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Christmas Greetings deadline set for today

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 26 issue.

Deadline for this year's greetings is today (Friday, December 19). For more information or to place an ad, contact the office at 453-2433.

Singing Winds to host golf tourney

There will be a 27-hole, 2 person, select shot, golf tournament on December 20, 2008, at the Singing Winds Golf Course in Bronte. Tee off time is set for 9 am. For more information, call 473-2156.

Holiday Closings

Several Coke County offices and businesses will be closed a few days for the upcoming Christmas holiday.

The City of Bronte, as well as the City of Robert Lee, will be closed Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, December 24-26. The Coke County Courthouse will be closed Thursday and Friday, December 25-26.

The Observer/Enterprise office will be closed Thursday, December 26 through Friday, January 2. Business will resume as usual on Monday, January 5.

Reservations for Coke County Rec Halls set

The first day to rent the following Coke County buildings for 2009 will be on Monday, January 5, at 7 am in the Judge's office in the Coke County Courthouse. Robert Lee large recreation hall, Robert Lee Senior building, Robert Lee Pavilion, Bronte large recreation hall, Bronte Senior building and Bronte Pavilion.

If you have any questions, please call the Judge's office at 453-2641.

Coke Co. Historical Commission meeting set for January 12

The Coke County Historical Commission will hold a meeting on Monday, January 12, 2009, at the Coke County Library at 3 pm.

Volunteers are sorely needed for the newspaper project. A demonstration of the preparation needed to prepare the Observer/Enterprise to be microfilmed by the West Texas Collection at ASU will be held. The process is simple, but human power is needed to get the project done. Please mark Monday, January 12, on the calendar and see how you can help preserve Coke County history.

Another project to be discussed is the stabilization project for the Old Jail. Ideas and human power for fund raisers are needed. The



500th Win! Coach Rocky Rawls (right) earned his 500th career win on December 9, 2008, at Garden City. Coach Rawls has been the varsity boys' basketball coach at Bronte High School for 26 years, his first and only head coaching job. In twenty-six years Coach Rawls has amassed 500 wins, all at the same school. There will be a recognition ceremony on Friday, January 2, during half-time of the girls' basketball game versus Menard. Bronte ISD invites and encourages all former players, friends, and community members to join in the district's recognition of Coach Rawls' dedication and accomplishment. Please contact the superintendent's office for more information at (325) 473-2511.

Old Jail has stood for 102 years and is a Coke County treasure. It's stabilization will make it last another 102 years. The Old Jail receives one or two visitors a day according to one of its neighbors. The building represents the pioneers of Coke County's proud and exciting past. Today's grandchildren and great grandchildren will be

bringing their children to see the building.

Mark Monday, January 12, 2009, as the day to begin helping in a serious campaign to preserve what is most real about Coke County.

RL FUMC UMW History an approaching reality

The United Methodist Women of Robert Lee First United Methodist Church are offering a book of their history. The United Methodist Women in Mission, for sale immediately to all interested parties.

Authored by Ava Lou Davis from several primary sources and edited by Jamie Boren, the book chronicles the people, ministries, and events of the UMW of Robert Lee FUMC over its entire history from 1891 to today.

The history includes a list of the women who signed the Women's Society of Christian Service (predecessor of the UMW) charter in 1940.

This little history is an important addition not only to those who have been involved with the Robert Lee UMW over the years, but

also to the history of this region of west Texas.

If you would like a copy or for more information contact: Jamie Bilbo Boren, PO Box 505, Robert Lee, TX 76945 (325) 453-2112; or Ava Lou Tubb Davis, PO Box 54, Robert Lee, TX 76945 (325) 453-2184.

Sid & Bernice Evans Scholarship to be awarded

The Bronte United Methodist Women announce that applications for the Sid and Bernice Evans Scholarship are now being accepted. The Evans were long-time members of the Bronte First United Methodist Church. The Scholarship Foundation has been established by their family.

The Scholarship is for students 20 years of age and older. Applications are available from Pat Martindale, at the City Hall, 114 South Washington.

Applications must be returned to the Bronte City Hall by January 16, 2009. The Scholarship recipient will be announced on January 20.



