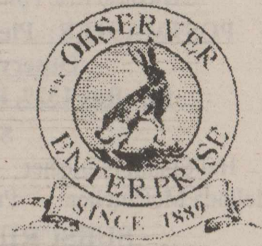


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Friday, December 15, 2006

Santa Claus is coming to town

All you girls and boys get ready for your visit to Santa Claus in Robert Lee. Be sure and have your list ready. He will be arriving on Thursday, December 14 at 3:30 pm. He will be on the courthouse front steps. Everyone is welcome to come out and visit with Santa.

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.

Audubon Club annual bird count slated

Members of the Audubon Club will be in Robert Lee on Saturday, December 16, to conduct the 107th annual Christmas Bird Count. The group divides the area around Robert Lee in sections and spends the day locating and documenting local species and migrating birds.

The group will meet for breakfast at Rangel's and will meet again for lunch. Some of the members come to Robert Lee on Friday to visit Bryan's Barn, and spend the night to be up early the next morning to head out.

The primary objective of the Christmas Bird Count is to monitor the status and distribution of bird populations across the Western Hemisphere.

The count period from

December 14 to January 5 in North America is referred to as "early winter," because many birds at this time are still in the late stages of their southward migration. The information is vital for conservation. Bird counters know that their efforts are making a difference for science and bird conservation as the smallest creatures are the first to reflect changes in the earth's condition.

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 Street, 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.

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 in 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 refresh-



Farm Bureau Convention! Two voting delegates from Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau, Jeffie and Bobby Roberts, recently participated in the 73rd annual Texas Farm Bureau Convention December 2 - 4 held in Arlington, Texas.

Policies directing the state's largest farm organization were adopted by more than 1000 delegates from 207 organized Farm Bureaus. Approved recommendations on national policies will advance to the American Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting to be held in January in Utah.

Addressing the delegates were Kenneth Dierschke of San Angelo, TFB president; Albert Thompsom of Martinsville, secretary-treasurer; and Vernie Glasson, TFB executive director. The business session covered the final day of the meeting. The last order of business was the election of the president, Kenneth Dierschke of San Angelo.

ments 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 who 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 16 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.

Candlelight worship set for FBC-Bronte

Bronte's First Baptist Church will be celebrating the birth of Christ with a special time of candlelight worship. This service will be held in the church's sanctuary at 6 pm, Sunday, December 17.

The Christmas Candlelight Worship service will feature many of your favorite Christmas songs (as well as some new ones), special music presentations, and a reflective time of

worship. Everyone is invited to participate. First Baptist Church is located at 424 S. Washington in Bronte. For more information, call 473-2331 or 473-5661.

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.

Reservations for County's rec halls starts January 2nd

The Coke County Judge's office will begin taking rentals for the recreation halls, Senior Citizen buildings and pavilions in both Robert Lee and Bronte on Tuesday, January 2 at 7 am for the 2007 year.

If you have any questions, please call Lorrie or Roy at 453-2641.

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Boy Scout Camporee! Fort Chadbourne hosted over 200 Boy Scouts this past weekend for a winter camporee. The boys were from the Double Mountain District, as far away as Stephenville and Lampasas. The boys enjoyed a Fort presentation and buffalo tours, along with obstacle courses, black powder shooting, tomahawk throwing, and a cobbler cooking contest.

Obituaries

Askins

Estelle Askins went to be with the Lord on Saturday, December 9, 2006, at the Robert Lee Care Center. Family visitation was from 6 pm to 8 pm, Monday, December 11 at Shaffer Funeral Home in Robert Lee, Texas. Funeral services were Tuesday, at 10 am December 12, 2006, at the Robert Lee Baptist Church with Reverend Jason Martin officiating. Burial followed in the Sanco Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home. Pallbearers were her grandsons.

Estelle was born June 1, 1924 to Alma Lord and Sam McGallian in Sanco, Texas. She married Foy Askins on November 14, 1941 in Robert Lee, Texas.

