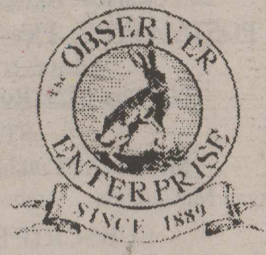


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## Holiday Closings noted

The Robert Lee City Hall and the Coke County Courthouse will be closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 24-26, and Monday and Tuesday, December 31 and January 1.

Bronte City Hall will be closed Monday and Tuesday, December 24-25, and Tuesday, January 1.

The Coke County Tax Office will be closed December 24, 25, and 26th for the Christmas Holiday. We will also be closed December 31 and January 1, 2013. We will honor the postmark if you choose to mail your payments in during this time. The office hours are Monday through Thursday 8 am to 5 pm and Friday 8 am to 1 pm.

The only change in Robert Lee's trash service is that dumpsters scheduled for Tuesday will be serviced on Monday.

## Early deadline announced

Due to the New Year's holiday, the deadline for the January 4, 2013, issue of the Observer/Enterprise will be 12 noon Monday, December 31, 2012.

To comply with postal per-

mit, the Observer/Enterprise will not publish an issue on Friday, December 28, 2012. The office will be closed the entire week of Christmas. There are several ways to turn news and ads in during this week. The email address is o-e@wcc.net. There is a drop box by the front door of the office in Robert Lee and also a box at Bronte Hometown Hardware, LLC.

## Bronte's Nativity has new addition

The Nativity scene at the mini-park in downtown Bronte has grown by one angel this year. If people would like to contribute to this purchase, a donation jar is available at Bronte's General Store.

## January 2 is first day to reserve county buildings

The first day to rent the Robert Lee and Bronte Large Recreation Halls, Robert Lee and Bronte Senior Citizens Buildings, and the Robert Lee and Bronte Pavilions will be on January 2nd, 2013. The Coke County Judge's Office will be open at 7 am to begin taking rentals. For more information, please call Lorrie at 325-



**Christmas in Bronte!** Santa Claus stares into this little one's eyes as he tries to understand that perfect Christmas wish! The pair was captured at Christmas in Bronte on Saturday, December 15, 2012.

453-2641.

## Conservation Tree and Shrub Seedlings available

A limited quantity of container and bareroot seedlings

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For species offered and other information, contact the SWCD office at 453-2623, ext. 3 or go by 214 E. 7th Street in Robert Lee.

## Kickapoo Water Board sets Election

Coke County Kickapoo

Water Control and Improvement District #1 will hold an election on January 8, 2013, for the purpose of electing three directors.

Directors filing for re-election to the board are Ronnie Robbins and Gerald Sandusky. The election will be held at Bronte City Hall.

For further information concerning the election, contact Fran Sonnenberg.



**Small Town Christmas!** Robert Lee's Vision with a Purpose remembered the "reason for the season" with their entry in the Small Town Christmas celebration parade on Saturday evening, December 8, 2012.

**Merry Christmas**

Dear Santa,

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Thank you,  
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## McCutchen, Braswell wed in ceremony at Fort Chadbourne

Ashley Jordan McCutchen and Blake Reese Braswell were married Saturday evening, October 13, 2012, at Fort Chadbourne in Coke County. Dave Jackson, cousin of the bride, performed the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Wayne and Melinda McCutchen of Bronte. The groom is the son of Blane and Kim Braswell of Ballinger. The bride is the granddaughter of the late Cliff and Mary Barrett of Bronte, the late Jeff Randall McCutchen of Mertzon and the late Lois Walls Gray of Grand Prairie. She is the niece of Rev. Harry and Meredith Jackson of McKinney, Texas. Grandparents of the groom are Mike and Velva Hartman of Fredericksburg and Dennie and Sharon Braswell of Bronte.

Presented in marriage by her father, the bride was attended by her sister, Morgan McCutchen of Avoca, Texas, as maid of honor.

Bridesmaids included Leah Fipps of Lake Jackson, Texas, Kasie Skinner and Alicia Corrales, both of San Angelo, and Monica Allen of Bronte. Each young lady wore a gown in the bride's chosen color of lapis (dark purple).

Sherman Griffin, cousin of the groom of San Angelo, served as Best Man.

Groomsmen were Justin Frazee of San Angelo, Riley Coalson, cousin of the groom of Bronte, and brothers of the groom, Case and Mason Braswell of Ballinger.

Savannah Hartman, cousin of the groom, was the flower girl. Sawyer Hartman, cousin of the groom, served as ring-bearer. They are the children of Kirby and Misty Hartman of San Angelo.