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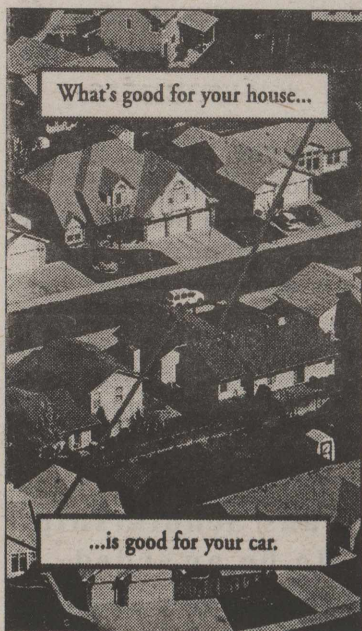
Donny Miller, 59, of Sweetwater, Texas passed away Tuesday, December 9, 2008, in Abilene, Texas.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Miller of Sweetwater, sons, Rodney Miller of Abilene and Shawn Perry of Robert Lee; daughters, Shelly Wilson of Houston and Kimberly Cardona of San Angelo; a brother, Fred Miller of Odessa, a sister, Darlene Smith of Odessa and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were scheduled for 2 pm, Friday, December 12, 2008, in Sunset Memorial Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

FSA accepting applications

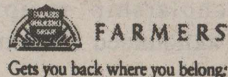
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disaster are eligible for emergency loans. The FSA office is located at 103 W. Florida Avenue in Sweetwater.

**Check Out
 Coke County
 Library**

The Coke County Library has a bin full of Christmas books for the little ones and a shelf full of Christmas books for older readers. There are also Christmas idea and project books for everyone else.

The library will be open during most of the school holidays. Students are welcome to come by for Marley, or Traveling Pants, or Warriors, or Avatars, or Narnia, or the Bad Hair Day Book. The Stephanie Myers books are on order.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; Fridays, 8-12. Books may be returned to the drop box on the library porch 24/7 and to the Main Street Market in Bronte.

Don't Drink & Drive Public Education Campaign

Consistently Texas is among the states with the highest incidence of drunk driving in the nation. In

2007, 1,485 motorists died in alcohol-related crashes on Texas roadways. Safety experts continually remind us that drunk driving incidents spike during the holidays. Law enforcement officers often refer to this time of year as "rookie season" because motorists who partake in the season's merriment don't always know when they've had too much, and many get behind the wheel after they've been drinking.

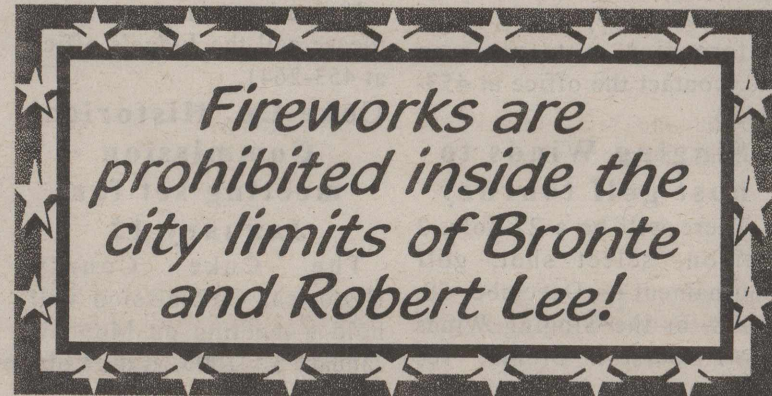
That's why the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is launching its 11th annual Don't Drink & Drive campaign as part of its yearly effort to curb drunk driving over the holidays. The campaign runs from December 21st through New Year's Day 2009. This year, for the first time, TxDOT will launch a variety of interactive ads leading Internet travelers to Santa's MySpace profile. See myspace.com/santaintexas.

Santa is not the only one who'll be busy this year. From December 21st until

January 1st, which includes Christmas and New Year's holidays, the Texas Department of Public Safety and local law enforcement agencies are making an extra effort to spot—and stop—drunk drivers.

TxDOT will air its award-winning animated television spots showing Santa getting home in an unexpected way. Radio spots rely on popular Christmas carols to deliver upbeat reminders to not get behind the wheel when you've been drinking. TxDOT will also use festive artwork for billboards and other out-of-home media featuring the slogan "Santa is Coming to Town. Please Don't Hit Him." and in Spanish, "Santa ya Viene. No lo Atropelles."

Though the percentage of alcohol-related fatalities in the state has decreased over the past few years, Texas continues to lead the nation when it comes to alcohol-related traffic fatalities. This makes alcohol a factor in 44 percent of the fatal crashes in Texas, significantly higher than the national average of 41 percent.



**Area Churches
 Invite You to Worship**

Bronte Church of Christ
 PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson • Bronte
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Preacher John V. Driggers
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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. Corey Cornutt, 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
 10:50 am Worship

Wed. 6 pm Choir
Iglesia Bautista Bethel
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 (325) 763-9208 • 320-1354

Sun. 10 am • Worship
 11 am & 6 pm • Service
 Wed. 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
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(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

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting
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
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 Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor
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 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

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According to transportation safety experts, during December in Texas alone, more than 27,000 traffic crashes will injure 20,000 people and kill around 335 more. About 150 of those fatal crashes will involve someone who was drinking. (Estimates are based on an analysis of Texas crash data since 2001.)