Estelle is survived by her husband, Foy Askins of Robert Lee. One son, Charles Askins and wife Raynelle of Sulphur Springs, Texas, three daughters, Sarah Tomlinson and husband Milton of Colorado City, Texas, Rhonda Askins of Robert Lee, Debbie Carper and husband Danny of Gillette, Wyoming. She is also survived by six grandchildren, Tracie and husband Jimmy Funderburg, Chuck and wife Sheila Askins, Kelly and wife Kim Tomlinson, Miki and husband John Eddins, Jeff Carper, and Casey Carper. Seven great-grandchildren, Brent, Jamie, Kayle Askins, Kara Tomlinson, Milina Funderburg, Emma and Elly Eddins. She is also survived by special friend Kathy Underwood.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Sam and Alma (Lord) McGallian and brothers Walter and Raymond McGallian.

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Death Notices

Hickman

Jeraldine Hickman, 87, of Blackwell passed away Wednesday, December 6.

Services were held at 10 am on Monday, December 11, at Blackwell First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Charles Casey officiating. Burial followed in Blackwell Cemetery. Arrangements were by Cate-Spencer & Trent Funeral Home.

She is survived by her three children, Tommy Hickman and wife Janet of Bronte, Suzanne Buchholz and husband Bruce of Westminster, CO., and Shirley Halligan and husband Frank of Midland, SD; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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 this Saturday 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.

RLBC to host blood drive

Robert Lee Baptist Church will host a Kickin' Country Blood Drive on Thursday, December 21, from 4 pm - 8 pm at the fellowship hall.

Every donor will receive a limited edition Country Christmas T-Shirt plus goody bag. There are also daily drawing giveaways and a Grand Prize drawing valued at over \$1,000 from Cano's Diamonds.

Candlelight service at RLBC

Robert Lee Baptist Church will hold a community-wide Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve at 6:30 pm. The Lord's Supper will be observed.

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Bronte Christmas Week Trash Schedule Change

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Thursday Route
 will be picked up on Friday, December 29

Merry Christmas from the Bronte City Council and City Employees!

Area Churches
 Invite You to Worship

Bronte Church of Christ
 PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson Bronte
 (325) 473-3291
 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

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

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

New Year's Eve Youth Party

Community Youth, 7th through 12th grades, are invited to a New Year's Eve party at the Robert Lee Baptist Church, Sunday, December 31 from 5:30 pm until 12:30 am. Games, food, and fun will be provided.

Coke County Food Pantry donations
Nov. & Dec.

- Kenneth & Inez Harper
- Robert Lee Baptist Church
- Dale & Sue Wojtek
- Frances Lindsey
- Terry & Linda Eaton
- George & Joyce Snapp
- Kenneth & Nancy Rasco
- Jennie Gallaway
- First United Methodist Church
- Fred & Glenda Taylor
- Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Bickley
- Fred & Mary Williams
- Nina Brewer
- Sid & Carolyn Long
- Cathy Jenkins
- Jim & Beverly Sinclair
- Fay Roe
- John & Pat Stephens
- Hochheim Prairie: Robert Wink & Marilyn Bivins
- Mr. & Mrs. Dan McNabb
- Milburn Wink
- Coke County Library Patrons
- Mary Bessent
- North Street Church of Christ
- The '64 Study Club
- Elton & Fredna Moore



9 Pointer! Jael Williams, of Bronte, took this nice 9-point buck, Tuesday, December 5, on the Clifton Reed place, about 10 miles southeast of Bronte. She is the daughter of Paul and Susan Williams.

Her local great-great grand-
parents were the late D.J. Walker and Winnie Pitcock, all of Robert Lee and the late and Ada Walker, Ben and Teddy Pitcock and Red Grace Boykin and Bryan and Weatherbee of Rankin, Texas. Sally Gartman.

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Look Who's New!

Eryn Hope Pitcock
Eryn Hope Pitcock was born December 1, 2006, at 2:01 pm at the Community Hospital in San Angelo. She weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz. and was 20" long.

