Johnny Reyes 2; John Deller 9; Jordan Baumann 3; Kaleb Parks 2; Conner Clark 1; and Beau Grigg 7.

The junior high boys "B" team came up 1 point short against Sterling City last night. The game was well fought and we were leading at halftime 10-4. Sterling City came alive in the fourth quarter scoring 13 points to take the lead. We made some crucial mistakes by not taking shots we should have taken. It gave Sterling the upper hand and they came away victorious. This group did well though with it being only their second game of the year. They are continuing to improve.

School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, December 11

Cereal, mixed fruit, biscuit, jelly, milk

Tuesday, December 12

Pancake and sausage on a stick, assorted juice, syrup, milk

Wednesday, December 13

Breakfast burrito, assorted juice, milk

Thursday, December 14

Sausage, assorted juice, biscuit, jelly, milk

Friday, December 15

Donut, assorted juice, toast, jelly, milk

Lunch

Monday, December 11

Hot dogs, chili & cheese, tator tots, apple & orange smiles, pork & beans, bun, ice cream cups, milk

Tuesday, December 12

Enchiladas, tossed salad, pinto beans, Spanish rice, crackers, cinnamon apples, milk

Wednesday, December 13

Sliced turkey, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, fruit salad, roll, milk

Thursday, December 14

Taco salad with cheese, tossed salad, refried beans, tortilla chips, brownie, milk

Friday, December 15

Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, baked beans, bun, baked chips, rice krispie bar, milk

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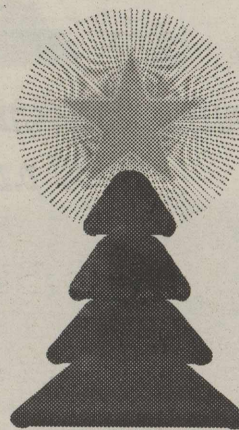
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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



Volunteers at RLCC! Several Robert Lee High School students volunteered at the Robert Lee Care Center Thanksgiving Luncheon held on November 19, 2006. They included (left to right) Olivia Trejo, Rosa Rojas, Olga Perez, Ethan Lewis (Grape Creek), Prescilla Lara, Norma Rojas and Anna Rojas.

Lady Steers basketball results

On November 28, Winters defeated the Lady Steers by a score of 58-28. RL scoring: Arrin Minjarez 4; Kelsy Duncan 6; Molly Burns 2; Megan Percifull 2; Brettanie Reed 4; Sarah Phillely 2; and Becca Skinner 8.

In the Irion County Tournament, the Lady Steers captured a 3rd place trophy.

In the first round, Iraan defeated the Lady Steers 39-21. Robert Lee scoring: Kasie Skinner 5; Arrin Minjarez 1; Molly Burns 4; Brettanie Reed 2; and Becca Skinner 5.

In the second round, the Lady Steers made a comeback and defeated Eldorado 43-34. Robert Lee scoring: Jaden Alexander 5; Kasie Skinner 4; Arrin Minjarez 2; Kelsy Duncan 3; Molly Burns 6; Megan Percifull 5; Brettanie Reed 11; Sarah Phillely 5; and Becca Skinner 2.

The 3rd round was a big win for the Lady Steers as they defeated Irion County 49-46 in overtime for the 3rd place trophy. Robert Lee scoring: Olga Perez 1; Kasie Skinner 9; Arrin Minjarez 8; Kelsy Duncan 9; Megan Percifull 3; Brettanie Reed 9; Sarah Phillely 1; and Becca Skinner 10.

RL JV girls basketball results

On November 28, Winters defeated the Robert Lee Girls JV 34-16. Scoring: Becca Saucedo 3; Mollie Hinderliter 2; Nancy Landeros 3; Briana Brisbin 4; and Kelsy Martin 4.

In the Robert Lee Junior Varsity Tournament held on December 2, Sonora defeated the RLJV 30-28. Scoring: Saucedo 8; Hinderliter 4;

Brisbin 6; Jones 5; Jodi Sheldon 1; and Landeros 4.