Costs of a DWI

If the safety consequences alone are not enough to convince Texans not to drink and drive, the financial penalties may sway some holdouts. According to regional surveys in Texas during 2007, the total costs of a DWI arrest and conviction can run motorists anywhere from \$5,000 to \$24,000 or more, which includes citation fines, court processing fees, costs for an alcohol education course and an alcohol addiction evaluation, attorney fees, potential auto insurance rate increases, a three-year surcharge to retain one's driver's license, bail and probation fees.

How Texans Can Avoid a DWI? Let Someone Else Take the Reins.

Plan ahead if you plan to drink. Designate a driver, call a cab or someone you trust to pick you up, or spend the night where you are. Bottom line: Do not get behind the wheel if you've been drinking.

Here's the Law: 21 or Older

In Texas the legal limit for intoxication is .08 BAC (blood or breath alcohol concentration). However, drivers can be stopped and cited when impaired regardless of BAC. Drivers and passengers can be fined up to \$500 for having an open alcohol container in a vehicle.

First Offense

- Up to a \$2,000 fine
- Up to 180 days in jail upon conviction (mandatory three days in jail)
- Loss of driver's license up to a year
- \$1,000 surcharge for three years to retain driver's license

Second Offense

- Up to a \$4,000 fine
- Up to one year in jail upon conviction (mandatory five days in jail)
- Loss of driver's license up to two years
- \$1,500 surcharge for three years to retain driver's license

Third Offense

- Up to a \$10,000 fine
- Two to ten years in prison
- Loss of driver's license up to two years
- Mandatory 10-60 days in jail if defendant receives probation
- \$2,000 surcharge for three years to retain driver's license

*After two or more DWI convictions in five years, motorists must install a special ignition interlock that prevents their vehicle from

being operated if they've been drinking.

DWI with a Child Passenger

Motorists can be charged with child endangerment for driving while intoxicated if they're carrying passengers younger than 15 years old.

DWI with a child passenger is a felony and punishable by:

- Up to a \$10,000 fine
- Up to two years in a state jail
- Loss of driver's license for up to two years

Here's the Law: 21 or under

It is illegal for minors (under 21) to purchase, attempt to purchase, possess or consume alcohol. It's also against the law for minors to misrepresent their age to obtain alcohol.

Minors in Possession (MIP)

Here's what happens the first time minors are found in possession of alcohol. Any amount of beer, wine or liquor will trigger the penalties.

- Up to a \$500 fine
- 30- to 180-day driver's license suspension
- Eight to 40 hours of community service
- Mandatory alcohol awareness classes

A second or third offense can lead to suspension of the minor's driver's license for 60 to 180 days. Those 17 or older can be fined as much as \$2,000 or go to jail for up to 180 days for a third offense or

both, plus automatic driver's license suspension.

Driving Under the Influence (DUI)

It is illegal for anyone under 21 to drive with any detectable amount of alcohol in their system. Here's what happens the first time a minor convicted of a DUI. Any amount of beer, wine or liquor can trigger the penalties.

- Up to a \$500 fine
- 60-day driver's license suspension
- 20 to 40 hours of community service
- Mandatory alcohol awareness classes

Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)

Drivers 17 and older who are stopped for drinking and driving with a blood or breath alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or greater can also face DWI criminal penalties listed for those 21 and older.

Roe earns degree from Texas Tech

Lindsey Nicole Roe of Robert Lee was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Family and Consumer Sciences Education from Texas Tech University on Saturday, December 13, 2008. She graduated Magna Cum Laude with a GPA of 3.883.

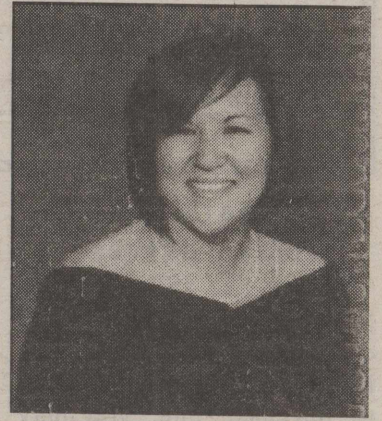
Lindsey has been on the President's or Dean's List during her entire studies at Texas Tech University.

During her 3 1/2 years at Texas Tech, Lindsey worked at the TECHniques Center tutoring college students with learning disabilities. She was an active member of the Delta Gamma sorority, where she held many leadership positions. She is also a member of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Lindsey is now teaching Family and Consumer Science at Southland ISD. She is the daughter of Kevin and Tammy Roe, and the granddaughter of Billy Wayne and Dolores Roe of Robert Lee and Billy and Beth Haines of Gatesville.

Bobcat loose around RL

Last Wednesday, December 10, Lynn Doris Smith heard a commotion on her front porch on West 9th Street in Robert Lee. She went to investigate and saw a bobcat on top of her cat. She hollered at it and it ran off. Residents near and in Robert



Lindsey Roe

Lee should be aware and watchful when outdoors.