She is the daughter of Judd and Cathy Pitcock of San Angelo. She was welcomed by two older sisters Alexis and Lauryn. Eryn's grandparents are Darrel and Sharon Pitcock of Robert Lee and Jimmy and Jo Dale Weatherbee of Ponca City, Oklahoma. Her great-grand-

"Driftwood Does Christmas"

You are invited to the Community Christmas Concert



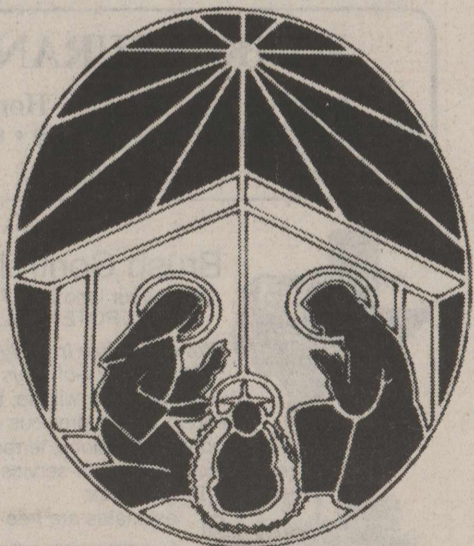
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Robert Lee Baptist Church
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COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS AND BRING A FRIEND!



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
December 24 • 6:00 pm Worship Service

Robert Lee First United Methodist Church
22 West 9th Street
453-2417

Bronte First United Methodist Church
324 Washington Street
473-3218

ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



UIL Winners! These Robert Lee Elementary and Junior High students were all winners at the District UIL meet held at Garden City on November 15.

RLISD Christmas play & concert slated

The Robert Lee Elementary will be performing a Christmas play Monday, December 18 at 6 pm in the Robert Lee ISD Auditorium. There will also be a Christmas Concert following the play by the Robert Lee High School band.

Steers JV boys basketball results

On November 28, the JV boys opened the season with a 24-35 loss to Winters. Scoring for Robert Lee: Blake Millican 6; Michael Rodriquez 3; Stetson Nesbit 3; Cayetano Carrera 2; Cody Brosh 4; Mason Ross 4; Garret Blair 2.

School Menu

Breakfast

- Monday, December 18**
Juice, pop tart, cereal, milk
- Tuesday, December 19**
Juice, pancake & sausage on stick; cereal, milk
- Wednesday, December 20**
Juice, cinnamon roll, cereal, milk
- Thursday, December 21**
Holiday
- Friday, December 22**
Holiday

Lunch

- Monday, December 18**
Burrito, salad, corn, applesauce, teddy grahams, milk
- Tuesday, December 19**
Sausage wrap, tator tots, salad, chili beans, fruit cocktail, milk
- Wednesday, December 20**
BBQ on bun, pickles, baked chips, ranch beans, peaches, milk
- Thursday, December 21**
Holiday
- Friday, December 22**
Holiday

Next the Steers took on Lake View freshmen at our tournament and again fell short by a 26-53 score. Scoring for Robert Lee: Nesbit 6; Brosh 10; Rodriquez 9; Blair 1.

In the 2nd game of the tournament, Robert Lee beat Miles 20-17 to win Consolation. Scoring for Robert Lee: Millican 2; Nesbit 5; Brosh 2; Ross 5; Rodriquez 4; Blair 2.

On December 5, Robert Lee again took on Miles JV and came up a little short falling by a score of 24-28. Scoring: Millican 3; Nesbit 2; Brosh 10; Ross 9.

The JV Steers record is 1-3.

Lady Steers basketball results

On December 5, the varsity girls defeated Miles by a score of 57-48. Robert Lee scoring: Jaden Alexander 2; Arrin Minjarez 5; Kelsy Duncan 2; Molly Burns 8; Megan Percifull 6; Brettanie Reed 16; Sarah Philley 3; Becca Skinner 15.

In the first round of the Miles Tournament, the varsity was defeated by San Angelo Central JV by a score of 47-23. Robert Lee scoring: Jaden Alexander 3;

Olga Perez 1; Arrin Minjarez 1; Molly Burns 8; Brettanie Reed 2; Sarah Philley 1; Becca Skinner 7.

In the second round, Robert Lee defeated Bangs JV by a score of 55-21. Robert Lee scoring: Olga Perez 2; Kasie Skinner 10; Arrin Minjarez 5; Molly Burns 6; Megan Percifull 5; Brettanie Reed 13; Sarah Philley 6; Becca Skinner 8.