The RL JV then defeated Miles by a score of 42-32. Scoring: Saucedo 3; Emilee Yanez 4; Olivia Trejo 4; Hinderliter 9; Brisbin 6; Jones 8; Sheldon 2; and Landeros 6.

RLJH girls basketball results

On November 27, the RL "A" team defeated Garden City by a score of 34-28 in Garden City. Scoring: Kimberly Roach 2; Mandy Mendoza 6; Skyler Rainwater 2; Connie Saucedo 12; and Sarah Walker 12.

In Robert Lee on December 4th, the "A" team defeated Christoval by a score of 51-16. Scoring: Roach 2; Mendoza 15; Rainwater 8; Saucedo 7; Walker 18; and Heidi Ausin 1.

On November 27, the RL "B" team defeated Garden City by a score of 24-6 in Garden City. Scoring: Raquel Rojas 3; Louisa Carrera 5; Linsey Vallery 2; and Victoria Roe 10.

At Robert Lee, the "B" team defeated Christoval by a score of 25-9. Scoring: Rojas 4; Carrera 3; Vallery 14; Megan Ross 4.



First Deer! Josh Gallegos (center) of Robert Lee, brought down his first deer, a 7-point buck in early November 2006. Josh was hunting with friends Cole Flanagan (left), and Michael Rodriguez (right), also of Robert Lee. The nice buck was taken on the Flanagan Ranch west of Robert Lee.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Hal Spain,

I read with great interest Paul A. Anthony's article in Tuesday, November 28, San Angelo newspaper about a project checking status on unmarked graves in Fairmount Cemetery.

This was a reminder of something I had been thinking about following up on.

In 1993, I was president of the Hayrick Cemetery Association. Mr. Gerald Allen, president of Robert Lee Bank called me to suggest the cemetery association have a large project and use some of the money that was rusting on shelves. Mr. Allen suggested several things.

Vice-president Mrs. Bonita Copeland and I had been working on a book called Coke County Cemeteries, Epitaphs and Dates and we found many, many unmarked graves and other things that would improve our town's burial grounds.

We contacted our best friend, the Birk Monument Company and their employee, Mr. Marvin Lawrence. Mr. Lawrence

was from a family of old Coke County settlers and he knew our cemetery well.

Our cemetery was founded in 1891, so the oldest tombstones were falling off their bases and the top knobs were on the ground.

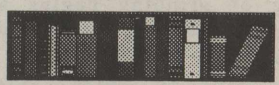
With the help of Mr. Lawrence and Birk Monument Company, all parts were cemented back together. Mr. Birk sold us scrap marble and we collected the names and dates to place at unmarked graves. We were able to identify 178 graves that would have been otherwise lost forever.

When graves are left with only funeral home markers that lawn mowers love to devour or the wind blows them away, then that grave is in jeopardy of being lost.

Robert Lee has one of the prettiest cemeteries in Texas and we are lucky. We do not have 600 unmarked graves. I appreciate the cemetery association and what they have done. Go visit the cemetery and observe our neat burial ground.