Early deadline set for Monday, December 22 for inclusion in December 26 issue of O/E.

**Bronte Christmas Week
Trash Schedule Change**

Monday Route
will remain unchanged

Thursday Route
will be picked up on
Friday, December 26

*Contact Bronte City Hall at
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MAIN STREET MARKET

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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

RL Robotics selling flash drives

Robert Lee ISD Robotics team is selling 1GB flash drives with the Robert Lee ISD logo. If you would like to purchase one, you may contact Mrs. Sawyer, Mrs. Service or Mrs. Roberts at 453-4555.

RLISD Board holds meeting

On Monday, December 15, 2008, a regular meeting of the Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees was held in the Robert Lee High School Library of the public school building at 6 pm. The meeting was called to order by President Roe.

Members Present: K. Roe, J. Roberts, T. Reed, T. Sawyer, W. Washam, B. Brosh, I. Torres

At 6 pm meeting called to order by President Roe, quorum of members present.

Invocation and pledge led by Kevin Roe.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of November 17, 2008 seconded by Brandi Brosh. All for.

Jerry Tinkler, CPA from Eckert & Company presented to the Board the 2007-2008 Audit for RLISD. Wes Washam made motion to approve the audit as presented seconded by Jeffie Roberts. All for.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to accept the financial report and to pay the bills seconded by Irma Torres. All for.

Roger Henderson gave the elementary and high school principal's report. 121 enrolled in elementary; 96% ADA for November. 107 enrolled on the secondary campus; 95% ADA for November.

A public hearing and a presentation of the District Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) Report and Adequate Yearly Progress was given by Roger Henderson.

Tod Reed made a motion to approve the 2008-2009 District Improvement Plan as presented by Roger Henderson. Motion seconded by Tom Sawyer. All for.

Robin Allen gave a report on Continuing Education Hours for current board members. Brandi Brosh 34.75; Tod Reed 63.10; Jeffie Roberts 40.05; Kevin Roe 49.60; Tom Sawyer 47.60; Irma Torres 62.55; Wes Washam 188.60.

Aaron Hood recommends to continue with the Multi Regional Purchasing Coop Interlocal Agreement for the 2009-2010 school year. Wes Washam made a motion to accept the recommendation as stated seconded by Irma

Torres. All for.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to accept recommendation from Aaron Hood to sign the Shared Service Agreement for 2009-2010 with Fairview Coop. Motion seconded by Brandi Brosh. All for.

Aaron Hood made recommendation to adopt Update 84 as stated by TASB. Irma Torres made motion to adopt Update 84 seconded by Tom Sawyer. All for.

The Superintendent's report included enrollment numbers, wind project update, fund balance projection worksheet, alternative energy sources, bus update and a report on Thanksgiving Meal Numbers, 195 total fed.

The Board took a break at 8:25 pm before entering into closed session at 8:30 pm and reconvened into open session at 8:53 pm.

The next regular board meeting will be held at 6 pm on Monday, January 19, 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

RLJH racks up a couple of wins

Robert Lee Junior High hosted Westbrook on Monday, December 15, and came out on top of both the girls and boys games. The girls won by a score of 26-23. Lubbock Roe and Bianca Huapilla did an outstanding job of rebounding inside and Ashley Wheat controlled the pace of the game with her ball handling to help lead to the victory. Scoring for the Lady Dogies were Jordan Gartman with 18, Bianca 6, and Lubbock 2. Great job girls!

The boys took control early and never looked back and rolled to a 48-15 victory. Having a great game for the Dogies was Cooper Hinderliter who led the Dogies in scoring with 20 points but also had numerous steals. Also scoring were Justin Gartman 11, Zack Skinner 6, Zachary Sanchez 5, Everett Wilson 2, Will Howard 2, and Effrain Olguin 2. Also contributing off the bench with various rebounds and steals were Jacob Torres, Scott Bryant, and Shelby Davis.

The JH squads next games will be after the break at Garden City on January 8.

JV Lady Steers take a loss

On Tuesday, December 9, Robert Lee JV Lady Steers played Irion County at home. The final score was Robert Lee 24 and Irion County 36. Scoring for the JV Lady Steers were: Nancy Landeros 8; Megan Ross 2; Diana Vera 2; Victoria Roe 6 and Linsey Vallery 6.

On Thursday December 11, the JV Lady Steers played in a tourney in Sterling City. Their first game was against the Menard Yellowjackets. The final was Robert Lee 23, Menard 37. Scoring: N. Landeros 3; M. Ross 2; V. Roe 7; L. Carrera 5 and L. Vallery 6.