In the third round, the varsity was defeated by Grape Creek 63-33. Robert Lee scoring: Olga Perez 3; Kasie Skinner 1; Arrin Minjarez 4; Kelsy Duncan 5; Megan Percifull 2; Brettanie Reed 13; Sarah Philley 3; Becca Skinner 2.

On December 5, the JV girls defeated Miles JV by a score of 34-25. Robert Lee scoring: Rebecka Saucedo 3; Emilee Yanez 4; Molli Hinderliter 10; Briana Brisbin 5; Sarah Jones 2; Jodi Sheldon 4; Nancy Landeros 6.

RL Elementary UIL meet results

On November 15 in the UIL meet in Garden City, RL elementary had 348 total points and placed 3rd overall.

Art

4th grade-James Roberts



First Deer! Kacee Roberts got her first deer, this 8 point buck, on Thanksgiving Day on the Roberts Ranch. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Roberts of Robert Lee.

4th, Jaden Aldridge 6th, Jerry Wofford, Team 3rd place; 6th grade-Zachary Sanchez 5th, Justin Gartman, Hanna Hamrick, Team 3rd

Calculators

6th grade-Jordan Gartman 1st, Justin Gartman, Ashlie Wheat, Kelsey Hewitt, Team 2nd

Creative Writing

2nd grade-Kaden Hayes 3rd

Dictionary Skills

5th grade-Hanna Hamrick 6th, Ashlie Tennison, Taylor Sheldon, Ciera Millican, Team 2nd; 6th grade-Jordan Gartman 2nd, Justin Gartman 5, Faylin Bell, Dusty Howard, Team 3rd

Listening Skills

5th grade-Hanna Hamrick 2nd, Shaylee Bell, Will Howard, Ashlie Tennison, Team 3rd; 6th grade-Jordan Gartman 4th

Math

6th grade-Jordan Gartman 1st, Justin Gartman 2nd, Kelsey Hewitt, Ashlie Wheat, Team 1st

Music Memory

3rd grade-Julia Madrid 5th, Blaine Yanez, Kaleb Torres, Kodi Drennan, Bailey Hooten, Team 3rd; 4th grade-James Roberts 2nd, Tristen Hildebrand-tied-4th, Jerry Wofford-tied-4th, Daria Tinkler, Team 2nd; 5th grade-Will Howard 3rd, Shaylee Bell 5th, Sydney Sheldon 6th, Team 2nd; 6th grade-Zachary Sanchez 3rd

Number Sense

4th grade-James Roberts 6th; 5th grade-Myranda Kenney, Will Howard, Hanna Hamrick, Ciera Millican, Team 3rd; 6th grade-Jordan Gartman 2nd, Justin Gartman 5th, Kelsey Hewitt 6th, Team 2nd

Oral Reading

5th grade-Hanna Hamrick 6th

Spelling

6th grade-Ashlie Wheat 2nd, Jordan Gartman 3rd, Kelsey Hewitt, Dusty Howard, Team 2nd

Storytelling

2nd grade-Ryan Martin 3rd

Ready Writing

3rd grade-Rani Coppedge 3rd; 4th grade-Jerry Wofford 3rd; 5th grade-Jacob Torres 6th; 6th grade-Justin Gartman 2nd, Jordan Gartman 3rd