Written by Wanda Smith
November 29, 2006

School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, December 11

Juice, breakfast pizza, cereal, milk

Tuesday, December 12

Juice, muffin, cereal, milk

Wednesday, December 13

Juice, burrito, cereal, milk

Thursday, December 14

Juice, donut, cereal, milk

Friday, December 15

Juice, pancakes, sausage, cereal, milk

Lunch

Monday, December 11

Corn dog, tator tots, pork & beans, fruit cocktail, shape up, milk

Tuesday, December 12

Frito pie, corn, salad, apricots, chocolate pudding, milk

Wednesday, December 13

Grilled cheese sandwich, soup w/crackers, pickles, orange, milk

Thursday, December 14

Chicken spaghetti, carrots, salad, roll, pineapple, milk

Friday, December 15

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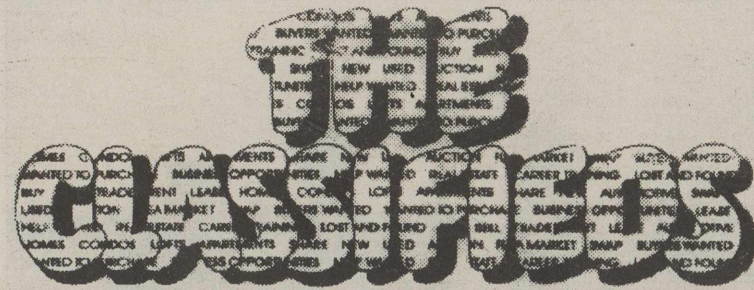
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WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK
 all the good people who sent flowers, cards, food and prayers during the time of our loss. We want to express a special thanks to the ladies who prepared our meal. It is nice to know that there are people who actually care and are so there for you. God bless everyone.
 The Ramon Sanchez family
 21-1tp

NOTICES
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
 20-2tc
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
 In accordance with Local Government 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
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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 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
FLOODPLAINS AND WETLAND NOTICE OF EXPLANATION
 The City of Robert Lee intends to undertake a water treatment plant improvements project in Robert Lee. A portion of the project is located in the 100-year floodplain. The proposed water treatment plant improvements project cannot be undertaken in any other location, as relocation costs would greatly exceed available program resources. Failure to provide the much needed water treatment plant improvements could result in unsafe and unhealthy conditions. It is the City's judgment that the water treatment plant improvements outweigh consideration for Executive Order 11988/11990. Please extend or send written comments to the City of Robert Lee, P.O. Box 26, Robert Lee, Texas 76945. Comments will be received up until ten days from this publication.
 Joe V. White, Mayor
 City of Robert Lee
 21-1tc

RLCC Thanksgiving Luncheon held

On November 19, 2006, the Robert Lee Care Center held their traditional Thanksgiving luncheon at the Care Center. This planned event has always been a success and well worth it. Residents enjoyed being with their family and friends. This event is made possible by department heads of faculty and volunteers from the community and school kids.

More than 150 residents' family and friends gathered at the Thanksgiving celebration. Barbra Jenkins surprised everyone with a Thanksgiving song, while they were enjoying the meal. Cy Jenkins, RLCC administrator, gave thanks before the meal. A great time was had by all!

Ivey in support of National FFA Foundation

Recently Billy Wayne Roe announced that Ivey Motor Co., Inc. would join Ford Motor Company's first-ever commitment of \$1 million in annual support to the National FFA Foundation (formerly known as the Future Farmers of America). In 2007, Ford Motor Company will provide substantial support for the 80th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis and the FFA Washington Leadership Conference in Washington, DC. In addition, Ford has committed to a tenth year of the Built Ford Tough collegiate scholarship program, which will award up to 700 FFA members with a \$1,000 college scholarship, each co-sponsored by Ford Dealers like Ivey Motor Co., Inc.

Ford has supported the National FFA Foundation since the first F-Series truck was introduced in 1948, and has sponsored the Built Ford Tough collegiate scholarship program since 1997. The program, equally funded by Ford Motor Company and Ford dealers, has awarded more than \$3 million in scholarships to more than 3,000 FFA members.

Ivey Motor Co., Inc. is sponsoring the Built Ford Tough college scholarship program for Bronte High School, Robert Lee High School and Sterling City High School and has been a proud supporter for 5 years. For the 2006-07 school year, they are helping 3 local students attend the college of their choice.

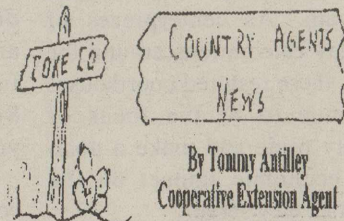
FFA members must take their scholarship application to Ivey Motor Co., Inc. for the dealer signature and the official dealer code to be included in the scholarship search. The applications are then sent to the National FFA for final judging and selection. As a result, the FFA members get to personally meet and thank the dealer that could possibly help fund their college education.