The wedding ceremony was held on the porch of the officers quarters. The guests were seated to guitar instrumentals of "Here Comes the Sun", "Wish You Were Here", "Your Song", and "Lean on Me". The wedding attendants entered to a guitar instrumental of "Going to California". Sawyer led Reese and Ashley's Scottie "Shiner Bock Braswell", followed by Savannah to the guitar melody of "Blackbird".

As Tom Petty's "Here Comes My Girl" played, the bride and her father arrived at the ceremony in a horse-drawn carriage. Her ivory lace gown had a sweep train, sweetheart bodice and a side drape with subtle ruching. She carried a bouquet of silk handmade flowers made by the groom's aunt,

Charlotte Freeman Lee. The bouquet was adorned with jewelry, which had belonged to her maternal grandmother and great-grandmothers, Mrs. Mary Barrett, Mrs. Jessie Lee and Mrs. Carrie Barrett. She walked through vintage columns and up an aisle lined with white pumpkins.

Following the ceremony, a dinner and dance was held on the porch of the barracks building. Burlap, lace and vintage glass were used to decorate both the officers quarters and the barracks. Guests enjoyed a catered meal from Joe Allen's and dancing under the stars to Brad Williams and the Kindred Spirits.

A beautiful night-long lightning display assisted the hundreds of strung lights covering the dining area and dance floor. Included in the decorations were the groom's great-grandmother's (Vonda Freeman) vintage bottle collection and a sign made from the gate at the groom's great-grandfather's (Lynn Freeman) barn. The bride's cake was created by Karla Badgett Clark. The groom's cake came from Sophie's Choice Bakery in Fredericksburg. The dining tables each had beautiful burlap table runners adorned with vintage lace and made by the groom's grandmother, Mrs. Velva Hartman. Assisting the groom's mother and great-aunts with the decorations were Connie Badgett Adams and Camille Badgett Denton, both of Ballinger.

The groom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner on Friday evening catered by Crusty's Wood-Fired Pizza. Melba Vernor, great-aunt of the groom,

created a beautiful and delicious dessert table for the event. The bride's uncle, Rev. Harry Jackson, coordinated the rehearsal.

Both the bride and groom are graduates of Bronte High School and Angelo State University. Ashley is employed as a commercial processor at Lipsey-Currie Insurance in San Angelo. Reese is a loan officer at First National Bank in Bronte.

Following a cruise to the Bahamas, the couple is making their home in Bronte.



Mr. and Mrs. Reese Braswell

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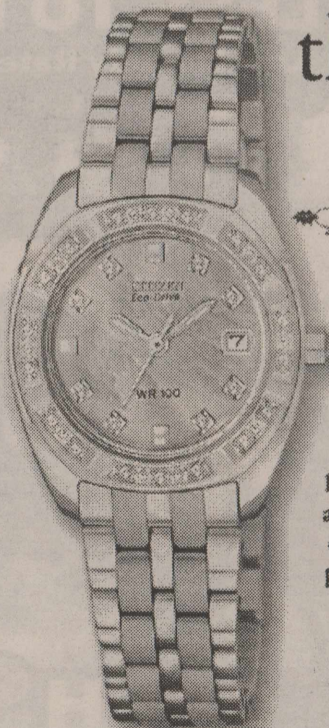
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# ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



Robert Lee Elementary Christmas Concert



Robert Lee Elementary Christmas Concert

## Steers post basketball results

The Robert Lee Steers hosted the Irion County Hornets on Tuesday, December 11. The final score showed the Steers defeating the Hornets 59-48.

Scoring for Robert Lee were Justin Gartman 18 points, 9 rebounds, 1 assist and 5 steals; Zachary Sanchez 9 points, 1 rebound and 1 steal; Will Howard 13 points, 6 rebounds, 1 assist and 7 steals; Dawson Brisbin 2 points and 3 rebounds; Efrain Olguin 2 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists and 1 steal; Sean Hildebrand 6 points, 6 rebounds and 3 steals; Blake Smith 1 point; Zach Skinner 8 points, 6 rebounds, 1 assist and 1 steal; and James Roberts 3 rebounds.

On Friday, December 14, the Steers were defeated, 29-54, by Reagan County on the road.

Scoring for the Steers were Justin Gartman 8 points, 6 rebounds, 1 assist and 3 steals; Zachary Sanchez 2 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist and 1 steal; Will Howard 6 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists and 1 steal; Efrain Olguin 2 points, 3 rebounds and 2 steals; Sean Hildebrand 2 rebounds; Blake Smith 2 points; Zach Skinner 7 points and 4 rebounds; James Roberts 2 rebounds and 1 steal; and Jake Jackson 2 points and 3 rebounds.

