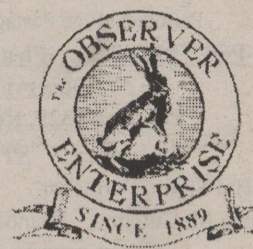


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## Early Deadline

The Observer/Enterprise will print early next week; so everyone local will have their paper by at least Friday. That means that all ad copy and news items will have to be in our office by Monday, November 19.

The newspaper office, as usual, will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 22 and 23, for the Thanksgiving holidays. We hope you and yours have a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend.

## Sterling County Hunters' Appreciation Dinner slated

The annual Sterling County Hunters' Appreciation Barbecue will be held on Saturday, November 17, 2007, at 5:30 pm. The event will be held at the Sterling County Community Center. A brisket fajita supper with all the trimmings will be served. The cost is \$5.00 per plate, \$3.00 for kids under 10, and the public is encouraged to attend.

One dollar raffle tickets will be sold for the chance to win a minimum of 25 plus guns. Guns will be raffled that evening, but you do not have to be present to win.

Local and area businesses will also have booths available. For more information contact the Sterling County Extension Office at (325) 378-3181.

## BHRC to host Thanksgiving Dinner

The Bronte Health and Rehab Center Thanksgiving dinner will be Saturday, November 17 at 12 noon. This is for residents, families, and friends. BHRC will provide turkey, dressing, and gravy and family and friends are asked to bring all the sides. This is a wonderful time to let the residents at BHRC know that they are still an important part of our community.

## Holiday Closings

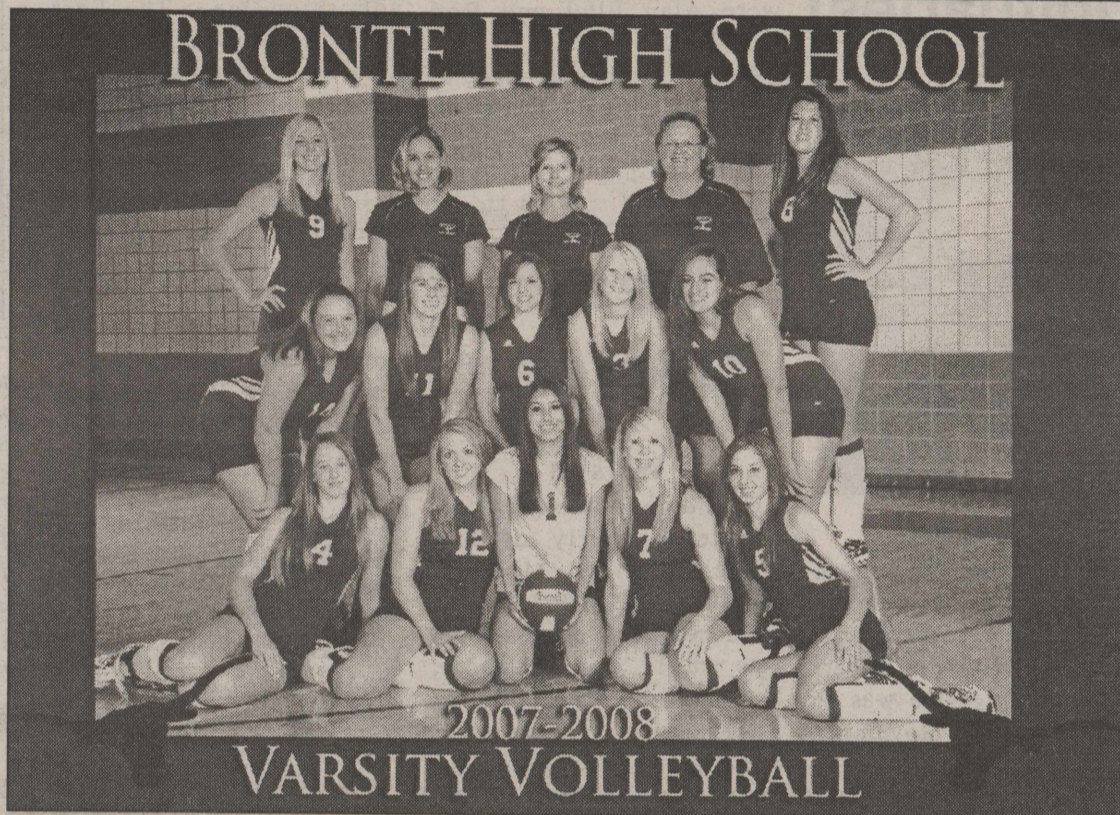
Several Coke County offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 22 and 23, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

The City of Robert Lee will be closed November 22-23 and the City Landfill will be closed on Saturday, November 24.

The City of Bronte, as well as the Coke County Courthouse, will also be closed Thursday and Friday, November 22-23.

## Winter schedule for RL Landfill

As of November 1, 2007, the Robert Lee Landfill will open on the first and third Saturday of the month from 9 am - 12 noon. An evaluation of customer usage of the landfill during the winter months shows only two to three customers on Saturday. Due to low activity and budget constraints the new schedule



**Quarterfinal Champions!** Congratulations to the Quarterfinal Champions and Regional Qualifiers Lady Longhorns volleyball team who finished the year at 30-13. The Lady Longhorns defeated Buena Vista in the Bi-District round, Sierra Blanca in the Area round, and Plains in the Quarterfinal round. The Lady Longhorns lost to Archer City in the Regional Semifinals and finish 8th in the TGCA poll.

Holly Huskerson was also named to the All-Regional Tournament team. In District 4-1A, Holly Huskerson was named District MVP; Chelsea Cook, District Outstanding Hitter and Chelsea Meek, District Defensive Specialist. Ariel Coalson was named to the First Team for District 4-1A and Marcy McMorris to the Second Team. All 12 of the Lady Longhorns were Academic All-District. They include Emily Austin, Chelsea Cook, Estephanie Flores, Casey Harris, Holly Huskerson, Ariel Coalson, Jessi England, Shannon Deller, Chelsea Meek, Marcy McMorris, Terrah Macon, and Savannah Martinez.

will remain in effect until March 1, 2007 and will be in effect each year.

## Community Thanksgiving service at RLBC

Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at Robert Lee Baptist Church on Sunday evening, November 18, 2007, at 7 pm. Rev. George Bradley of the First United Methodist Church, Robert Lee, will be bringing

the message. All local churches and the community are invited to attend. A finger food fellowship will be held in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

## Singing Winds to host golf tourney

There will be a 27 hole, two person golf tournament on Saturday, November 17, at the Singing Winds Golf Course, Bronte. For more information, please call 473-2156.

## CCRTA meeting set

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, November 19, 2007. The noon luncheon meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church in Bronte.

## Winters Arts & Crafts Show slated for Saturday

With dozens of talented vendors exhibiting their goods, the Winters Arts & Craft Show on November 17 promises something for just about everyone. The annual event is sponsored by the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce.

"We had around 60 vendor spaces rented last year and are expecting another great show this year," says Chamber Manager Jean Boles. "We're excited to offer such a wide variety of items from artisans near and far. Craftsmen will be bringing handmade pottery, jewelry, soaps, home décor, Western accents, Christmas items, and much more."

The show will be in the former Spill furniture building on Main Street. Doors open at 9 am and the show ends at 5 pm. Admission is free. Pony rides, inflatable toy vendors and vendors offering hamburgers, brisket, burritos and other fresh foods will be located just south of the Spill building.

"We also invite shoppers to browse the stores in our downtown area," said Boles. "And the chamber's information booth will have discounts offered by local restaurants and other chamber member businesses. We're looking forward to a great, fun-filled day."

For more information, call the Winters Chamber at 325-754-5210 or e-mail at wacc@wtxs.net.

## BI-DISTRICT PLAYOFFS

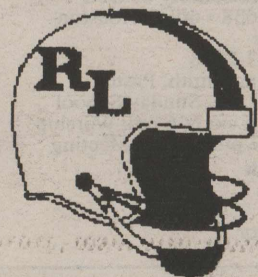
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**Obituaries**



**McAdams**

Pete McAdams, 72, of San Angelo went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, November 7, 2007, in Robert Lee. Funeral service was at 11 am, Saturday, November 10, 2007, at Southgate Church of Christ, with Paul Shero officiating. Interment followed at Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

Pete was born June 20, 1935, in Bosque County, Texas, to Henry Owen and Agnes Grimland McAdams. He was a barber for many years, the owner and operator of Pete's Auto Sales dealership and also a rancher. Pete married Mary Jane Leonard on December 27, 1954, and they were blessed with 52 beautiful years together. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather who dearly loved his family and he also loved ranching.