"We're pleased to be able to support the local FFA, as well as Ford Motor Company's support of the National FFA Foundation," says Billy Wayne. "All of the FFA scholars we have sponsored have told us how grateful they are for the support, and how the FFA experience has changed their lives."

Ford's long-standing support of the FFA has contributed to the F-Series record 29 years as America's best-selling truck. First, Ford truck sales are inextricably connected to the success of the agricultural industry, which according to the FFA

employs one out of five American jobs. In addition, Ford's long-standing support of the FFA and local scholarships helps foster strong, lasting relationships between these future agribusiness leaders and both the Ford brand and local dealers like Ivey Motor Co., Inc.

"Visit any local farm or the National FFA Convention, and you can see that trucks-particularly F-Series-play an integral role in the agricultural industry," says Billy Wayne Roe. "Ultimately, a part of F-Series' record 29 years as America's favorite truck is tied to the agriculture industry. We want to help these future leaders to succeed, and to become our customers from the start of their careers to the end-just like many of their parents and grandparents."



National ID is Dead

USDA effectively and quietly knocked the National Animal Identification System (NAIS) in the head last Wednesday. It did so with the unheralded publication of the "NAIS User Guide," which replaces all former NAIS draft documents. This document, for the first time, emphasizes NAIS as a voluntary program rather than as a steppingstone to a mandatory one.

In fact, at the very beginning, the guide explains, "USDA is not requiring participation in the program. NAIS can help producers protect the health and marketability of their animals -- but the choice to participate is theirs."

Late last month at a community outreach event in Kansas City, Chuck Conner, USDA Deputy Secretary, and Bruce Knight, USDA Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, paved the way for the agency's back-pedaling.

"Since we've had some confusion on this, we need to be as clear as we can be. This is 'voluntary' with a capital V. Not a currently voluntary, then maybe a mandatory system. This is a permanently voluntary system at the federal level," Conner said.

"We're making it crystal clear that NAIS is voluntary -- no ifs, ands or buts," explained Knight.



RLCC Celebrates Thanksgiving! Residents of Robert Lee Care Center were treated to a traditional Thanksgiving luncheon.

"Farmers can choose to register their premises. They can choose to participate in individual animal or group identification. And they can opt to be part of tracking. Or not."

The guide goes on to explain, "Participation in NAIS is voluntary at the federal level. Under our current authorities, USDA could make the NAIS mandatory, but we are choosing not to do so -- again, participation in every component of NAIS is voluntary at the federal level. The NAIS does not need to be mandatory to be effective; we believe the goals of the system can be achieved with a voluntary program. As producers become increasingly aware of the benefits of the NAIS and the level of voluntary participation grows, there will only be less need to make the program mandatory."

Absent from the "NAIS User Guide" are the suggested timelines and benchmarks for achieving an effective level of producer participation. Instead, USDA emphasizes its belief that market demands will provide the necessary incentive for participation.

That's possible, though it hasn't been the case, thus far. It's hard to imagine, too, the need commerce will see for a system cohesive and coordinated enough to provide the industry-

wide, 48-hour trace-back NAIS was designed to provide. Consequently, the only real incentive for animal ID remains to be the value individual producers see in it for management purposes.

So, it seems NAIS is over, at least for the tenure of the current administration.

You can find the complete "NAIS User Guide" at animalid.aphis.usda.gov/nais/naislibrary/documents/instructions_guidelines/NAIS-UserGuide.pdf.



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County saves taxpayers money with insurance credits

Coke County saved its property taxpayers \$5,163 in liability insurance costs through a renewal credit program of the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) risk management pool.

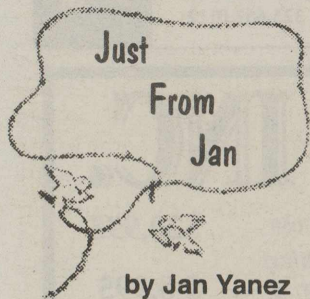
TAC's County Government Risk Management Pool is part of several self-insurance programs owned and operated by counties that save tax dollars by allowing Texas counties to band together to obtain better rates for insurance coverage. The risk management pool provides automobile, general liability, public officials errors and omissions and professional law enforcement coverage to Texas counties and county-related governmental entities.