## JV Steers Basketball results posted

The JV Steers hosted the JV Hornets of Irion County on Tuesday, December 11. The Hornets ended up defeating the JV Steers in a close game 34-38.

Scoring for Robert Lee were Everett Wilson 2, J.R. Aldridge 2, Bruce Buddin 2, Tristen Hildebrand 6, Martin Jimenez 2, Mychael Tijerina 9 and Shelby Davis 11.

On December 14, the JV Steers were defeated by the JV Owls of Reagan County 22-35.

Scoring for Robert Lee were Everett Wilson 2, Michael Curry 2, Bruce Buddin 4, Tristen Hildebrand 4, Mychael Tijerina 6 and Jack Jackson 4.

## Robert Lee ISD Early Release noted

Due to the Christmas holidays, the Robert Lee Independent School District will have early release of all students on Friday, December 21 at 12:30 pm. The buses will be running at that time and arrangements will need to be made to pick up students at the early release time.

Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 2. Please feel free to contact the school office at 453-4555 for additional information.

## Lady Steers win tight one over Bronte

The Robert Lee Lady Steers defeated the Bronte Lady Longhorns 38-35. They Lady Steers are 1-1 in district and 7-8 overall.

Scoring for Robert Lee were Mikayla Ramon 9, Taylor Benton 7, Bianca Huapilla 6 points and 8 rebounds, Jordan

Gartman 5 points and 4 rebounds, Pammy Meeks 4 points and 7 rebounds, Ashlie Wheat 3, Brady Clawson 2, and Lubbock Roe 2 points. The Lady Steers made 6 three point shots in this game.

The JV Lady Steers also were victorious over Bronte, 30-25.

## Robert Lee Awards Ceremony slated

The Robert Lee Independent School District will hold the Elementary/Jr. High Awards Assemblies on Friday, December 21. The Elementary Awards Assembly will start at 9:00 with the Secondary Awards Assembly to follow at 10:00. Students who participated and won awards at the District 12-A, West Zone competition held December 10 in Blackwell, will be recognized.

School will be dismissed for the Christmas break at 12:30 that day.

All parents and family members are encouraged to attend the assemblies. Please feel free to contact the school office at 453-4555 for additional information.

## Lady Dogies post basketball results

On December 13, the Robert Lee Lady Dogies "B" team fell to Bronte 11-21.

Scoring for Robert Lee were Bailey Grimes 4 and Kourtney Roach 7.

The Lady Dogies "A" team kept it much closer, but ended up in the loss column to Bronte 26-29.

Scoring for Robert Lee were Anna Huapilla 5, Margo Mendoza 2, Chesney Minjarez 9, Jessie Wheat 4, and Mariah Munoz 6.

On December 17, the Lady Dogies "A" Team fell to Blackwell 21-27.

Scoring for Robert Lee were Margo Mendoza 2, Chesney Minjarez 12, Jessie Wheat 5, and Katelynn Tijerina 2.

## Dogies post basketball results

The Robert Lee Dogies met the Bronte Shorthorns on Thursday, December 13, and were defeated 2-21. Gabriel

Abalos scored the Dogies' only points.

On December 17, the Dogies fell to Blackwell 13-27.

Scoring for the Dogies were AJ Minjarez 2, Gabriel Abalos 3, Matthew Curry 4, and Kaden Hayes 4.

## Robert Lee Attends District UIL Meet

Students from Robert Lee ISD traveled to Blackwell on Monday, December 10 for the district UIL meet. The following is a list of students that placed in their respective categories:

- Ready Writing 7**  
Margo Mendoza 4th
- Ready Writing 8**  
Kaden Hayes 3rd
- Ready Writing 5**  
Cali Lee 2nd
- Number Sense 7**  
William Coppedge 6th
- Number Sense 8**  
Mathew Curry 4th
- Social Studies 8**  
Trace Justiss 1st; James Wyatt 5th
- Spelling 7**  
Bethany Coppedge 4th

## Social Studies 6

Aimee Zimmermann 2nd

## Dictionary Skills 7

Cesar Rangel 5th-Tie

## Listening 6

Kaden Austin 4th

## Science II 8

James Wyatt 4th

## Story Telling 2

Alex Munoz 5th

## Maps, Graphs, and Charts 6

Chelsea Wyatt 5th

## Art 7

Mariah Munoz 3rd; Jayce Bower 6th; Team 3rd

## Mathematics 6

Aimee Zimmermann 1st

## Music Memory 6

Kelby Clawson 5th

## Maps, Graphs, and Charts 8

Mathew Curry 2nd; James Wyatt 3rd; Team 1st

## Maps, Graphs, and Charts 7

Cesar Rangel 1st; Team 3rd

## Oral Reading 7

Margo Mendoza 3rd; Jessie Wheat 6th

Robert Lee Elementary Grade 1-6 finished with 64 points, and Junior High Grade 7-8 finished with 163 points.