Pete was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his loving family, wife, Mary Jane McAdams, of San Angelo; his daughters, Sharon and Dutch Hoggatt, of Searcy, Arkansas, Pam and Bob Smith, of Abilene, Texas, and Valerie and Louis Derrick, of San Antonio, Texas; six granddaughters, Cherisse Gregory, Angela Hoggatt, Haley Hoggatt, Deidra Smith, Kassie Smith and Shaela Smith; two grandsons, Braeden Derrick and Tyler Smith; and his brothers and sisters, H.O. McAdams, J. Roy McAdams, Frances McElmurry and Lucille White; and numerous nieces and nephews and other family members and friends.

Pallbearers for the service were Paul Leonard, John Leonard, Shawn Leonard, Jim Leonard, Shell McAdams

and Steve Rogers. Honorary Pallbearers for the service were Alan Ellet and Don Hindsley.

Memorials may be made to the San Angelo Christian Academy at Southgate Church of Christ.

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**Death Notices**

**Wilson**

Geraldine F. Wilson, 88, of Bronte, formerly of San Angelo, died Monday, November 12, 2007, at her residence. Graveside service was at 11 am, Thursday, November 15, 2007, at Fairview Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include Jimmy Wilson of Bronte, Jay Wilson of San Angelo, Glenn Thorton of Oregon, and Bobby Wilson of Wichita Falls; a daughter, JoAnn Gurley of Farmers Branch; and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

**RLBC to host kids meetings**

TeamKIDS meets every Sunday at 5:45 and J.C. Kid's Club meets every Wednesday at 5:30 in the Education Building of Robert Lee Baptist Church at 22 W. 11th Street, for students Pre-K through 6th Grades.

**Santa letter deadline set for December 3**

Deadline for Letters to Santa Claus to be printed in this year's edition has been set for Monday, December 3. 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 21. We will forward these letters straight to Santa after we get through typing them up for the paper. This is why we have to have them early. 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 17 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.

**Ft. Chadbourne Christmas Social slated**

Fort Chadbourne Foundation will once again host an 1850's Christmas Social, on Saturday, December 15, 2007, from 5:30 pm to 9 pm. Everyone is invited to attend. There is no admission fee. The Fort will be aglow with lights and activities. Refreshments will be served by women dressed in 1850's attire, along with live reenactments of Christmas in an Officers' Quarters, cavalry, night time cannon fire, buggy rides, hay rides, and of course we can't forget Santa who will be arriving for the kids at 6 pm. The barracks has warm fires, and if it's a cold evening there are fire pits on the parade grounds for everyone to stay warm. There will be door prizes, and if you want to stock up on some goodies for Christmas, there will also be a bake'sale.

The local kids' artwork will be on display, and winners of the coloring contest from each grade will be announced. There will be plenty of games, prizes, and refreshments for the children.

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

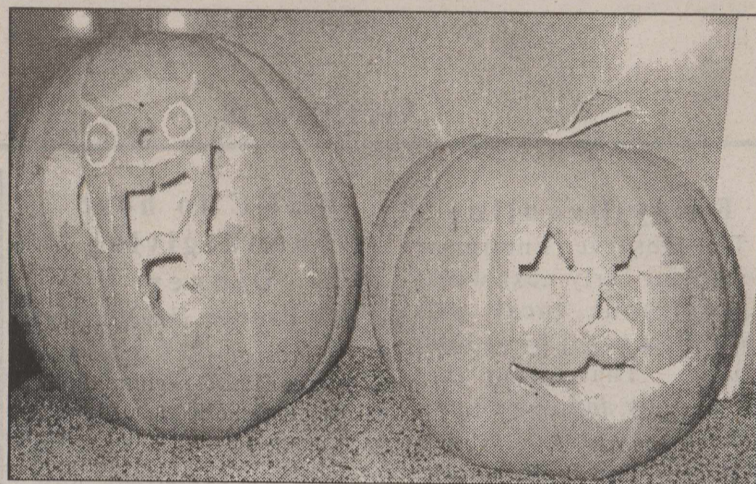


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**Pumpkins Everywhere!** On Halloween the Coke County 4-H held its annual Pumpkin Contest. Participants could carve, paint or decorate their pumpkin. Each 4-H member received a certificate. Kyle Kelton had the 'Most Treacherous, Kourtney Kelton 'Most Ghostly', Katlyn Reeves 'Most Bewitching', Kellie Thorn 'Most Surprising', Shaynia Parker 'Most Creative', Austin Parker 'Most Spooky', Rani Coppedge 'The Ghoul-liest', Cambri Kelso 'Most Monsterly' and Carson Kelso 'The Hoo-Hootiest'.

First Place ribbon winner was Kyle Kelton, with second place going to Kourtney Kelton and third place to Katlyn Reeves.

The employees and visitors to the courthouse have truly enjoyed the 'holiday' atmosphere these pumpkins have brought.

The Ice House Brass Quintet from San Angelo, who was a huge hit last year, will again be set up on the front porch playing period and Christmas music.

Everyone from Coke County and the surrounding area is invited to attend. There is no charge for this festive evening.

Over 300 folks attended last year, and we hope this year even more will come and join us for this very unique and fun Frontier Christmas Social.

Fort Chadbourne is located 10 miles north of Bronte on Highway 277. For more information call 325-743-2555.

**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

Dale Patterson, 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. George Bradley, 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 508 • 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) 453-2482

Jim Dominey, 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

### Medicare Part D Prescription Plan Enrollment

Medicare Part D prescription plan enrollment will be available at The Robert Lee Senior Center, 1402 County Park Rd. (Austin St.), Robert Lee, on November 30, 2007 from 9:30 am to 3 pm.

Patsy Fernandez, Benefits Counselor from Area Agency on Aging, will provide enrollment assistance to seniors needing help with their 2008 Medicare Part D Plan.

Please call Susan Millegan at 325-453-2314, Monday, Wednesday, or Friday, to make an appointment.

### Sorosis Study Club holds meeting

The Sorosis Study Club met Thursday, November 8, in the recreation room of the Housing Authority of Bronte. Guest speaker was Ross McSwain, popular author and columnist for San Angelo Standard Times. He retired as regional editor and senior staff editor after spending close to 50 years with the paper. His wife is the former Jean Timmons from Bronte.

In addition to numerous guests, members of the club present were: Marti Aguirri, Marilyn Bivins, Celia Bowden, Jane Cumbie, Jean Fancher, Peggy Hembree, Pat Lee, Joan Lightfoot, Fredna Moore, Doris Sims, Kay Styles, Janet Wommack, President Lanette Fletcher, and hostess Glenda Draper.

### Homeowners: Tips for Avoiding Financial Hardship

By Jason Alderman  
America's once red-hot housing market has cooled off considerably. Prices are down, unsold housing inventory is up and mortgage lenders have tightened credit standards.

What's worse, many borrowers who opted for adjustable rate mortgages (ARMs) are in for a big shock when millions of ARMs "adjust" to new, higher interest rates in the next few years. In a stronger market, these borrowers could simply refinance, using built-up home equity to qualify for lower, fixed-rate mortgages. Unfortunately, many now find themselves "upside down," owing more than their home's current value.

If you're in this situation, here are a few steps to consider before falling behind in your payments:

Carefully read your loan documents for terms that can make your interest rate rise or fall, such as:

- \* When initial rate period ends, and when your rate is likely to start going up

- \* Periodic rate cap (the most your interest rate can increase or decrease whenever your rate is readjusted - often annually)

- \* Lifetime rate cap (the highest possible rate during your loan's life)



**First Deer!** Seven-year-old Cambrey Lange of Bronte got her first deer, an 8 point buck, in Runnels County over the weekend. Cambrey is the great-granddaughter of Martin and Pat Lee and Grady and Diane Coulter. She is the great-great-granddaughter of Eula Verne Lee and Irma Casey Blair.

- \* Index your rate is tied to (some indexes are more volatile, moving up and down more quickly)

- \* If a balloon payment is ever owed

- \* Prepayment penalties, in case you're able to refinance

Rein in spending. Your monthly payment could suddenly go up hundreds of dollars, so if you're already struggling, cut expenses now. If you don't already have a budget, create one. Practical Money Skills for Life, a free personal financial management site sponsored by Visa USA, has numerous budgeting tools that can help ([www.practicalmoneyskills.com/budgeting](http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com/budgeting)).