In April, the board of directors of the risk management pool voted to return a total of \$6 million in the form of renewal credits to longtime county members that have participated in the pool for a full year and successfully controlled their claims losses. The program affects 173 counties and 84 other county-related entities that are pool members.

Coke County has received a total of \$5,163 in credit for renewing their public officials' liability, automobile liability, general liability and law enforcement liability with the pool.

"Coke County has worked hard to shield its taxpayers from escalating insurance costs," said Sam D. Seale, TAC executive director. "By being a member of the TAC pool and being pro-active in controlling claims, county leaders have made sure that protecting their taxpayers' pocketbooks is a priority."

The Texas Association of Counties is a non-profit organization that provides custom-tailored services to Texas counties and county officials, much of which is not available anywhere else.



by Jan Yanez
Cooperative
Extension Agent

13 Ways to Steady the Scale During the Holidays

It's easy to get lulled into overeating during the holiday season. But with a little advance planning, some great advice and steely resolve, you can sail through to New Year's without any movement on the scale.

Here are 13 great tips that will keep your pants fitting well into January and beyond.

*Do unto others as you

would have them do unto you. Give something you would like to receive, possibly a fruit basket or some low-fat muffins. Or take a vegetable or fruit plate to a party. Your host just may return the favor!

*Be the designated driver. Stick with non-alcoholic drinks during a party and you'll save your friends and your waistline at the same time.

*Don't get pressured into overindulging. When friends and family say, "You have nothing to worry about-you're so thin," reply: "Thank you. I've worked hard to take off the weight, and I'm not go to blow it now!"

*Be assertive. Accept good wishes, but refuse food and drinks if you don't want them.

*Limit the number of choices on your plate. When you're at a buffet, enjoy a few smart selections instead of giving in to overzealous sampling.

*Keep your hands full of any-

thing but food. Take along photos, a branch of mistletoe, a camera or anything else that will keep your hands occupied.

*Plan a guilt-free event. Organize a dance party and serve a hearty buffet of veggies and low-fat dips.

*Deliver cards in person to your neighbors. Do it on foot and get in some easy exercise by walking.

*Give away party leftovers and gifts of cakes, biscuits and chocolates. Local food shelters are often grateful for delicious party food. You'll remove rich foods from your grasp and provide a treat to those in need.

*Volunteer. Keep your mind off food and your heart in the right place by getting involved in a non-profit effort this season. Welfare organizations, toy drives and other charitable endeavors can use all the help they can get.

*Give your New Year's weight-loss resolution a trial run. Start it before the holidays instead of after!

*Don't dwell on slip-ups.

Have a healthy holiday! Winter Wonderland of Texas' History

During the holiday season get out and enjoy the many winter festivities that Texas has to offer.

One highlight of the season is the many holiday festivals taking place on the squares of historic courthouses throughout the state. Each of these temples of justice will take center stage in the merriment as a beacon to holiday visitors. Many of these structures were recently restored through the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program. As centerpieces of holiday celebrations around the state, these restored courthouses continue to be the focus of county pride and make a positive economic impact on the counties they serve.