RLJH UIL meet results 7th grade

Number Sense

2nd place-Meagan Ross

Calculator Skills Team

3rd place-Meagan Ross, Sassy Farmer, Kimberly Roach

Mathematics

4th place-Meagan Ross

Ready Writing

5th place-Meagan Ross

8th grade

Calculator Skills Team

3rd place-Blake Hewitt, Amanda Mendoza, Sarah Walker

Spelling

3rd place-Chris Mims

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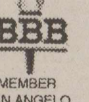
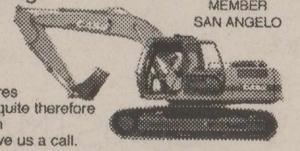
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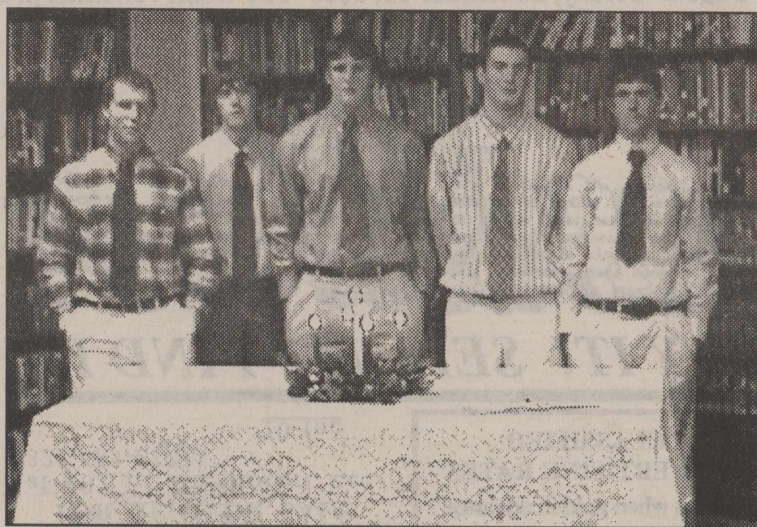
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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



BHS National Honor Society! *The Bronte High School National Honor Society had its formal membership induction ceremony last Wednesday evening, December 6, 2006. Eleven junior and senior candidates were formally inducted into membership during a candle lighting ceremony held in the high school library. Guest speaker was Mrs. Micah Hoyt (far right). Newly inducted members included (front row, left to right) Emily Austin, Estephanie Flores, Savannah Martinez, Terrah Macon, Holly Huskerson, Katie Cooper, (back row, left to right) Casey Harris, Cody Wallace, Gus Saunders and Paul McConnell.*



BHS National Honor Society! *Conducting the Bronte High School National Honor Society Induction Ceremony were senior NHS officers (from left to right) Philip Rawlings, Vice President; Justin Taylor, Reporter; Eric Hendrickson, President; Logan Rawls, Treasurer; and Jonathan Marrs, Secretary.*

Just From Jan

by Jan Yanez
Cooperative Extension Agent

Are your kids' toys safe?

Nationwide, approximately 160,000 children per year ages 14 and under are treated in emergency rooms for toy related injuries, nearly half of these children are under the age

School Menu

- Breakfast**
- Monday, December 18**
Cereal, sliced peaches, toast, jelly, milk
 - Tuesday, December 19**
Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, assorted juice, milk
 - Wednesday, December 20**
Holiday
 - Thursday, December 21**
Holiday
 - Friday, December 22**
Holiday
- Lunch**
- Monday, December 20**
Steak fingers, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit, roll, milk
 - Tuesday, December 21**
Ham & cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickles, baby carrots with ranch, baked chips, banana pudding, milk
 - Wednesday, December 22**
Holiday
 - Thursday, December 23**
Holiday
 - Friday, December 24**
Holiday

of five. Make sure your kids' toys are safe by following these few tips. Tips are provided by the Safe Kids Coalition.

- *Use a small parts tester or the cardboard tube from a roll of toilet paper to identify choking hazards. Do not let small children play with anything that can fit into one of these cylinders.
- *Inspect toys to make sure they are in good repair. Do not let young children play with toys that have straps, cords or strings longer than seven inches due to the risk of strangulation.
- *Supervise children playing with any toy that has small parts, moving parts, electrical or battery power, cords, wheels or any other potentially risky component. Simply being in the same room as your child is not necessarily supervising. Active supervision means keeping the child in sight and in reach and paying undivided attention.
- *Teach children to put toys away after playing, to help prevent falls, and make sure toys intended for younger children are stored separately from those for older children. *Toy chests should be equipped or retrofitted with safety hinges that prevent the lid from closing on a child who is leaning over the open chest; if a chest does not have safety hinges, remove the lid.
- *If you buy toys secondhand or get hand me downs, visit www.recalls.gov to make sure the toy has not been recalled for safety reasons.
- *If a new toy comes with a product registration card, mail it in right away so the manufacturer can contact you if the item is ever recalled.

Just by following a few simple tips you can ensure that your child's toys are safe.

Bronte Longhorn basketball results

The Longhorns varsity had a very good game and defeated Menard by a score of 58-26.