## School Menu

### Breakfast

Monday, December 31

Holiday

Tuesday, January 1

Holiday

Wednesday, January 2

Pigs in blanket or cereal, juice, milk

Thursday, January 3

Breakfast pizza or cereal, juice, milk

Friday, January 4

Cinnamon roll or cereal, juice, milk

### Lunch

Monday, December 31

Holiday

Tuesday, January 1

Holiday

Wednesday, January 2

Hot dog, tator tots, baked beans, fruit cocktail, milk

Thursday, January 3

Chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, salad, green beans, apple slices, milk

Friday, January 4

Hamburger, salad, corn, baby carrots, peaches, cereal treat, milk

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# BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



**Kindergarten Math Class Learns with Seniors!** Mrs. Youngblood's senior Math Models students at Bronte High School, visit Mrs. Webb's kindergarten classroom every two weeks to do math lessons with the kindergarteners. Recently, some of the Senior students have been doing measurement lessons with the kindergarteners. The students measured various items in the classroom including books and shoes (Mrs. Poehls, elementary principal, even had her foot measured). Beau Rousseau, one of the senior students, said "It's fun to help the kindergarteners out and I remember that when I was a little kid, I used to look up to the older students, so I really enjoy being able to work with the little kids." Mrs. Webb, the Kindergarten teacher said, "The kindergartener students say that they always look forward to the high school students coming into the classroom to do lessons with them."

**Bronte Elementary Third Graders Share Joy!** Mrs. Wilson's 3rd grade class at Bronte Elementary shared the Christmas joy with residents at Bronte Health and Rehab Center as they helped decorate for the holidays on Thursday, December 6, 2012.

**Evans Scholarship Applications available**  
The Bronte United Methodist Women announce that applications for the Sid & Bernice Evans Scholarship are now being accepted. The Evans were long-time members of the Bronte United Methodist Church.

The Scholarship is for students 19 years of age and older. Applications are available from Pat Martindale at the City Hall, 114 South Washington. Applications must be returned to the City Hall by January 11, 2013.

**Bronte Attends District UIL Meet**  
Students from Bronte ISD traveled to Blackwell on Monday, December 10 for the district UIL meet. The following is a list of students that placed in their respective categories:

- Ready Writing 6**  
Hailey McKinney 3rd;
- Chris Correa 5th**
- Ready Writing 7**  
Darby Duncan 1st
- Ready Writing 8**  
Whitney Boyd 2nd;
- Brittany Bedford 5th**
- Editorial Writing 8**  
Brittany Bedford 1st
- Ready Writing 3**  
Marissa Reyes 4th
- Number Sense 7**  
Tanner Bedford 3rd
- Number Sense 8**  
Team 2nd
- Number Sense 6**  
Hunter Hortenstine 1st;
- Karissa Cervenka 5th; Team 3rd**
- Social Studies 8**  
Justin Reed 6th
- Dictionary Skills**  
Chris Correa 4th
- Dictionary Skills 5**

- Karissa Cervenka 2nd;**
- Hunter Hortenstine 6th; Team 2nd**
- Number Sense 4**  
Michaela Basquez 4th
- Social Studies 5**  
Whitney Moran 3rd; Team 3rd
- Spelling 8**  
Kaitlyn Swecker 3rd
- Spelling 7**  
Tanner Bedford 5th;
- Music Memory 4**  
Keeley Queen 5th' Team 3rd
- Spelling 5**
- Hunter Hortenstine 5th**
- Listening 5**  
E'lexia Davis 4th; Team 2nd
- Listening 7**  
Tanner Bedford 2nd;
- Melissa Perez 3rd; Team 2nd**

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**School Menu**

**Breakfast**

**Monday, December 31**  
Holiday

**Tuesday, January 1**  
Holiday

**Wednesday, January 2**  
Holiday

**Thursday, January 3**  
Breakfast wrap, toast/jelly, or cereal, juice, milk

**Friday, January 4**  
Biscuit and sausage, toast/jelly, or cereal, juice, milk

**Lunch**

**Monday, December 31**  
Holiday

**Tuesday, January 1**  
Holiday

**Wednesday, January 2**  
Holiday

**Thursday, January 3**  
Oven roasted chicken, broccoli salad, green beans, apple slices, milk

**Friday, January 4**  
Hot dog, potato tots, baked beans, fruity gelatin, milk

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**Jennifer, Jeanna & Nathan**

# BLACKWELL SCHOOL NEWS

## Lady Hornets fall to Veribest

The Blackwell Lady Hornets faced off against the Lady Falcons of Veribest on the road. The game was played on December 12, 2012. The Lady Hornets were defeated 31-44.