On Saturday, December 13, the Lady Steers JV played Christoval. The final score was RL 38 and Christoval 32. Scoring: N. Landeros 8; M. Ross 2; K. Roberts 2; V. Roe 4; L. Carrera 7 and L. Vallery 14.

Also on Saturday, December 13, the JV ladies played the Grape Creek JV Lady Eagles. The final score was Robert Lee 23 and Grape Creek 30. Scoring for Robert Lee were Landeros 10, M. Ross 3, and L. Carrera 10.

Steers defeat IC Hornets

On December 9, the Robert Lee High School Steers defeated the Irion County Hornets by a score of 56 to 38. Scoring for Robert Lee were: Gallegos 14, Rodriquez 7, Nesbit 13, Dillard 10, Brosh 8, and Blair 4.

On December 11, the Steers were defeated by Lakeview Chiefs by a score of 58-32. Scoring: Gallegos 11, Rodriquez 8, Dillard 7, Brosh 4 and Blair 2.

On December 12, the Steers lost a close game against McCamey by a score of 34-38. Scoring: Gallegos 13, Rodriquez 3, Nesbit 8, Dillard 4, Brosh 2 and Blair 4.

On December 13, the Steers defeated Sterling City by a score of 34-21. Scoring: Gallegos 11, Roe 2, Nesbit 9, Dillard 2, and Brosh 10.

JV teams compete at SC tourney

In the Sterling City JV Tournament held December 11-13, the boys first game was played against Sterling City JV. They were defeated 19-27. Scoring: Tyler Henderson 8, Blake Hewitt 2, Joe Estrada 4, and Cayetano Carrera 5.

In the second game the RLJV defeated Irion County JV by a score of 42-37. Scoring: Henderson 17; Hewitt 4; Jose Fabian 2; Estrada 11; Carrera 4 and T.

Hannigan 4.

In the third game Bronte JV defeated the RLJV by a score of 32-21. Scoring: Henderson 9; Fabian 5; Estrada 2; Carrera 2 and Hanigan 3.

In the first game, RLJV girls were defeated by Menard 37-23. Scoring: Victoria Roe 7, Luisa Cayetano 5, Lindsey Vallery 6, Nancy Landeros 3 and Megan Ross 2.

In the second game, RLJV girls defeated Christoval by a score of 38-32. Scoring: Lindsey 14, Nancy 9, Luisa 7, Victoria 4, Meagan 2, and Kacee Roberts 2.

Grape Creek defeated the RLJV girls in the third game by a score of 30-23. Scoring: Luisa 10, Nancy 10 and Megan 3.

On December 9, the Robert Lee JV boys defeated Irion County by a score of 44-26. Scoring: Henderson 14, Hewitt 8, Estrada 6, Carrera 4 and Hanigan 12.

Lady Steers take home two wins

On Thursday, December 11, the Robert Lee Varsity Lady Steers played in the Miles Tournament against Rochelle. The final score was Robert Lee 27, Rochelle 45. Scoring for the Lady Steers were Roach 2; Minjarez 12; Brisbin 3; Mendoza 2 and Walker 8.

On Friday, the Lady Steers took on Conerstone and won by a score of 38-34. Scoring were: Roach 2; Perez 10; Minjarez 15; Hinderliter 2; Brisbin 2; Mendoza 5 and Walker 2.

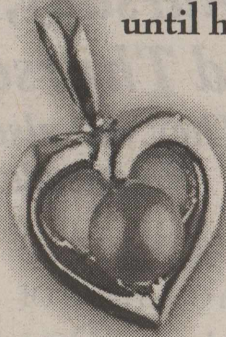
The girls played again on Saturday, beating Sterling City 32-28. Scoring for the Lady Steers were: Roach 1; Perez 7; Minjarez 12; Hinderliter 2; Mendoza 5; Walker 2 and Saucedo 1.

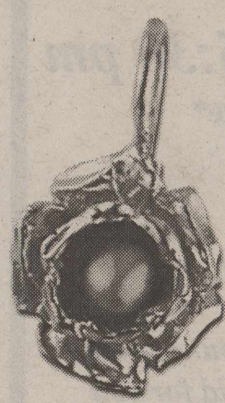
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 Merry Christmas and a Happy
 and Prosperous New Year
 from the Gallegos Family!

College financial aid night planned

Bronte ISD will host a free college financial aid orientation on Tuesday, January 27 at 6 pm in the school library. The program, presented by a representative from the Panhandle-Plains Student Loan Center and Angelo State University will last about an hour and will cover the steps in completing the general application form (FAFSA), stress the importance of grants and scholarships, and explain the nature of student and parent loans. Pizza and drinks will be served.

Although the presentation will focus on seniors, all students and parents are welcome and would benefit from the session. A drawing will be held for a \$200 scholarship for attending seniors or those represented by a parent.

For more information, please call Mrs. Timmerman, Bronte ISD counselor, at (325) 473-2521.