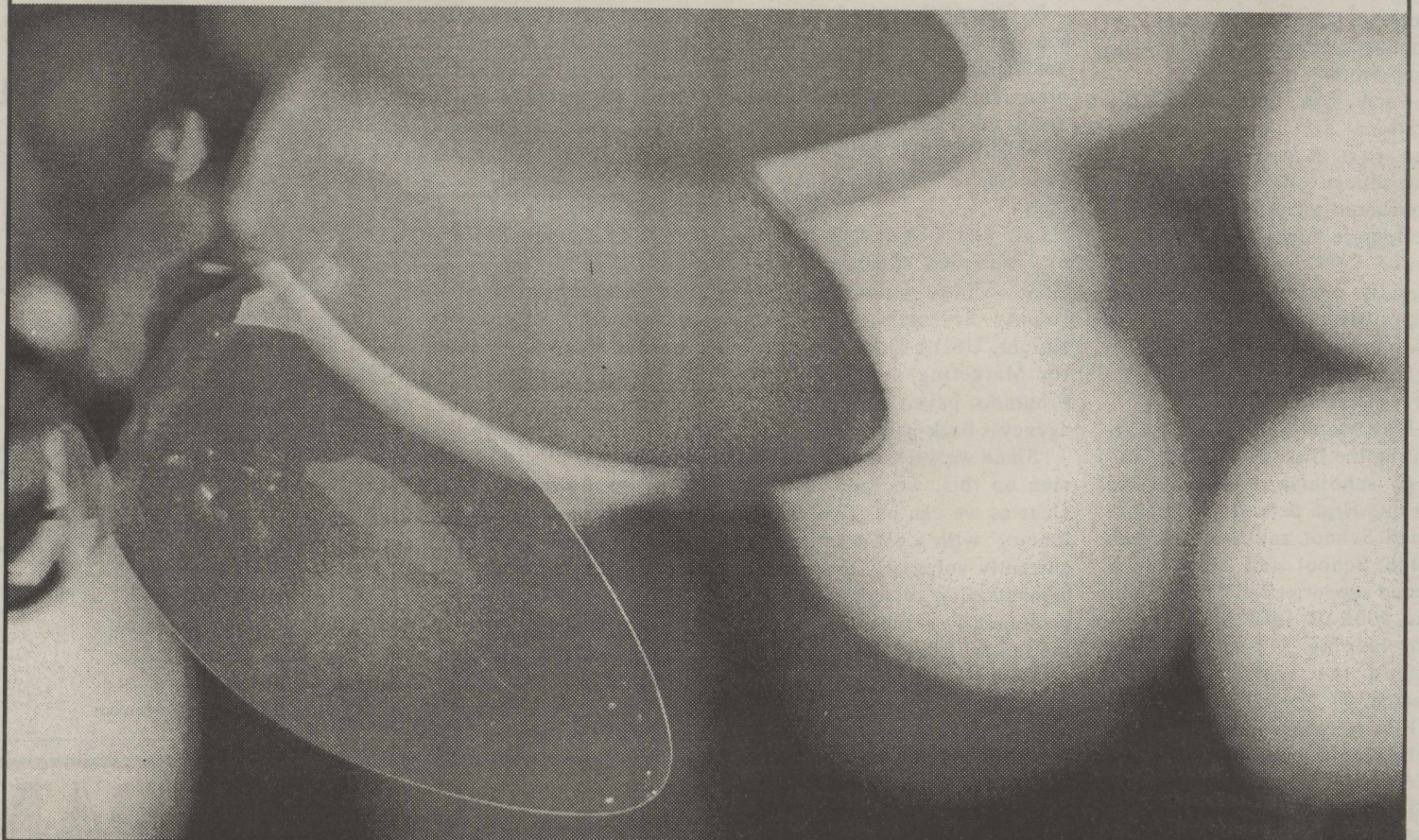
To support local businesses as well as find some remarkable gifts, visit the historic downtown shopping district in one of

the more than 80 Texas Main Street cities. Along with finding that special something, you'll be treated to the warmth that these communities can offer.

For more holiday events and ideas, explore the celebrations happening throughout the regions of the THC's award-winning heritage tourism program, the Texas Heritage Trails Program. Throughout the month of December all 10 regions will be featuring festive events like historic home tours which provide visitors with a glance into the holiday celebrations of Texas' past. Communities in each region will also feature dramatic light displays, parades and other traditional holiday food and drink celebrations. Seek out events happening in your heritage trail region.

To find out more about historic courthouses, Main Street cities and various events happening in each of the 10 heritage trail regions, visit the calendar of events at www.thc.state.tx.us.

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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