Scoring for Blackwell were Stephanie Metcalf 20, Elizabeth Rozzle 5, Brooklyn Harris 3, and Leonor Castelo 3.

## Blackwell Stock Show slated

The Blackwell local stock show has been set for December 22, 2012. The stock show will take place at the Blackwell Show Barn from 9 am-3 pm.

## Blackwell CISD posts UIL results

Blackwell CISD hosted the district UIL academic meet Monday, December 10, 2012. Blackwell's results are below.

### 8th Grade

**Calculator Skills**  
Halee Sanderson 6th place

**Dictionary Skills**  
Krista Clower 6th place

**Editorial Writing**  
Krista Clower 3rd place and Abby Gott 4th place

**Maps/Graphs/Charts**  
Abbi Sorrells 5th place plus 3rd place team Abby Gott & Halee Sanderson

**Modern Oratory**  
Halee Sanderson 1st place, Karstin Hoyle 2nd place, and Krista Clower 4th place

**Oral Reading**  
Halee Sanderson 2nd place, Krista Clower 5th place, and Abby Gott 6th place

**Number Sense**  
Halee Sanderson 5th place

**Ready Writing**  
Krista Clower 4th place

**Science II**  
Chau Weeks 3rd place

**Social Studies**  
3rd place team of Abby Gott, Halee Sanderson, and Abbi Sorrells

**Spelling**  
Abbi Sorrells 2nd place, 3rd place team of Karstin Hoyle and Chau Weeks

**7th Grade**  
**Editorial Writing**  
Shelby Panzer 3rd place

**Impromptu Speaking**  
Payton McKee 4th place and Kolt Halstead 5th place

**Listening Skills**  
Dillon Solis 6th place

**Maps/Graphs/Charts**  
Shelby Panzer 5th place

**Mathematics**  
Shelby Panzer 5th place

**Modern Oratory**  
Shelby Panzer 1st place, Cambrey Lange 2nd place, and Kolt Halstead 5th place

**Oral Reading**  
Shelby Panzer 4th place

**Social Studies**  
Dillon Solis 2nd place, 1st place team of Payton McKee and Devin Rasco

**6th Grade**  
**Social Studies**  
Carli Powers, 4th place

**Spelling**  
Carli Powers 1st, 3rd place team

**Listening**  
Carli Powers, 3rd place, Kassia Plotnik, 6th place, 3rd place team

**Calculator**  
Vickie Davis, 6th place, 3rd place team

**Music Memory**  
Kassia Plotnik, 3rd place, 2nd place team

**5th Grade**  
**Ready Writing**  
Jacie Fields, 4th place

**Spelling**  
Jordan Jones, 6th place, 3rd place team

**Listening**  
Emilee Sanderson, 1st place, Grant Gott, 2nd place, Madison Solis, 3rd place, 1st place team

**Maps, Graphs & Charts**  
Emilee Sanderson, 4th place

**Music Memory**  
Grant Gott, 2nd place, Madison Solis, 3rd place, Emilee Sanderson, 5th place, 1st place team

**4th Grade**  
**Ready Writing**  
Shaylon McGlothlin, 1st



**Successful Hunt!** These two elk were taken about thirty feet apart twenty-five miles west of Ft. Stockton toward Alpine on November 24, 2012. Wayland and Rick Drennan are the happy hunters. They were assisted by Corbin.

place  
**Number Sense**  
3rd place team  
**Music Memory**  
Shaylon McGlothlin, 1st place, Nathaniel Shipman, 4th place, Jaci Hogan, 6th place, 1st place team  
**Spelling**  
Shaylon McGlothlin, 3rd place, 3rd place team  
**Art**

Shaylon McGlothlin, 3rd place, 3rd place team  
**3rd Grade**  
**Creative Writing**  
Mathew Shipman, 3rd place  
**Ready Writing**  
Cadi Powers, 3rd place  
**Music Memory**  
Makayla Lee, 2nd place, 3rd place team  
**Spelling**

Cadi Powers, 2nd place, Makayla Lee, 3rd place, 1st place team  
**2nd Grade**  
**Story Telling**  
Dustin Boyd, 2nd place, Mathew Shipman, 4th place  
Blackwell earned 4th place overall with 237 points, finishing behind Garden City, Water Valley, and Bronte.