Bronte stats: Logan Rawls 10 pts., 5 rebounds, 6 steals, 6 assists; Eric Hendrickson 5 rebounds; Albert Force 25 pts., 5 rebounds, 4 steals; Johnathan Ehl 7 pts., 4 steals; Brett Wills 6 pts., Paul McConnell 2 pts., 5 rebounds; Matt Allen 6 pts.

In the first game of the Highland Tournament, the Longhorns had a very good eye for the basket as they defeated Trent 69-26. Bronte stats: Logan Rawls 11 pts., 6 rebounds, 8 assists; Eric Hendrickson 11 pts., 5 rebounds; Albert Force 12 pts., 8 assists; Philip Rawlings 8 pts.; Jonathan Marrs 11 pts.; Johnathan Ehl 4 pts., 3 steals; Brett Wills 6 pts., 6 steals, 5 assists; Paul McConnell 4 pts.; Matt Allen 2 pts.

In the semi-finals the Longhorns came up a little short as they were defeated by Roscoe 42-40. Bronte stats: Logan Rawls 10 pts., 12 rebounds, 4 steals, 4 assists; Eric Hendrickson 2 pts., 9 rebounds; Albert Force 13 pts., 8

rebounds; Philip Rawlings 11 pts., Johnathan Ehl 2 pts., 4 assists; Brett Wills 2 pts.

The Longhorns placed third in the tournament defeating Winters 45-20. Bronte stats: Logan Rawls 11 pts., 5 rebounds, 4 assists, 3 steals; Eric Hendrickson 10 pts., 5 rebounds, 3 steals; Albert Force 7 pts., Philip Rawlings 9 pts.; Jonathan Marrs 3 pts.; Johnathan Ehl 2 pts., Brett Wills 3 pts.

Bronte JV boys basketball results

On Tuesday, December 5, Bronte JV defeated Menard 49-27. Bronte scoring: Sam Rawlings 10; Reece Springer 6; Ty Mackey 13; Jacob Scott 2; Rob Rosson 8; Jason Horton 6; CJ McClure 3.

On Dec. 7, in the Sterling City Tournament, the JV boys defeated Christoval 26-15. Bronte scoring: Sam Rawlings 3; Reece Springer 10; Ty Mackey 4; Rob Rosson 9.

On Dec. 9, the JV team was defeated in a close game against Sterling City by a score of 34-32. Bronte scoring: Sam Rawlings 11; Reece Springer 7; Jacob Scott 2; Rob Rosson 11; CJ McClure 1.

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Santa's reindeer grounded for drinking

Santa's reindeer star in a new animated TV commercial produced by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and airing throughout Texas this month. In the spot, Santa's reindeer are grounded for drinking on Christmas Eve, prompting Santa to hook up his sleigh to a quartet of yellow taxis. TxDOT's message to holiday revelers: if you've been drinking, designate a driver or take a cab to get home safely.

With holiday revelry now in full swing, state officials are urging motorists to take the precautionary step of planning ahead to get home safely when their holiday celebrations include alcohol.

"Drunk driving will ruin the holidays for hundreds of families," said Carlos Lopez, TxDOT's traffic operations director. "We can't say it enough: plan ahead and plan not to get behind the wheel if you've been drinking."

TxDOT's 9th annual holiday-themed campaign also uses radio commercials based on popular Christmas carols, billboards along interstate highways, ads at gas stations and festive coasters in bars and restaurants to deliver the reminder to designate a driver. The \$500,000 public education initiative extends through New Year's Day.

Safety advocates credit stepped-up enforcement of the state's DWI laws and ongoing advertising reminding Texans not to drink and drive with the continued decline in impaired driving fatalities. Federal officials report that 135 fewer people died in Texas last year in alcohol-related crashes than in 2004, continuing the trend from 2003.

Supporting increased traffic enforcement allows TxDOT to accomplish one of its primary goals of enhancing safety on Texas highways.

The Texas Restaurant Association, the Texas Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, the Texas Municipal Police Association and Velero Corporation are also participating in the holiday DWI-prevention campaign.

Penalties for the first time DWI offense include driver's license suspension for up to one year, a fine of up to \$2,000 and up to six months in jail.