Refinance to a fixed-rate mortgage, if possible. Well before your ARM readjusts, talk to your current lender and also shop around. With thousands of borrowers defaulting, lenders are more likely to negotiate if it means you'll stay a solvent, paying customer.

If you're in danger of missing



payments or already have, contact your lender immediately and respond to all inquiries from them. It's better to work out a solution together than to let your options expire. Alternatives might include:

- \* Repayment plan. Talk to the loss mitigations department about how you might catch up. They'll likely want at least partial payment initially and your agreement to pay on time thereafter.

- \* Forbearance. Lenders sometimes allow suspended payments for a few months, especially for disaster victims, or after job loss or family emergency. After the forbearance period ends, expect to pay extra each month until caught up.

- \* Loan modification. Where a lender agrees to modify loan terms with few or no fees. They might reduce the interest rate, or possibly tack missed payments onto the end of the loan.




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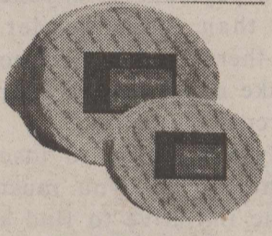
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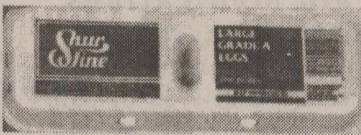
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**...Finance Tips**

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\* Short sale. Sometimes lenders allow owners to sell their homes for less than owed and write off the difference. The owner walks away with nothing except severely damaged credit.

\* Foreclosure. The lender takes possession of your home, you are evicted and your credit is severely damaged for at least seven years. Avoid foreclosure at all costs. The Federal Housing Administration offers comprehensive advice on avoiding foreclosure, including links to local housing counseling services, at [www.fha.gov/foreclosure/index.cfm](http://www.fha.gov/foreclosure/index.cfm).

\* Talk to an attorney, financial advisor or housing counseling agency before taking any action and never make a payment to anyone other than your lender. Sadly, there are people who will take advantage of your bad circumstances.

Nobody wants you to lose your home, but you must take the initiative to find a solution before it's too late.



by Jan Yanez  
Cooperative  
Extension Agent

**Over-the-Counter Pain Medications**

Many older adults have pain that does not go away. Deciding what type of pain medicine to take is not easy. Over-the-counter (OTC) pain relievers are medicines that you can buy without a prescription from your doctor. Two main types of OTC pain relievers are available. One type is acetaminophen (brand name: Tylenol). The second type is nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (also called NSAIDs). NSAIDs include the following: Aspirin (two brand names: Bayer, St. Joseph), Ibuprofen (two brand names: Advil, Motrin), Ketoprofen (one brand name: Orudis KT), Naproxen (one brand name: Aleve).

Acetaminophen seems to relieve pain and reduce fever by working on the parts of the brain that receive pain messages and control the body's temperature. NSAIDs relieve pain and fever by reducing the level of hormone-like substances, called prostaglandins, which your body makes. Prostaglandins cause pain by irritating your nerve endings. They also help your body control its temperature.

Acetaminophen and NSAIDs relieve pain caused by muscle aches, stiffness

and reduce fever. NSAIDs can also reduce inflammation - redness and swelling. OTC pain relievers can be helpful in treating many types of pain, such as pain from arthritis, earaches, back pain and pain after surgery. They can also treat pain from the flu or a cold, sinusitis, strep throat or a sore throat.

Acetaminophen may help relieve headaches and other common aches and pains. It may be used safely by most people on a long-term basis for arthritis and other chronic painful conditions. NSAIDs may be helpful for pain from inflammation, such as muscle sprains. For most people, OTC pain relievers are all they need to control pain or fever. If an OTC drug does not help your pain or fever, or if you've been taking an OTC drug for more than 10 days for pain or 3 days for fever, call your health provider. These may be signs that you have a more serious problem or need a prescription medicine.

Side effects from OTC pain relievers are not common for healthy adults who only use pain relievers once in a while. However, side effects may be a concern for people who use pain relievers often, who have health problems or who take other prescription medications. If you have health problems, use pain relievers often or take prescription medications regularly, talk to your health provider before taking an OTC pain reliever.

Acetaminophen may cause liver damage in people who take very high doses or who already have abnormal liver function. To reduce your risk of liver problems, never take more than the recommended dose of acetaminophen. You generally should not take acetaminophen if you are already taking another product containing acetaminophen. If you have severe kidney or liver

disease, or if you have 3 or more drinks that contain alcohol every day, you should talk to your health provider before taking acetaminophen.

With long-term use, NSAIDs may cause gastrointestinal (GI) problems. These problems range from upset stomach to ulcers to GI bleeding. For minor stomach upset, eating some food or drinking some milk before you take an NSAID may help. Your risk of GI problems from NSAIDs goes up the higher the dose you take and the longer you take them. Drinking alcohol may increase this risk. Acetaminophen is much less likely than NSAIDs to cause GI problems. If NSAIDs are used regularly for many years, they may also hurt your kidneys. Your health provider can check for this with a blood test.

You should not take NSAIDs if you are allergic to aspirin or other pain relievers. Talk to your health provider or before you take an NSAID, especially aspirin, if you:

- o Take blood-thinning medicine or have a bleeding disorder

- o Have bleeding in the stomach or intestines, or have stomach ulcers

- o Have liver or kidney disease

- o Have 3 or more drinks that contain alcohol every day

If certain drugs are taken at the same time, they can interact with each other and change the way your body processes them. For example, if someone who takes high blood pressure medicine also takes an NSAID, the high blood pressure medicine may not work as well as it should. Too, many OTC drugs contain the same pain reliever or contain ingredients found in prescription drugs. For example, many OTC cold medicines contain



**Big Buck!** This deer was killed on opening weekend on the Cervenka ranch east of Bronte. Wes Scarborough took this eight point buck weighing 149 lb. dressed and it scored 141 points.

acetaminophen. If you were to take one of these products and also take acetaminophen separately, you would be taking much more acetaminophen than you intended.

When choosing an OTC pain reliever, check the drug label for possible side effects or interactions with other drugs you are taking - this will appear in the "Warnings" section. Also, check that you are not taking two medicines that contain the same active ingredient - this will appear in the "Active Ingredient" section. Always read and follow the directions on the label. Be sure you understand the label information before taking the medicine. If you have any questions, ask your health provider or pharmacist.

Over-the-counter pain medications can be useful and effective. Even though they are considered safe enough to be taken without a prescription, they are real medicines. It is

important to discuss their use with a health provider, especially if they are being combined with prescription medications. You may also visit the American Academy of Family Physicians website: [familydoctor.org/online/famdocen/home/otc-center/basics/otc.html](http://familydoctor.org/online/famdocen/home/otc-center/basics/otc.html).

**RLVFD Notes**

By Mark Sides, Chief  
Members of the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department responded in cooperation with other local departments and the Texas Forest Service to contain a fire on the Coke/Tom Green line on November 5. This fire burned over 900 acres, and is the third wild land fire the department has responded to this year.

Firefighters got training on basic ladder maintenance and safety during the November 12 meeting. Items discussed and acted on during the November 12 business meeting included acceptance of a new probationary member, replacement of the pump/motor assembly and repairs on one of the 2-1/2 ton wild land trucks, and upcoming fund-raising events.

**HOLIDAY CLOSING NOTICE**

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473-2911  
Bronte, TX

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*God is, whether you believe it or not.*

*Hell exists, whether you believe it or not.*

*Heaven is real, whether you believe it or not.*

*The Holy Bible is true, whether you believe it or not.*

*God's laws are forever settled, whether you believe it or not.*

*You will stand before Jesus Christ and give an account of your life, whether you believe it or not.*

*These things will exist and affect your life, whether you believe it or not.*

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COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

By Tommy Antilley  
Cooperative Extension Agent

Tips for Marketing Cull Cows and Bulls This Fall

On most ranches cull cows and bulls will represent anywhere from 10 to 25 percent of the annual income from cattle sales. Yet, a lot of times significant money gets left on the table when marketing time comes. Often these animals are thought of as "just culls that, bring whatever they bring at sale time".

Producers have a lot more control and marketing power than they may realize. Most often, this gets back to how cull animals are managed. First, realize that there are options regarding what markets to sell to. There are generally two choices: livestock auctions or private treaty sales, or selling direct to a packer. Most packers offer the choice of selling

emaciated. Cutters are premium. Utility is a fat cow grade with discounts as fat increases. The key thing to realize about these types of animals is that they are valued on their meat to bone ratio. Bulls are graded thin, medium, and meaty. In emaciated canner cows, what ranchers might think of a body condition score 1 to 3, the meat to bone ratio is lowest. The ratio is highest in cutter grades, where animals have lost no muscle but have very little fat to trim. Ranchers would call these cows body condition 4. As body condition increases, discounts begin to apply because of the time and labor it takes to trim the fat. However, because of body weight, total income may be maximized as a high yield cutter or low utility, or body condition 5, or even 6 on a very muscular cow.