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Nathaniel Samaniego

**Blackwell CISD resumes classes Monday, January 7, 2012.**

# To Santa, With Love

**Robert Lee  
Pre-K**

Dear Santa,  
I would like a toy car to drive with doors and a pretend laser gun. I would also like a horse and a phone. I will call my horse Lollipop.

Thank you Santa,  
Dinah Gonzales

Dear Santa,  
I want a taser gun and a real dog. I want it to be a fluffy white dog and I am going to name it Bruno. I want a stuffed animal horse and a phone.

Max Garcia

Dear Santa,  
I would like a purple scooter and My Little Pony for Christmas.

Thank you Santa,  
Shyan Stanczk

Dear Santa,  
I want a princess train and a princess castle with pretty princesses inside. I would also like a princess toothbrush.

Love you Santa,  
Lillian Wyatt

Dear Santa,  
I want a black box that goes on the Super Samari swords and a new Ninja costume.

Thank you,  
Brenner Sherwood

Dear Santa,  
I want the big Batman that stand on his feet by himself and a Batman with Robin.

I love you Santa,  
Tristan Brickey

Dear Santa,  
I would actually like 2 things. I would like "My Little Pony World" and a castle with little people and I would like it to be pink and purple. I also wanted to tell you I really love you.

Olivia Gregston

Dear Santa,  
I would like a scooter and a Halo gun. It would be very nice if it was a Spiderman scooter.

Thank you Santa,  
Alec Henson

Dear Santa,  
I want a pony for Christmas. I would also like a little piano that I can play, a pink scooter and a phone.

Thank you,  
Karmen Radloff

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Wow Wow Wubzy toy. I would also like a stuffed puppy dog and a castle that is pink. I would like some make up too.

Thank you,  
Alyssa Streiter

Dear Santa,  
I want a Batman Leggo toy with all the ugly guys and nice guys and the Leggo house for Batman and Tobin and the other super heroes. That's all I want.

Nathaniel Samaniego

Dear Santa,  
I would like Bouncy the puppy and a Wow Wow Wubzy doll. Also, I would like a Wow Wow Wubzy playhouse. Tell Rudolph hi.

Thank you,  
Maci Lee

Dear Santa,  
I would like a toy pony and new Barbies.

Love,  
Kallie Kohutek

Dear Santa,  
I would like a green bike for Christmas. Also, I would like a piano to play. How is Rudolph?

Merry Christmas,  
Dylan Perry

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Spiderman Web Shooter and a Spiderman mask.

Merry Christmas,  
Brennen Hood

Dear Santa,  
I want my own phone and a play blow dryer. I want something else too. I would like another doll with soft hair.

Thank you Santa,  
Kylan Pitcock

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Batman scooter for Christmas. I also want a playhouse.

Thank you Santa,  
Dalton Abalos

Dear Santa,  
I want a car toy to ride in. I would like it rainbow colors. I would also like a new doll.

Thank you,  
Alyssa Landeros




  
 Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas  
 and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!



**THE BEST CONNECTION**  
The Drennan Family

Christmas

A time when all earth is in  
 harmony and all creation is one.  
 Wishing you peace, love and joy  
 this Christmas season.



Christmas Blessings,  
Gaylon & Kaye Pitcock

# To Santa, With Love

**Robert Lee  
Kindergarten**

Dear Santa,  
I love Mrs. Claus very much. For Christmas I would like a stuffed lion named Alex, a skateboard, and the new Ice Age movie. I will leave oatmeal cookies out for you!

Love,  
Brewer Hood

Dear Santa,  
Do the elves really make toys in your workshop? For Christmas I would like a remote control car, a remote control helicopter, and a new black ops game. I've been very good at school and have never pulled a color.

Love,  
Gage Allen

Dear Santa,  
Does Mrs. Clause get to ride with you on Christmas Eve? For Christmas I would like a Barbie doll, Barbie clothes, and a Barbie jeep. I've been a good girl this year.

Love,  
Adyson Justiss

Dear Santa,  
How do your elves make all those toys and how do you get here so fast? For Christmas I would like some WWE wrestlers, a paintball gun, and a black ops game for the play station. Can I visit with you when you come to my house so I can look at Rudolph?

Love,  
Cole Knight

Dear Santa,  
How do you make so many toys? For Christmas I would like a DSi and a book about dinosaurs. I'll leave out chocolate chip cookies and milk for you.

Love,  
Zachary Avants

Dear Santa,  
I like you, Santa. For Christmas I would like a remote-control monster truck and a remote-control race car. I always like the presents you bring.

Love,  
Noah Gonzales

Dear Santa,  
How are your reindeer doing? For Christmas I would like a big truck with a big trailer and a lot of little cars, bumblebees that turns into a car, and an octopus that turns into a trailer. I live in Robert Lee, Texas.