Look before you leap

Chronic job hoppers may bounce themselves out of consideration for future opportunities, a new survey of chief financial officers (CFOs) suggests.

Eighty-seven percent of CFOs polled said the length of time a candidate has spent with previous employers is an important factor when evaluating that person for a position with their company.

The survey was developed by Robert Half Finance &

Accounting, the world's first and largest specialized financial recruitment service. It was conducted by an independent research firm and includes responses from more than 1,400 CFOs from a stratified random sample of U.S. companies with 20 or more employees.

CFOs were asked, "How important a factor is the length of time a job candidate has spent with previous employers when evaluating the applicant for a position with your company?" Their responses: Very important-42%; Somewhat important-45%; Not important-10%; Don't know/no answer-3%.


"It's not unusual for someone to change jobs or careers multiple times during his or her lifetime, but holding too many positions in rapid succession and without signs of professional advancement can be a red flag for employers," said Max Messmer, chairman and CEO of Robert Half International. "Hiring managers place a high value on employee loyalty, in part because it is so difficult to replace top performers."



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Messmer noted that many job changes stem from a desire for greater challenge, which doesn't always require changing employers. Professionals in this situation should look for opportunities within their own companies first, Messmer said. "Supervisors are typically receptive to matching valued

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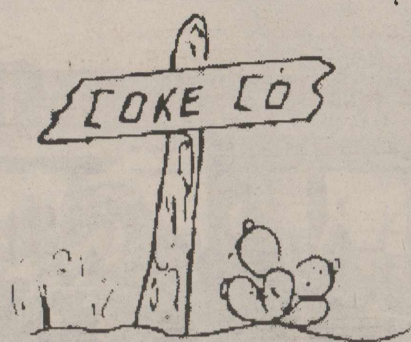
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COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

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Beef Cow Nutritional Supplementation

Some things never seem to change, and this is certainly true in beef cattle production. Even though a lot has changed in the last 20 or 25 years, beef cows still need the same nutrients they always have vitamins, minerals, protein, and energy. In general, we can say the following about these four classes of nutrients under typical grazing conditions:

1. Minerals, especially phosphorous and salt, but also magnesium and several trace minerals are practically always deficient in most perennial pastures and native ranges. The only exception is when plants first start new growth.

2. Protein is periodically deficient. A shortage can occur at almost any time, but is almost certain during winter dormancy and, in most years, late summer.

3. Energy is occasionally deficient. Fortunately, it also is periodically in surplus in most years. Cows can store excess forage energy as body condition or fat. But at times, especially during drought or under overstocked conditions, stored body reserves are depleted.

4. Vitamins are rarely deficient under most grazing regimes. During extended periods of drought, lack of vitamin A can be a problem.

What has changed in the last 20 to 25 years is that we know more about specific nutritional needs. Also, we have more choices and better

products to meet these needs. **What do we mean?**

1. Good high phosphorous minerals (8% to 15%) are widely available. Not so common are minerals adequate in magnesium, copper, zinc, manganese, and selenium. Check your mineral.

2. We now know that various forms of protein are required for ruminants such as cattle. You've probably heard of bypass or ungradable protein sources. However, this seems to be of less concern in cowherd nutrition than stocker or feedlot programs.

3. There is no question that the average cow is now larger and higher producing, so nutritional requirements are higher. Recommended minimum protein levels are now greater to ensure efficient rumen function.

4. There are limits in feeding high starch supplements to cows on range, pasture, or hay. Excess starch reduces efficiency of forage consumption and utilization. Poor results usually occur from feeding more than 3 to 4 pounds a day of a feed based on corn, milo, etc., including most breeder cubes.

5. More new, useful by-product feeds are available.

How should we use this information in planning beef cow supplementation programs?