**Wine Tasting!** Aaron and Cyndi McConnell (left), representing Maverick River Bend Company, hosted a wine tasting on Saturday, November 3, which was opening day of hunting season. Many of those clad in camouflage made it over to Main Street Market to participate in the wine tasting and purchase their favorite "Texas Specialty Beverages". Kay Gothard, owner, also hosted an art show and sale by Kenneth Wyatt on the same day. Many are gearing up to attend Main Street Market's 3rd Annual Half Price Sale, which is set for Saturday, November 17, from 10 am until 12 noon. This sale has become an annual madhouse for area shoppers.

yield because of bruising trim. If you plan on selling direct to a packer, it is beneficial to be able to describe the cattle and negotiate a pre-arranged price. You will be at risk for

accommodates label requirements.

Cow prices are up just like calf prices, and with tight supplies and continued high levels of heifer slaughter, they are forecast

and right-of-way vegetation management and much more will be presented. Registration is on-line at <http://www.tpexpo.com>, at the Tom Green County Extension Office at 113 West

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Cows with the highest value are usually fairly young and have solid mouths. Most are culled for being open. During times of U.S. herd expansion (like we are currently in), these types of cows will usually sell for more money at a live auction, because someone there believes that they can take her home and make a brood cow out of her - and sometimes they are right. During times of herd reduction (e.g. when prices are low, drought, etc.) These kinds of young cows and heiferettes may have more value as slaughter animals. Meat yield is high and many higher value cuts can be removed, as opposed to being boned and ground. If they are older than about 42 months-of-age, they will probably grade commercial.

For older cows, that are at the end of their careers (so to speak), marketing and management options are a bit more diverse. These cows are graded as canner, cutter, or utility (boning or breaking) Canners are discounted because they are

So, what can ranchers do? Sort, manage, and market by grade of animal. Generally good pasture conditions this fall may offer an opportunity that is not always available. Inspect teeth as cows are worked this fall. Look for thin cows that still may have some teeth ("broken mouthed"). By weaning the calves and turning the cows back out on pasture, they will probably gain 1 to 2 condition scores in a few months. At sale they will bring more money because: 1) they will weigh more, 2) they will grade better, and 3) late season (Christmas, Thanksgiving, etc.) usually offers a better seasonal price. Simple cow management offers some additional opportunities to avoid discounts. Market old cows before they become truly emaciated. If you notice eye or lameness problems, sell them before it gets too bad. Place brands high or low on the hip, not in the middle or on the ribs. Use polled breeds or de-horn calves. Horns cause bruising to other animals. This is a big problem for packers, who lose significant meat

discounts due to carcass blemishes or condemnations, so take extra care to manage horns. Visit with employees and cattle transporters ahead of time about how you'd like the animals to be handled. Work cattle easy and don't over-load them for the haul.

When giving injections, place them either under the skin or in the neck muscle, according to label directions. It is especially important to follow labeled withdrawal times on all medications. Sometimes cows are culled for sickness and may have been treated with antibiotics. Dewormers may have withdrawal times too. Often, cows are dewormed at weaning time, going into the winter. Obviously it is a waste of money to deworm a cull animal. But sometimes animals do get worked, especially with pour-on products, in the snake or crowd pen - when the keep / cull decision is made at the other end: at the head-gate, where pregnancy checking is done, teeth are checked, etc. So always work animals in a way that

to stay there at least a few more years. Value can still be added to already good prices with just a little bit of management and marketing.

**...RLVFD Notes**

(Continued from page 4)  
The department is planning an open house in December. The next meeting is scheduled for November 19, and will be a combination training and work meeting. Training will be on basic ladder deployment and rescue operations. Vehicle maintenance and station upkeep will be a part of the meeting also. All personnel are urged to attend.

**Turf, Pest and Ag Expo slated**

The second annual Turf, Pest and Ag Expo will be held November 16. This annual event is designed to provide the most current information on landscape and turf management and agricultural pest control. Five continuing education units will be provided for both Structural Pest Control and Texas Department of Agriculture licenses. Updates on turfgrass, landscape irrigation requirements, range land

Beauregard or at Bes-Tex at 3808 Devonian in San Angelo. Running concurrently with the presentations on managing plants and pests, there will be an outdoor power equipment maintenance service school. The Tom Green County 4-H Facility is located at 3168 U.S. Highway 67 North near San Angelo. For more information contact the Tom Green County Extension Office at 659-6522 or Bes-Tex at 653-1300.

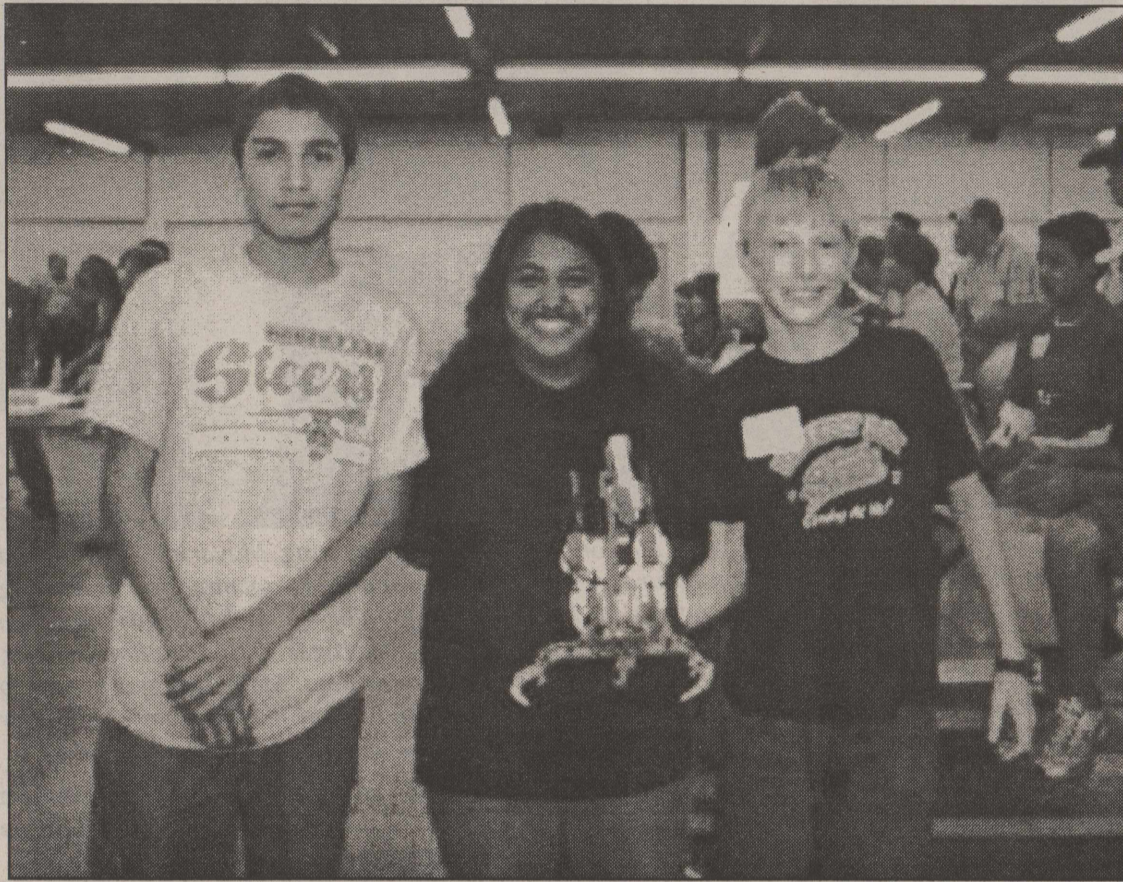
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# ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



**Robotics!** Robert Lee High School students (left to right) Jorge Rostro, Emily Arellano, and Luke Sheldon participated in the 4th annual Region XV Education Service Center Robotics Competition and won first place in Division I, out of 30 teams.

Division II students comprised three teams, one from junior high, which consisted of Lindsey Arellano and Zachary Sanchez, who won sixth place, and two elementary teams, the fifth grade students - Jerry Wofford, James Roberts, and Tristen Hildebrand and sixth grade students - Jessie Sheets, Bridget Byers, Hanna Hamrick, and Michael Curry. Both elementary teams placed in the Top 20, out of 68 teams.