Love,  
Jose Heredia

Dear Santa,  
How do your reindeer and sleigh fly? For Christmas I would like a skateboard, a bike, and some skates. I'm working hard to behave and do what I'm told.

Love,  
Aubrey Lofton

Dear Santa,  
What do your elves look like? For Christmas I would like a Monster High doll, a sled, and a doll. What is your favorite kind of cookie?

Love,  
Khadie Kohutek

Dear Santa,  
What does your house look like at the North Pole? For Christmas I would like a new Barbie, a new star for the top of my Christmas tree, and a real cookie-making stuff. Don't forget we have a special key for you to use!

Love,  
Ryen White

Dear Santa,  
How does you sleigh fly? For Christmas I would like a dog, a robot, and a Toy Story 3 movie. I will leave cookies and chocolate milk out for you.

Love,  
Anthony Landeros

Dear Santa,  
Do the elves help you? For Christmas I would like a toy boat, makeup, and a purse. Thank you, Santa Clause!

Love,  
Sofia James

Dear Santa,  
I hope your reindeer don't get lost. For Christmas I would like a helicopter, new games, and a new xbox. I've been a good by this year.

Love,  
Lucas Martinez

Dear Santa,  
What color is your house? For Christmas I would like a new baby doll, jingles, and another baby doll. I love my mommy.

Love,  
Alyssa Worster

Dear Santa,  
Where's Rudolph? For Christmas I would like a new truck, a spider web, and a pair of light-up shoes. I love you, Santa!

Love,  
Trentin Williams

Dear Santa,  
Does it snow at the North Pole? For Christmas I would like a remote control John Deere gator rsx, a Case IH tractor, and a New Holland tractor. I've been a very good by this year.

Love,  
Rhett Rangel

Dear Santa,  
How many elves do you have? For Christmas I would like a big monster truck, a phone and a computer. I've been very good this year.

Love,  
Carlos Olguin



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Our  
Customers  
a  
Joyous  
Christmas  
and a  
Prosperous  
New Year!

HALL'S SUPER SAVE



Dear Santa,

Do you have a big house at the North Pole? For Christmas I would like a green scooter, some roller skates, and a skateboard. I always do whatever my mommy tells me to.

Love,  
Lane Palmer

Dear Santa,

How big is your workshop? For Christmas I would like a toy motorcycle, 2 toy race cars, and a Lightning McQueen book. I will leave fruit bars and chocolate milk out for you.

Love,  
Mysael Rangel

Dear Santa,

What does it look like at the North Pole? For Christmas I want an Iron Man, Spider Man, and an orange car. I'll be waiting up for you when you come to my house.

Love,  
Edward Samaniego  
1st Grade

Dear Santa,

How do reindeer fly? How does Rudolph nose glow? I would like a book for Christmas.

Your friend,  
David Jowers

Dear Santa,

I would like a new basketball court, please. I would like a new basketball, please. I would like a new wing suit, please.

Your friend,  
Brayden Sherwood

Dear Santa,

I hope you will carry the toys to town. I hope that your elves are doing good jobs. I hope that you don't get sick. And I hope Mrs. Clause doesn't get sick. I hope I might get a Barbie.

Your friend,  
Jimma Richardson

Dear Santa,

I would like a good Merry Christmas present. I would like a doll for Christmas.

Your friend,  
Melinda Paiz

Dear Santa,

I would like a Karaoke Machine. I would like a sleigh. I would like Hungry Hungry Hippos.

Your friend,  
Cloe Minjarez

Dear Santa,

I love your helpers. Do the reindeer pull the sleigh? I bet the reindeer have a Merry Christmas. I hope that you make a lot of present. I would like a monster truck and an electric car.

Your friend,  
Tristan Grantham

Dear Santa,

Has it been cold at the North Pole? We like to make snowmen. We like to play snowball fights. I would like a play motorcrlce and an airplane.

Your friend,  
Aden Joe Burns

Dear Santa,

I wish I can go with you Santa. I would like a bike for Christmas.

Your friend,  
Canyon Moran

Dear Santa,

I would like a Barbie. I would like lots of presents. I hope you have a happy Christmas Santa.

Your friend,  
Kailey Freeman

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I would like a small Christmas tree for my bedroom. I also would like a small table for my little Teddy Bear and a chair. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Your friend,  
Abigail Arthur

4-H Float  
Robert Lee's  
Small Town Christmas



Dear Santa,

I hope you can you make a sleigh. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. I hope you can make a bike.

Your friend,  
Koltun Williams

Dear Santa,

I want a DS for Christmas. I want a bike too. I would like a remote control car.