1. Provide good mineral free choice year round.

2. Always supplement protein when needed. This will use forage most efficiently and help keep cows in good

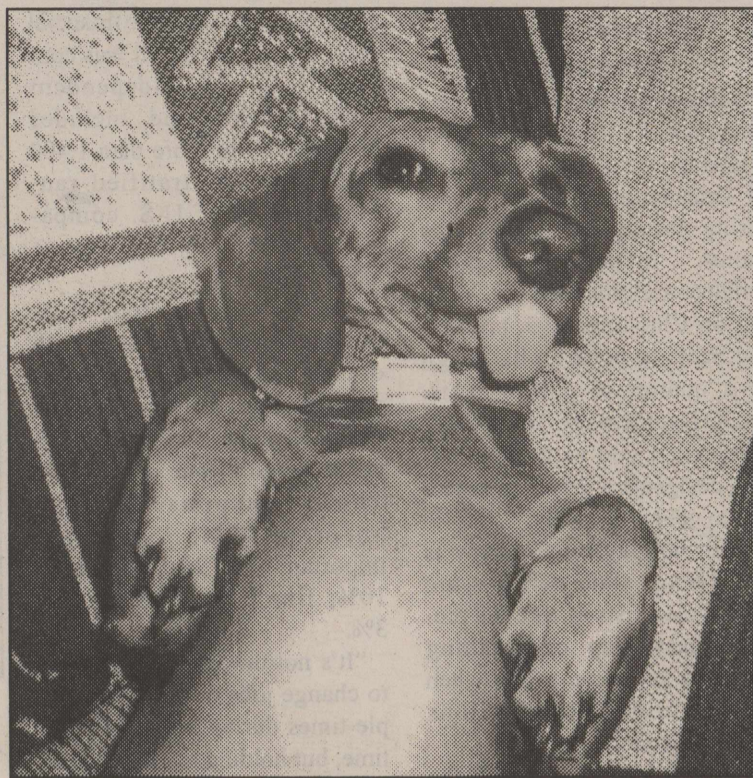
body condition most economically. It is easier to maintain body condition than restore it.

3. Don't be afraid of good by-products like soybean hulls, wheat midds, rice bran, and others.

4. If we provide minerals and protein when needed, and don't overstock, then supplemental energy can be minimized. Supplementing high levels of energy is usually biologically and economically inefficient. But if grass is short and energy is needed, either supply it or reduce animal numbers. Otherwise, reproduction and performance will be unacceptably low. You can't starve a profit out of cows.

Types of Livestock Supplement

In dry, low quality conditions during the winter, it is extremely important to maintain your livestock's condition before they begin to lose weight. Besides hurting your weaning weights on the present calf with lower milking rates, body condition of cattle now can have a tremendous effect on how soon they will breed back, if at all, and how large a calf they will wean next year. Your decisions on supplemental feeding this winter can have either positive or devastating effects on your operation for the next 14-18 months. Trying to play catch-up after calving or cows begin to lose weight, is next to impossible economically, if not biologically. It is like the old commercial, "You can either pay a little



Cutest Pet! This photo of Reggie Rogers, a daschund owned by Everett and Terri Parker of Robert Lee, was recently entered into the International Pet Owners Club Cutest Pet Photo Contest. The photo has also been selected as a semi-finalist in the contest, which has a grand prize of \$1000. The Parkers' picture will also be featured in a full color coffee table book, which will showcase the cutest pet photos the contest has received.

now or pay a lot later."

In supplementing your livestock, it is important to remember that protein can be stored by animals, therefore protein supplements can be fed only two or three times a week. On the other hand, if energy is the limiting factor, livestock cannot store energy, therefore it must be supplemented every day. Also, if available forage is of poor quality, there is a misconception that cattle will just eat more, but in reality, if quality of grass is poor and low in digestibility, it takes longer for the rumen to digest the forage, forcing the animal to actually eat less per day, compounding the problem of low nutrient intake.

When buying supplemental feed, determine the cost by actual pounds of protein and

nutrients found in the feed. Sometimes the so-called "bargain cubes" if figured on ponds of actual protein, are not really a bargain at all. Feeds containing some source of non-nitrogen protein (usually urea) are not totally utilized by the animal. If you are buying feed containing this unnatural protein source and they only utilize about 75-80% of the protein, your 20% feed is only furnishing about 15-16%. A lot of producers are using tubs now that contain non-nitrogen protein and you need to remember that NPN can only be utilized by cattle with rumen maturity. Young cows and calves will not utilize this type of protein. If your tubs are all natural protein, you are okay. To get the needed amounts of protein in the animal you must actually feed more of this type of feed, increasing the cost.

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