Student participants design, collaborate, plan, redesign, construct, create, assemble, invent, reinvent, write, present, and compete to see who has developed the smartest robot. The contests vary based on strategies that involve speed, accuracy, sensing objects, and light. A programmable robot is limited only to the imagination of its inventor.

## Robert Lee Steers defeat the Westbrook Wildcats

By Tom Sawyer

The district champs ended the regular season with all the Steers getting in on the

### School Menu



#### Breakfast

- Monday, Nov. 19**  
Biscuit & sausage, cereal, juice, milk
- Tuesday, Nov. 20**  
Breakfast pizza, juice, milk
- Wednesday, Nov. 21**  
Toast, cereal, juice, milk
- Thursday, Nov. 22**  
Happy Thanksgiving!!!
- Friday, Nov. 23**  
Holiday

#### Lunch

- Monday, Nov. 19**  
Chicken O's, Mac & cheese, green beans, sliced bread, pears, milk
- Tuesday, Nov. 20**  
Chicken spaghetti, salad, carrots, breadstick, yogurt, milk
- Wednesday, Nov. 21**  
Chicken patty on bun, baked chips, pickles, pork & beans, applesauce, milk
- Thursday, Nov. 22**  
Happy Thanksgiving!!!
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action. The playoffs are starting this Friday and the Steers will be right in the middle of the action when we travel to Borden County (Gail) to take on the Ropes Eagles.

This will be a long trip so get your car pools together and wear your orange and black and get out Friday to support your team.

Go Steers! Steer Pride!  
Go Rompin' Stompin' Steer Band!

#### Scoring Summary

**1st Quarter**  
Robert Lee - Gallegos 5 yard run with 7:02 left, Gallegos kick;  
Robert Lee - Hodge 6 yard run with 2:27 left, kick failed;  
Robert Lee - Hodge 9 yard run with :19 left, Gallegos kick.

**Robert Lee - 22  
Westbrook - 0**

**2nd Quarter**  
Robert Lee - Percifull 47 yard Int. with 9:46 left, Gallegos kick;  
Robert Lee - Pineda 1 yard run with 6:51 left, Gallegos kick;  
Westbrook - 24 yard pass with 6:12 left, kick failed;  
Robert Lee - Brosh 8 yard run with 4:50 left, Gallegos

kick;  
Westbrook - 1 yard run with 2:49 left, PAT kick good  
RL- Hodge 27 yard run with 2:07 left, Gallegos kick.  
**Robert Lee- 54  
Westbrook - 14**

**3rd Quarter**  
Robert Lee- Philley 3 yard run with 4:33 left, game called.  
**Robert Lee - 60  
Westbrook - 14  
Steer Statistics**

Percifull - 1 carry for 31 yards, 1 reception for 19 yards, 2 tackles, and 1 Int. for TD;  
B. Dillard - 1 reception for 4 yards, 5 tackles, and 1 fumble recovery;  
Gallegos - 5 carries for 56 yards and 1 TD, 2 completions for 23 yards, and 3 tackles;  
Philley - 2 carries for 8 yards and 1 TD, 1 tackle;  
H. Dillard - 2 receptions for 17 yards, 2 tackles;  
Millican - 2 carries and 2 tackles;  
Hewitt - 1 fumble recovery;  
Hodge - 4 carries for 54 yards and 3 TD's, and 4 tackles;  
C. Roe - 2 tackles, and 1 fumble recovery;  
Martin - 2 carries for 26 yards, and 3 tackles;  
Brosh - 6 carries for 74 yards and 1 TD, 2 passes for 17 yards, and 1 interception;  
KW Roe - 1 tackle.  
**GO STEERS!  
STEER PRIDE!  
Congratulations  
District Champions!**

### Special Send-off for Steers slated

Everyone is invited after the pep rally to see the Robert Lee Steers off to Borden County for a playoff victory. There will be a spirit line from the locker rooms to the stop sign. Bring your bells and flags and let's show the Steers some support!

### Lady Steers Basketball results

The Varsity team played on November 6 against Christoval. Scoring for Robert Lee were: Nancy Landeros - 2, Olga Perez - 2, Arrin Minjarez - 6, Molli Hinderliter - 2, Molly Burns - 4, Megan Percifull - 3, Sarah Walker - 4. With a final score of Christoval 72, Robert Lee 23. The Varsity also played on Nov. 9 against Highland. Scoring for the Lady Steers were: Kasie Skinner - 3, Arrin Minjarez - 4, Molly Burns - 2, Megan Percifull - 6, Amanda Mendoza - 2, and Sarah Walker - 2. The game ended in a 47 to 19 finish in Highlands's favor.

The JV team also played on Nov. 6 against Christoval. Scoring for Robert Lee's JV were: Erika Sheldon - 6, Taylor Foster - 2, Jodi Sheldon - 4, Kacey Roberts - 5, Skyler Rainwater - 4, Briana Brisbin - 3, Connie Saucedo - 7. The game was tied at the end of the clock, therefore went into overtime where Christoval took a 2 point lead, winning 33 to Robert Lee's 31.

### Clay Antilley Memorial Scholarship Fund established

The Clay Antilley Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established at the San Angelo Area Foundation in memory of Clay Kennedy Antilley of Robert Lee, an avid member of 4-H and FFA, who attended as many

stock shows as was possible. The San Angelo Area Foundation will be accepting scholarship applications for this fund in the spring of 2008.

To be eligible for the scholarship, a student must be a graduate of a Coke County high school located in Coke County, Texas, and have been a resident student of said high school for three consecutive semesters beginning the junior year. In addition, the student must demonstrate outstanding achievement in a Coke County FFA or 4-H club and participated in school, community and agriculture related organizations. Scholarship applications will be available on our website January 1, and are due to the Foundation office by March 1.

To obtain more information about this and other scholarships at the San Angelo Area Foundation, please visit our website at [www.saafound.org](http://www.saafound.org). Memorial contributions to this fund may be made online or may be mailed to the Clay Antilley Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o San Angelo Area Foundation, 2201 Sherwood Way, Suite 205, San Angelo, Texas 76901.

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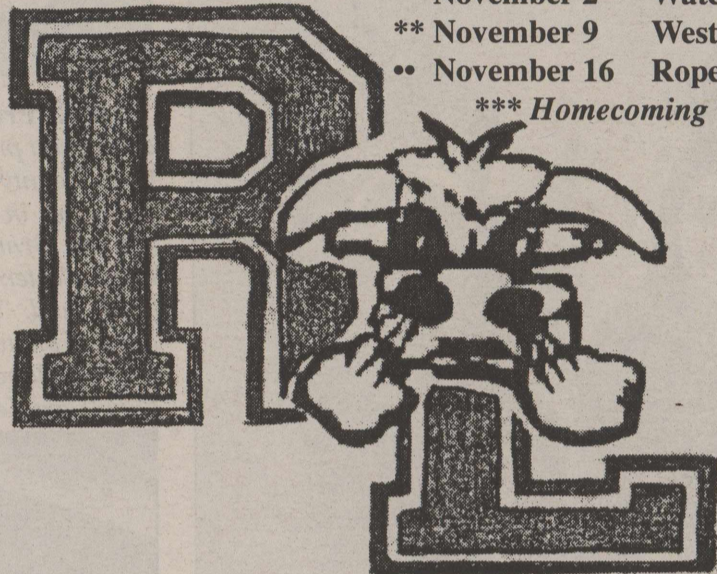
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# ROBERT LEE STEERS FOOTBALL

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November 16  
7:30 pm  
Borden Co.



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September 7	Borden County	There	7:30 - -
September 14	Santa Anna	Here	7:30 42 36
September 21	Eden	There	7:30 34 38
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October 5	Rochelle	There	7:30 34 14
October 12	OPEN		
* October 19	Ira	There	7:30 69 24
* October 26	Highland	Here	7:30 64 16
* November 2	Water Valley	There	7:30 62 12
** November 9	Westbrook	Here	7:30 60 14
** November 16	Ropes		7:30

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# BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



**Bronte NHS Officers!** The Bronte High School National Honor Society officers for the 2007-2008 school year are (back row, left to right) Holly Huskerson, President; Gus Saunders, Vice President; Casey Harris, Reporter; Emily Austin, Treasurer and (front row) Estephanie Flores, Secretary.