Longhorns defeat area teams

On December 9, the Longhorns defeated Garden City by a score of 59-28. Stats: Sam Rawlings 2 pts.; Lahne Burns 8 pts., 5 steals, 6 assists; Rob Rosson 7 pts.; Ernesto Casillas 4 pts., 3 steals; Dakota Rawls 20 pts., 5 rebounds, 3 steals; Heath Richey 9 pts. and Kerwin Rawls 9 pts., 4 assists.

In the first game of the Water Valley Tournament, Bronte defeated Christoval by a score of 46-23. Stats: Sam Rawlings 3 pts., 5 rebounds; Lahne Burns 2 pts., 5 steals; Rob Rosson 6 pts.; Ernesto Casillas 4 pts.; Jason Horton 3 pts.; Dakota Rawls 10 pts., 7 rebounds; Heath Richey 7 pts., 6 rebounds and Kerwin Rawls 11 pts., 4 assists.

In the second game, Bronte defeated Winters by a score of 69-46. Stats: Sam Rawlings 7 pts., 3 steals, 5 assists; Lahne Burns 17 pts., 3 steals; Ty Mackey 2 pts.; Reece Springer 4 pts.; Rob Rosson 3 pts.; Ernesto Casillas 2 pts., 3 steals; Dakota Rawls 18 pts., 7 rebounds, 5 assists, 4 blocks; Heath Richey 8 pts., 7 rebounds and Kerwin Rawls 8 pts., 5 assists.

In the semi-final game, Bronte defeated Eldorado by a score of 64-54. Stats: Sam Rawlings 2 pts., Lahne Burns 11 pts., 3 steals; Ty Mackey 1 pt.; Rob Rosson 4 pts.; Ernesto Casillas 2 pts.; Dakota Rawls 29 pts., 5 rebounds; Heath Richey 4 pts. and Kerwin Rawls 11 pts., 5 assists.

In the championship game, Bronte defeated Menard by a score of 53-34. Stats: Sam Rawlings 3 assists; Lahne Burns 11 pts., 5 rebounds, 4 assists; Rob Rosson 4 pts.; Ernesto Casillas 4 pts.; Dakota Rawls 24 pts., 11 rebounds, 4 assists, 4 steals; Heath Richey 7 pts., 4 rebounds and Kerwin Rawls

3 pts., 6 rebounds, 7 assists, 3 steals.

Bronte JV basketball results

The Bronte JV boys basketball team participated in the Sterling City JV Basketball Tournament this past weekend where the young Horns took home the consolation championship after losing the first round of the tournament to a tough Grape Creek team by 3. The young Longhorns then played the Wall Hawks on Monday where they came up short against a very good JV Wall team. Below are the scores from the 4 games this past week.

On December 11 Bronte JV lost to SA Grape Creek by a score of 42-39. Scoring: Perez 8, Charles 8, Coalson 7, Barber 7, Parks 4, Everheart 2, Scott 2, and Baumann 1. Record 4-2

Also December 11, the Bronte JV overcame the Water Valley JV by a score of 56-16. Scoring: Barber 16, Coalson 11, Charles 10, Scott 9, Baumann 4, Everheart 4, and Perez 2. Record 5-2.

On December 13, the Bronte JV dropped Robert Lee by a score of 32-21. Scoring: Charles 13, Barber 8, Coalson 4, Scott 3, Deller 2, and Parks 2. Record 6-2.

On December 15, Bronte JV lost to Wall by a score of 43-25. Scoring: Barber 8, Charles 6, Scott 3, Deller 3, Coalson 3, Perez 2. Record 6-3.

Job Start for Students

The Concho Valley Workforce located in San Angelo is offering the Job Start program free of charge to interested students ages 14-17 on Saturdays from January 10 through February

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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



Band! Geoffrey Ehl (far left) on tuba and Jonathan Dannheim (center) on percussion won membership in the Region 7 All-Region Band in tryouts held Saturday, December 6 at Howard Payne University in Brownwood. They competed against schools as large as Kennedale, Glen Rose and Alvarado. They will perform in a concert at McMurry University in Abilene on January 17. Jonathan also made the All-Area band and will travel to Waco Robinson to try out for the All-State Band on January 10.

Cindy Davila (second from right) placed sixth chair on clarinet, Nathan Fillman (second from left) placed as the alternate on baritone sax, and Caleb Rosson (far right) placed second on trombone in tryouts held last Friday in Brady. On Saturday, they traveled to Brownwood High School, practiced all day, and performed a concert at 5:30 pm. This is the first time in many years that Bronte has placed students in the all-district band. Other students who participated at tryouts from Bronte were Mikayla Fraune, Michelle Rhodes, Ethan Sedden, Kyle Kelton, and Mario Delarosa. All these students worked hard and Mr. Dannheim is extremely proud of the way they represented themselves, their families and their school.