## Discover ASU Days Announced

Angelo State University has announced their Discover ASU Days for the 2007-2008 school year. ASU invites students and parents to attend one of these free informative sessions to learn more about Angelo State University. Different academic departments will have booths set up, campus tours will be provided, and other information regarding the application process.

housing, and financial aid will be discussed. A free hamburger lunch will be provided to all those who attend. The dates announced are February 16 and March 29. You may register online at [www.angelo.edu](http://www.angelo.edu), or by calling 942-2041.

## Carr Scholarship deadline announced

Angelo State University has now posted the Carr Scholarship application online at [www.angelo.edu](http://www.angelo.edu) for prospective ASU students. In order to qualify, students must score at least a 21 or higher on the ACT test or 970 or higher on the SAT test and be ranked in the top 40% of their senior class. The deadline to apply is February 1, 2008.

## Career Planning Information

The Bronte High School Library has four new career/job outlook books you might want to look at when you get time:

- Peterson's Four Year Colleges 2008
- Barron's Profiles of American Colleges
- The Occupational Outlook Handbook
- The Best Entry Level Jobs of 2008.

All of these books are great resources that will give you information about careers, including job descriptions, outlooks for the future.

salaries, and education or training required.

"It's never too soon or too late to start thinking about and researching careers that might interest you."

## Bronte ISD Update

By Michael Bohensky

The volleyball team lost to Archer City last Friday night at the Regional Tournament in five games. Holly Huskerson was picked as a Regional Tournament selection. The girls ended the season with a 30-13 record. The Longhorn football team fought a hard battle with Christoval last Friday night. The Longhorns ended the season 5-5 and barely missed a playoff spot.

Bronte is planning a curriculum alignment meeting after school on Wednesday, December 12. There will be an update on this information in the weeks to come. Report cards were mailed out this week. The honor rolls will be in next week's paper.

Thirteen teams from Bronte participated in the Robotics Contest in San Angelo on Monday. "The Bakaladakaka's" made up of Chase Harris, Kerwin Rawls and Heath Richey placed 2nd in the high school division. In the junior high contest, "Bow Chicka Wow Wow", comprised of Jael Williams, Kaitlyn Braswell, Brooke Bedford, and Thoren Charles placed 3rd in the competition. "Domo Origato", comprised



**Pre-K Program!** The Bronte Pre-Kindergarten class attended a program on the new Food Guide Pyramid given by Coke County Cooperative Extension Agent, Jan Yanez. Those attending in the morning class (above photo) included Zoe Herron, Brandon Arthur, Marissa Reyes, Michaela Basquez, Bryce Foster, Shaylon McGlothlin, Amanda Marrs and Shyann Strickland. Those participating from the afternoon class (bottom photo) were Cash Drennan, Corbin Bean, Alison Hiley, Katelyn Bohensky, Jadan Morgan, Mariah Delacerda, Quay Lloyd, and Keeley Queen.



of Caleb Rosson, Mario Delarosa, Ethan Sedden, and Kyle Kelton, placed 5th in the junior high competition. Congratulations to these contestants! Results from the jr. high and elementary academic meet in Garden City hosted on Wednesday, November 14 will be in next week's paper.

Bronte ISD will have an early release day on Wednesday, November 21. All students will be released at 12:30 pm on Wednesday, November 21.

## Nominations being accepted for H-E-B Education Awards

In each student's life, there is usually at least one educator who, through their dedication and creativity, inspires a love of life-long learning. Texans are invited to recognize the individual educators who touched their lives by nominating them for

a 2008 H-E-B Excellence in Education Award. Just one nomination could place an educator or a school district on the path toward winning a cash prize ranging from \$5,000 to \$100,000.

Since launching the Excellence in Education Awards seven years ago, H-E-B has awarded more than \$3 million in cash and grants to educators and school districts across the state.

"Too often we forget to thank our educators for their selfless dedication. A nomination for an H-E-B EIE award can be a way of expressing this special thanks," said Jill Reynolds, H-E-B Community Relations Program Manager.

Nomination forms are available at neighborhood H-E-B stores or at [www.heb.com](http://www.heb.com) and will be accepted through December 19, 2007. Individual educators and school districts are strongly encouraged to self-nominate as well.

### School Menu

### Breakfast

- Monday, Nov. 19**  
Cereal, mixed fruit, biscuit, jelly, milk
- Tuesday, Nov. 20**  
Pancake and sausage on a stick, juice, milk
- Wednesday, Nov. 21**  
Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, juice, milk
- Thursday, Nov. 22**  
Happy Thanksgiving!!!
- Friday, Nov. 23**  
Holiday

### Lunch

- Monday, Nov. 19**  
Chicken strips, gravy, creamed potatoes, corn, applesauce, roll, milk
- Tuesday, Nov. 20**  
Soft tacos with cheese, Spanish rice, lettuce, tomato, refried beans, assorted fruit, flour tortilla, milk
- Wednesday, Nov. 21**  
Bar-b-que on bun, tator tots, ranch style beans, sliced peaches, milk
- Thursday, Nov. 22**  
Happy Thanksgiving!!!
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As nominations are received, an application form for the awards program will be mailed to all nominees. This form requests additional information for judging purposes including teaching philosophies and educational goals. Following the preliminary judging, 40 finalists representing five Texas regions will be selected and invited to compete for larger cash prizes.

H-E-B's Excellence in Education Awards were created in 2002 in cooperation with the Texas Association of School Administrators to celebrate and recognize the contributions of public school professionals whose leadership and dedication inspire a love of learning in students of all backgrounds and abilities.

Following the judging of all applications received, H-E-B will select 40 finalists and surprise them at their schools in March, 2008. During these visits, teacher finalists will each receive a \$1,000 cash prize and a \$1,000 grant for his/her school and principal finalists will each receive a \$1,000 cash prize and a \$2,500 grant for his/her school.

In the District Award category - five large school districts (3A, 4A or 5A) selected as finalists will receive \$5,000. Three small school districts (1A or 2A) finalists will receive \$2,500. In addition, 225 semifinalists will each receive H-E-B Gift Cards and a certificate of recognition signed by H-E-B Chairman and CEO Charles Butt.

In May 2008, each finalist will receive an all-expense-paid trip to Houston to participate in statewide selection and interview process before a panel of judges who will determine the award's overall 10 grand-prize winners. These 10 winners - two principals, six teachers and two school districts, one large and one small - will be announced

at a special awards dinner.

Each winning principal-one elementary school and one high school-will receive a \$10,000 cash prize and a \$25,000 grant for his/her school. The winning large school district will receive a \$100,000 cash prize. The winning small school district will receive \$50,000.

The six winning teachers will include one elementary and one secondary teacher in each of three categories:

The Rising Star Award - honors exceptionally promising teachers with less than 10 years of experience. These winners will each receive a \$5,000 cash prize plus a \$5,000 grant for his/her school.

The Leadership Award - honors teachers with 10 to 20 years in the classroom. These winners will each receive a \$10,000 cash prize plus a \$10,000 grant for his/her school.

The Lifetime Achievement Award - salutes teachers with more than 20 years of experience. These teachers will each receive a \$25,000 cash prize and a \$25,000 grant for his/her school.

### Jury Duty Scam Just Another ID Theft Trick

The FBI and other law enforcement agencies around the country have reported the resurgence of an old trick known as the jury duty scam.

In this scam, potential victims receive calls from people posing as court officers. The caller informs the victim that he or she failed to appear for jury duty and that a warrant has been issued for his or her arrest. After alarming the victim, the caller then seeks to "confirm" the victim's Social Security number and other personal information. After divulging this information, the victim is often told that the entire matter can be instantly dismissed by paying a fine. All the victim needs to do



**4-H County Food Show!** On Saturday, October 27, the 4-H County Food Show was held. 4-H members showed off their culinary skills by preparing their favorite dishes. Results are as follows.

**Junior Division - Main Dish - 1st) Hunter Hamrick; Fruits & Vegetables - 1st) Madison Wright, 2nd) Brady Clawson, 3rd) Blaine Yanez, 4th) Kodi Drennan; Breads & Cereals - 1st) Bailey Hooten, 2nd) Marley Braswell, 3rd) Kourtney Kelton; Snack & Desserts - 1st) Austin Parker, 2nd) Brittany Bedford.**

**Intermediate Division - Main Dish - 1st) Hanna Hamrick, 2nd) Taylor Sheldon; Fruits & Vegetables - 1st) Kyle Kelton; Breads & Cereals - 1st) Courtney Wyatt; Snacks & Desserts - 1st) Shanyia Parker, 2nd) Kaitlyn Braswell.**

**Senior Division - Main Dish - 1st) Emilee Yanez.**

is provide a credit card or checking account routing number.