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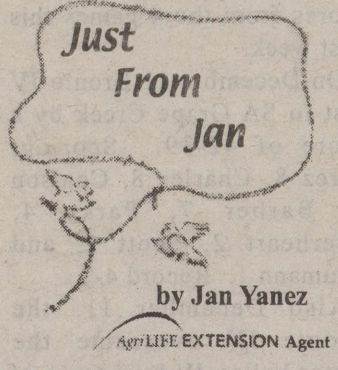
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Holiday Toy Safety Tips

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1. Buy age-appropriate toys by reading the labels. Each toy or game will have a suggested age range listed on the item. This label contains two pieces of safety information. One is if the item can and should be utilized by a specific age due to developmental and intellectual ability, and the other is for possible health hazards.
2. Beware of choking hazards. Parents think that their child should be able to play with a toy based on their developmental ability. However, if the toy or game clearly displays a choking hazard label, and your child puts everything in their mouth, do not buy it. Choking is the most common cause of toy-related deaths. Avoid toys or games with small detachable parts.

3. Get an up-close look. Take the toy or game out of the box. Look for safe construction: well-sewn seams on dolls and stuffed animals, and tightly secured parts, including eyes, arms and legs. Be sure that nothing can be broken off or easily removed, including small clothing pieces and accessories. Close your eyes and touch all of the edges to be sure that they are not sharp or pointed.
4. Avoid balls and balloons. Many times, balls and balloons are given to babies and toddlers thinking that they will be safe toys when in fact they can pop or get caught in the throat. As a test, put small balls through a paper towel roll. If it can fit inside, keep it away from babies and small children. Pieces of popped balloons can completely block the airway and are never safe for children younger than four.
5. Avoid toys with loud noises. Children's ears are very sensitive. If it hurts your ears, then you can bet it will harm a baby or toddler.
6. Prevent strangulation. If a toy, doll or mobile has strings or ribbons, measure them to be sure that they are no longer than five inches.
7. Skip electronic toys for young children. For children younger than age three, there is always a potential fire or shock hazard in electronic toys. Due to the lack of coordination in the manual dexterity of the fine motor skills in the fingertips of young children, they have very little patience for learning how an electronic toy works. Frustration can lead to throwing or banging on the toy, which could result in harmful splintered pieces or an electric shock.

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8. Remove cords, knobs and beads from pull toys. Younger kids will sit and push or hold a "pull" toy just as often as trying to pull it. While they are popular toys based on the thought that the interaction might possibility motivate soon-to-be walkers to actually get up and walk, kids are just as happy to hold a colorful item and push it around.

9. Check for latex rashes. Be sure your child is not allergic to toys made of plastic or latex. If you see a rash appear around the mouth, hands or eyes after your child plays with a certain toy, ask your pediatrician about the possibility of your child being allergic. In some children, it can lead to breathing difficulties.

10. Check for toy recalls. Check for toy recalls on a regular basis to be sure that your kids' toys are safe.

Keep the Holidays simple, fun and safe by following these guidelines. Share them with family and friends for a wonderful season.

Bronte Parade of Lights successful

The Parade of Lights sponsored by Bronte Chamber of Commerce was a huge success, Saturday, December 6, in Bronte. There were 21 units decorated with lights in the parade, the final unit conveyed Old Saint Nick himself. He was accompanied by his jolly wife, Mrs. Claus. Both were decked out in their Christmas finery of red velvet and fur.

Following the parade, onlookers gathered around the City Christmas Tree to witness Bronte's Mayor, Gerald Sandusky, pull the switch and light up the tree. Children sung Silent Night before going into the depot to be treated to cookies and to hear "A Cowboy Christmas" read by Mrs. Sug Lawhon.

Bronte Craft Fair enjoyed by many

Bronte residents enjoyed events Saturday, December 13, sponsored by Bronte Chamber of Commerce. The Texas Theater was the site where children were treated to a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Children had their pictures made with Santa and each child received a wrapped gift of candy from Mrs. Claus.

Outside the sidewalks were peppered with vendors and their booths. There was also a bake sale that offered delicious baked goods.

Yard Decorating Contest winners to be announced

Inside the Texas Theater in Bronte on Saturday, December 20, the winners of the yard decorating contest will be announced and awarded their prizes of: 1st place - \$100; 2nd place

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West Point Opportunity for Juniors

The United States Military Academy will host two sessions of the 34th Annual Summer Leaders Seminar in 2009. The first session is scheduled for May 30-June 5 and the second session will be June 6-12. The Summer Leaders Seminar provided outstanding high school juniors the exciting opportunity to gain a better understanding of the academic, physical, military, and leadership development programs at a service academy that features small classes. A caring faculty, professional career preparation, and a foundation for future graduate study. Eight hundred 11th graders nationwide will be invited who meet the following guidelines: in the top fifth of their high school class; pursuing a college preparatory curriculum; strong PSAT scores; and demonstrated leadership potential by participation, election/selection to office and honors earned in organized athletic and extra-curricular activities. To apply for the Summer Leaders Seminar, students should visit www.admissions.usma.edu and fill out the application form prior to April 1, 2009.