By the time the call ends, the scammer has all the information necessary to open lines of credit under the unsuspecting victim's name. Identity thieves can quickly empty the victim's bank accounts or run up staggering credit card bills.

As with many ploys to obtain consumers' personal information, it is likely that many of these identity thieves are actually thousands of miles away, often in other countries and out of reach of U.S. law enforcement. Under this

scheme, criminals simply go through the phone book hoping that sooner or later someone will provide the sensitive information they need to steal an identity.

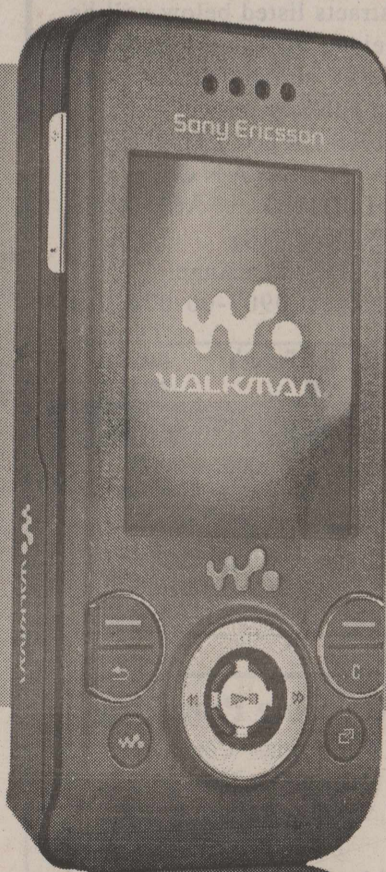
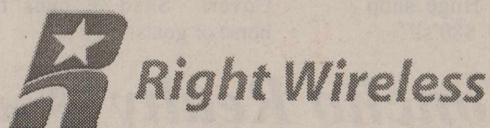
This ploy is particularly effective because it causes victims to react immediately out of fear, rather than taking the time to reflect about the information being requested. While citizens could face legal consequences for failing to respond to a valid jury summons, legitimate court officers would never leave threatening messages on someone's voicemail to

demand personal information and immediate payment of a fine.

Consumers who receive such a call can verify whether they must appear for jury duty by calling their local courthouse or district court. Consumers should NEVER hand over personal information in response to an unsolicited telephone call or e-mail, no matter how legitimate it might appear.

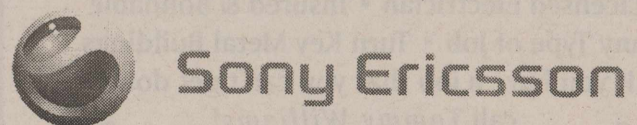
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Coke County Commissioners Court will conduct a Public Hearing at its next regularly scheduled meeting to consider and act on an application by Florida Power and Light to designate certain property located in Coke County as a Reinvestment Zone eligible for property tax abatement under Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code. The property is located on certain land in Precinct one (1) and Precinct three (3) of Coke County and is intended for use as a wind power facility by Florida Power and Light. A legal description of these lands is available at the Coke County Courthouse. In determining whether to designate the Reinvestment Zone, the Court will consider whether such a designation would contribute to retention or expansion of employment in the Zone or would attract major investment in the Zone that would benefit the land to be included therein and contribute to the economic development of the County. The public hearing will take place at 8:30 am on November 26, 2007 in the Commissioners Courtroom of the Coke County Courthouse in Robert Lee, Texas. All interested persons may appear and present testimony and evidence regarding the application.

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**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) fire-fighter 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 times 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 mph;
- 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 13th day of November 2007.

SIGNED Roy Blair,  
County Judge

ATTEST Mary Grim,  
County Clerk

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"The cooler months are a great time to evaluate your home's energy use and make a few smart choices that can keep your family warm and save you money," said Kate Caskin, Senior Vice President of the Propane Education & Research Council (PERC). "A few easy steps can ensure your home isn't wasting energy and doing excess damage to the environment."

Here is some useful advice from the experts at PERC that can keep those winter energy bills from giving you the cold shoulder:

\* Invest in a time-set thermostat. You can cut annual heating bills by as much as 10 percent per year by turning your thermostat back 10 to 15 percent for eight hours per day when you're not at home.

\* Consider switching to a tankless water heater. Since tankless propane water heaters heat water on demand rather than storing hot water in a tank, they can lower household energy bills by up to 60 percent and save the average family 10 to 20 percent of its daily water use. And not only will you cut back on water waste, the use of propane water heaters generates 60 percent fewer earth-damaging carbon emissions than electric-powered heaters.

\* Turn down your water heater from the standard 120 degrees to 115 degrees. You could save more than 10 percent on your water heating bill.

\* Keep out the cold. Insulate, especially in attics and basements, and replace old, drafty windows and weather-strip doors.

\* As romantic as wood-burning fireplaces can be, they're not always efficient at heating the room. They can lose as much as 90 percent of the heat they generate, whereas propane fireplaces and log sets are up to 100 percent efficient. And the U.S. Department of Energy estimates that propane fireplaces cost 30 to 60 percent less per hour to operate than wood-burning fireplaces.

\* Regularly inspect and tune-up your home's heating system

to ensure it's efficient and saves you money in the long run.

\* Change your furnace filter regularly. Clean filters will increase efficiency.

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\* Use kitchen, bath and other ventilating fans wisely. In just 60 minutes, these fans can pull out a houseful of warmed air. Turn fans off as soon as they have done the job.

For more tips on ways to make your home more energy smart, visit [www.usepropane.com](http://www.usepropane.com) on the Internet.

**Flu shots crucial for young children**

The flu is more serious than a common cold, but flu shots can help keep your family safe. Plain and simple.

In fact, influenza is the leading cause of vaccine-preventable deaths for kids, but despite recommendations from health experts, many parents still don't have their children vaccinated.

A new report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) shows only a small fraction of the children who need to get a flu vaccination actually get one, despite the CDC recommendations that all children six months to five years old should get vaccinated.

Indeed, a recent survey by the Visiting Nurse Associations of America (VNAA) found almost half of moms of children under five do not get their kids vaccinated every year.

Of the 45 percent of these moms who did not follow CDC recommendations to get their kids vaccinated against the flu, one-third said they did not think it was necessary.

It is estimated that each year in the United States, more than 20,000 children less than five years old are hospitalized due to the flu, and children less than two years old are even more likely to be hospitalized by the flu.

"Nearly 100 American children under five years of age die every year from influenza," stresses Richard Kanowitz, president of Families Fighting Flu.

The CDC's recommendation for flu vaccinations extends beyond all children ages six months to five years old, to anyone in frequent contact with these young children -- meaning moms, dads, grandparents and child care providers. The VNAA's survey found moms of children in this age group need help fighting the flu.

According to the survey:

\* More than 75 percent of moms of children under five DON'T get their whole family vaccinated against the flu. Many moms nix the needle because they don't have time or their children are too afraid.

\* The majority of moms say they are not very concerned about their child developing serious flu complications.

\* Only two percent of moms are concerned about a member of their family catching the flu at home.

\* Forty-three percent of moms say their approach to the flu season is to "let nature take its course."

Remember, children can be at high risk for health complications due to the flu. And with just one sick family member at home, more than 60 percent of household surfaces can harbor the flu virus, making it important to disinfect germ hot spots.

So, while vaccination is the first step in flu prevention for most young children, parents should also take these simple steps at home:

\* Sing & Scrub: Make sure kids wash their hands the right way. They should wash frequently with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds (the time it takes to sing the "Happy Birthday" song twice).

\* Disinfect Hot Spots: Kids can touch up to 300 surfaces in 30 minutes, so be sure to disinfect the surfaces kids touch most frequently -- like doorknobs, light switches, faucets or plastic toys. Use a disinfectant designed to kill cold and flu viruses.

\* Do the Elbow Cough: Teach kids to cough into elbows, not hands where they're more likely to spread bacteria and viruses through touch.

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**How to make easy holiday dishes**

Whether you're giving a holiday party or asked to bring a dish to one as a guest, deciding what food to prepare can be complicated, especially if you're pressed for time.

You need to take into consideration the likes and dislikes of the party's guests, what types of dishes others might be bringing, preparation time and space -- and even what type of container in which to tote your dish if you will be transporting it.

"Most of us lead over-scheduled lives filled with work, household chores and children's activities, so recipes that are easy to make and require only a handful of ingredients are always a great choice during the holiday season," said Anne Byrn, author of the new "What Can I Bring? Cookbook."

"Great recipes that travel well don't slip and slide in transit and are quick to assemble when they're ready to be served, or, even better, require no work at all before serving," she added.

Here are some tips and handy advice from Byrn that can make your life easier when choosing, preparing and transporting food for a party:

\* The right recipe fits the party's guests. Is it a group of young, adventurous eaters or an older group who may prefer less spicy, exotic fare? Are children included? Will there be vegetarians or people with food allergies?

\* Casseroles are great for their one-dish ease and their ability to be assembled, frozen and baked later. Casseroles that freeze well include eggplant Parmesan and those made with broccoli, squash and sweet potato.

\* Roasted and grilled asparagus, artichokes and sauteed zucchini all turn mushy when frozen and thawed.

\* If you are bringing a dish, when possible choose one that needs no on-site assembly.

\* If you will be toting food on a long trip to a party, consider a Bundt cake - they survive the most mileage and still arrive in one piece, no matter your mode of transport.

\* If others will be bringing food, consider coordinating so you don't wind up with five of the same side dishes. Plan so all courses are accounted for - for example, an appetizer, salad, main dish, side dish and dessert.

\* If you are transporting a dish, be sure to select the right container. Plastic containers are great for salads, desserts and soups. Aluminum foil casserole pans with locking plastic lids are perfect for side dishes, main dishes and any-

thing that needs to be reheated or baked on site. For storing pasta and rice salads, try resealable plastic bags. Shake up the salad in the bag before transferring to a serving bowl. One of the simplest ways to transport food is on a serving platter or in a serving bowl, covered with plastic wrap.

\* Freeze sides in their baking dishes or in disposable aluminum pans covered with foil.

\* If you're bringing food on a platter, write your name on a piece of tape and stick it to the bottom. Keep your heirloom platters at home and opt for inexpensive ones made from nonbreakable plastic, wood or lightweight pottery.

\* Bring all the food supplies you'll need, along with as many necessary kitchen items as possible.

"For time-taxed party hosts and guests, potluck doesn't have to mean bad luck, if you add a dash of planning, sophistication, style and simplicity," said Byrn.

For more tips and party-friendly recipes, read Byrn's new "What Can I Bring? Cookbook," available at bookstores or by searching for the book online at [www.workman.com](http://www.workman.com).

**Drive with extra care this fall**

No matter where you live, fall can offer motorists breath-taking views as well as their share of driving challenges. Take extra caution on the roads and remember there can be wet leaves on the road, increased sun glare and frosty mornings.

In addition to creating slippery conditions, wet leaves can also cover traffic lines and other pavement markings, so motorists need to drive slowly and use extra caution, particularly on narrow or winding roads.

Fall is also associated with intense sun glare during morning and afternoon rush hours. The glare can reduce visibility to near zero. In such instances, motorists should watch for sudden, slow-moving traffic and be prepared to reduce speed quickly. It's important for motorists to keep their windshields clean, both inside and out to help reduce glare. Motorists should also be certain that their vehicle's sun visor is free of clutter and that a pair of good sunglasses is within easy reach.

In many parts of the country, frosty fall mornings can lead to slippery conditions, especially on bridges and overpasses where moisture freezes more quickly than on roads. Motorists also need to be alert to shaded areas, where icy spots on the pavement can develop. In addition to driving with extra care, make sure your vehicle's windows are clear of frost before venturing out onto the road.

"Clearly, one of the biggest challenges drivers face in the fall is wet leaves, which can be as slippery as ice," said transportation expert, Allen D. Biehler, the current Secretary of the Department of Transportation in Pennsylvania (PennDOT). "Motorists need to be aware of their surroundings and, if wet leaves are present, they should increase their following distances and allow extra room for stopping."

Here are some fall driving tips from Biehler and the experts at PennDOT:

\* When driving in severe weather or in areas with wet leaves, increase your following distance. If you are being tailgated, let the other driver pass.

\* With twilight approaching earlier in the evenings, make sure that your vehicles' headlights, taillights and turn signals are all working properly. Turn your headlights on as soon as sunlight begins to fade.

\* Be sure that your vehicle's heating system and wipers are functioning properly and if your wipers are on turn on your headlights, as well, so that other motorists can see you.

\* Be sure that your tires have sufficient tread depth to deal with the potential for early-season snow if you live or drive in cold weather climates.

\* Drivers should steer clear any time an emergency vehicle has its lights flashing and where road crews or emergency personnel have lighted flares or posted signs. Move to a lane not adjacent to the scene of an emergency response, police stop or a tow truck picking up an abandoned vehicle. If you cannot move over because of traffic or other conditions, reduce your speed.

And, of course, a good tip for every season is to always buckle up and never drink and drive.

**Ready your home for holiday guests**

The holiday season brings with it great meals, presents, beautiful decorations and guests -- lots and lots of guests coming and going.

Holiday guests -- be they family members or friends -- often show up early, stay late or even pop by unexpectedly. And with them can come hectic, harried moments as you rush to get your house company-ready.

Organizing expert, Vicki Norris, calls this phenomenon the "dash and stash" -- when we frantically rush around hiding clutter, hanging up coats or even strategically placing a plant or floral arrangement before opening the door.

"I recommend people strive to keep the most visible spaces of their home organized 24/7. It's not nearly as hard as it sounds," says Norris, author of "Restoring

Order to Your Home."

Norris suggests several simple tricks that can help keep your home's public spaces, such as your entryway, living room or family room, neat for holiday traffic.

"For instance, placing flowers or a favorite accessory where clutter typically congregates does two things: it brightens the room and prevents future messes from settling there," suggests Norris.

While your family room probably is your home's superhighway, a few tweaks can eliminate those piles of roadway rubbish, such as toys and magazines. And quick fixes that yield permanent results can help ensure your entryway (the natural "drop zone" for your family's coats, shoes, and keys) doesn't become an unruly hazard.

Because the entryway is the easiest place to drop things, and is the first space guests see, your focus in this area should be clutter control. Determine what types of items are left here and then implement a clutter capture system.

Look around. Do you see a handful of coats or an entire closet full? Do you spy a few shoes or a shoe mountain?

Select and install the right storage solutions, whether they are hooks, bins, shelving, benches or other furnishings. Think about your aesthetic preferences. If you prefer not to see clutter, consider a narrow armoire to neatly store your belongings.

Then personalize your entryway. Welcome your guests with an inviting display of family photos, a favorite collection, or fresh flowers to suit the season. Having these items on tables actually will prevent future clutter from collecting. Also, a strategically placed floor plant can divert attention from less appealing areas.

As for the family room or living room, Norris recommends determining the room's direction, de-littering and finding homes for such nomadic items as backpacks, toys, magazines and everything in between.

First decide upon the room's direction. For example, should it be an off-ramp of the kitchen or an entertainment hub where you will gather to watch TV and play games? Set up a "go-elsewhere" basket, so at the end of each day you can relocate items that don't belong here back to their proper places.

Create a plan of attack for accumulating papers and other misplaced possessions, including a reference binder to create a permanent home for take-out menus, gift certificates, coupons and commonly reached-for phone numbers such as the dry cleaner, your florist, hair stylist and movie theater.

And don't be a litter bug! Keep surfaces such as otto-

mans and tables clear, and beautify the room with flowers or a plant to reclaim the space and make it a nice place in which to spend time -- both for you and those holiday guests.

"Perfection is unattainable and should never be the goal," stresses Norris. "By clearing out the clutter and reclaiming your space, you create more time for the things that are truly important in your life."

**How do I shop online safely?**

Shopping online is a great way to buy holiday gifts or birthday presents. But savvy shoppers should beware of scammers who will take your money but never deliver, or worse, steal credit card numbers.

Here are guidelines from the experts at buySAFE, Inc., a trust and safety company for ecommerce transactions:

If the price is too good to be true, it probably is. However, high prices don't assure items are legitimate or the merchant will perform.


If a seller has only a few pictures and won't share more, you're likely dealing with someone illegitimate. Digital copying of pictures from catalogs or other retailers' sites can make any website look good. If the merchant is selling something genuine, he should be happy to provide more photos and other information.

Before purchasing, read and understand all terms of sale, including shipping costs, return policies and accepted payment methods. If the merchant hasn't addressed these items in a clear, professional way, or if the policies are overly restrictive, that's a serious warning sign.

If you're unsure about a product or transaction, communicate with the merchant by phone or e-mail before making any payment. Honest merchants should be happy to respond.

The best way to protect yourself when shopping online is to look for a trusted, third-party endorsement of the merchant. For example, look for select bonded merchants that display the buySAFE Seal. Always verify third-party endorsements by clicking on the seal.

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