Scholarships

The Slough Foundation Scholarship is now available for interested high school seniors or college students. Eligible applicants must have a 3.0 GPA, be a U.S. citizen,

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Applications are also available in the counselor's office at Bronte HS. Apply by March 29, 2009. For more information, you may call the Slough scholarship office at (432) 685-6493.

The Texas Medical Association Young Physician Scholarship is available for rural high school seniors interested in pursuing their education and becoming a physician. Applications are available in the counselor's office at BHS. The deadline to apply is January 16, 2009.

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The Janice M. Scott Memorial Scholarships are available to graduating high school seniors who are U.S. citizens with a GPA of 2.5 or higher and are planning on pursuing a bachelor's degree. Students must also have demonstrated leadership abilities through participating in community services, extra curricular or other activities. The deadline to apply is March 31, 2009. Applications are available in the counselor's office at BHS.

The Monsanto Company is offering 100 scholarships of \$1,500.00 to graduating seniors planning on pursuing careers in agriculture. For more information and the application, please visit www.monsanto.com. The deadline to apply is February 17, 2009.

RLHS receives National Recognition

For the second year in a row, the Robert Lee High School has received Bronze Medal recognition from U.S. News & World Report as one of America's Best High

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**Festive holiday
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As you deck the halls for the holidays, there are some festive plants you may want to avoid in your decorations.

You may have heard warnings about "poison" poinsettias, but this is simply a myth debunked by scientific research, said Kris Virga, Ph.D., assistant professor of pharmaceutical sciences at the Texas A&M Health Science Center Irma Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy.

"They actually did a study at Ohio State where they fed large quantities of poinsettias to rats with no ill effect," Dr. Virga said. He added the real dangers are presented by holiday plants with berries, such as mistletoe and holly.

"Mistletoe has been used medicinally because it causes smooth muscle contractions; so, obviously, if you were to eat some of it, it causes gastrointestinal distress," Dr. Virga said.

Fortunately, Dr. Virga noted people do not usually have enough mistletoe hanging to be deadly. However, holly berries are plentiful, easily accessible to small children and pets, and could be deadly if as many as 20-30 berries are ingested.

"Holly by itself is a deterrent because of the prickly thorns on the leaves," Dr. Virga said. "Kids usually aren't going to stick their hands into the holly bush, but the berries fall to the ground, which is dangerous for kids and animals. These berries need to be picked up regularly."

If your child or pet eats one

of these poisonous plants, seek medical attention immediately.

**Great stocking
stuffers can
promote good
oral health**

At this time of year, many of us look for just the right stocking stuffers to make great Christmas gifts that are practical and useful to boot. The Texas A&M Health Science Center Baylor College of Dentistry faculty offers helpful suggestions to keep smiles bright and healthy without breaking the bank.

Dr. Charles Wakefield, professor and director of the advanced education in general dentistry residency program at HSC-Baylor College of Dentistry, recommends giving extra soft toothbrushes - either electric or manual - to help keep gums healthy. Biotene® and Oasis® mouth rinses also make great gifts, especially

for those suffering from dry mouth.

To add something sweet to the Christmas stocking, Dr. Wakefield suggests mints or gum sweetened with xylitol, because it can reverse signs of early decay on the tooth surface. For children, consider a two-minute tooth-brushing timer to help the young ones accurately time their brushing. Flossers also are great for young children, especially if they do not have the dexterity to floss correctly.

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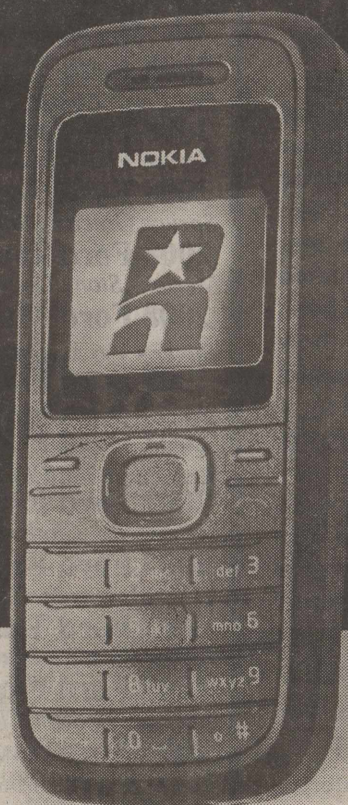
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