Thank you,  
Michael LaRue

Dear Santa,

I hope your day is good. Merry Christmas Santa. I would like an airplane and a nerf gun.

Your friend,  
Fernando Sosa

Dear Santa,

I hope you have Bardies for me. I hope you have a good Christmas. I hope Mrs. Claus has a good Christmas too. Merry Christmas Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Your friend,  
Mackenzie Galicia

Dear Santa,

I would like a Barbie doll and a 3DS for Christmas. I want a Barbie book please.

Thank you,  
Miranda LaRue.

Dear Santa,

What is the weather there? Merry Christmas, Merry Christmas, Santa. I would like a bike.

Your friend,  
Zoey Nichols

Dear Santa,

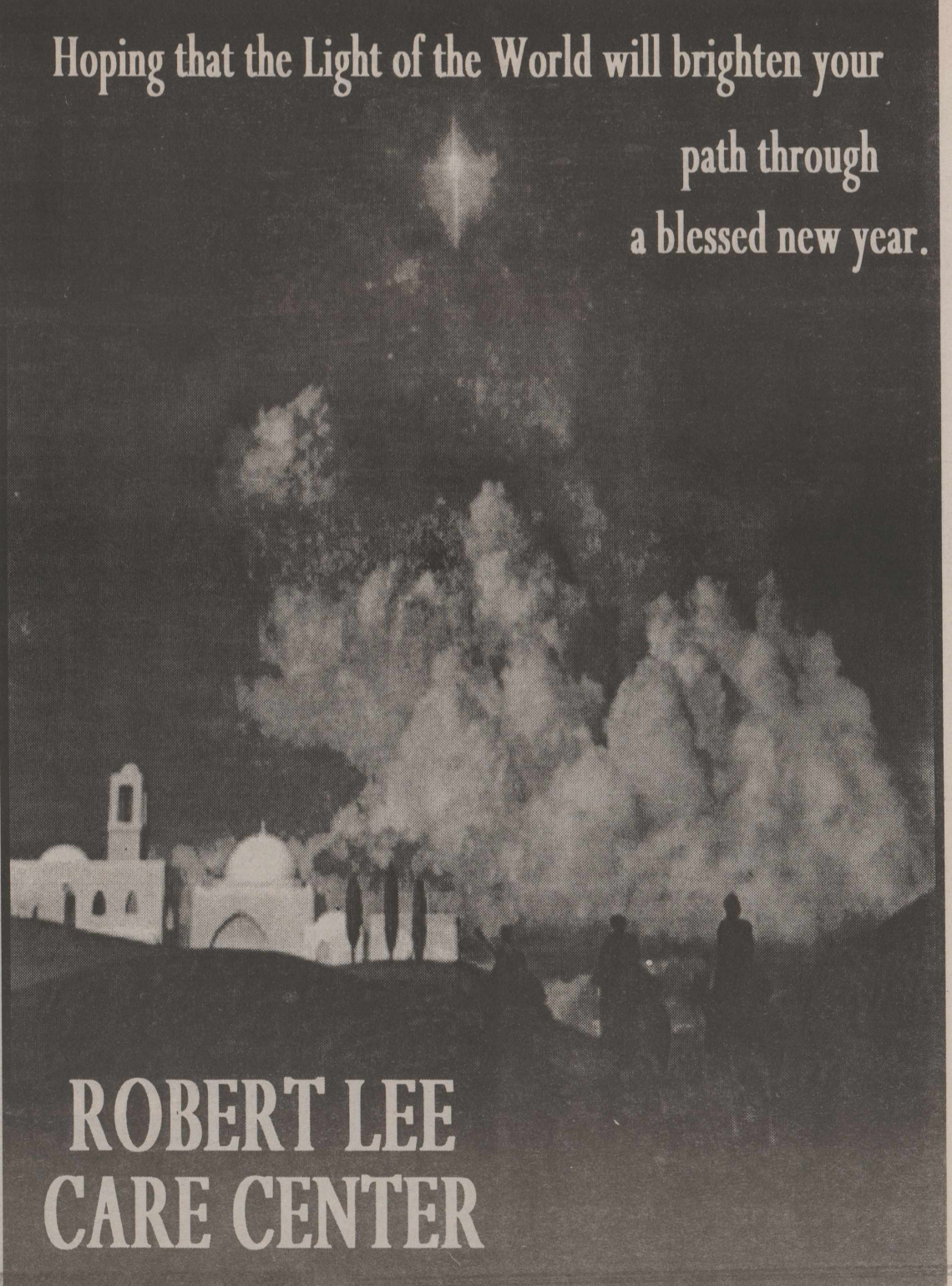
I hope I can ride on sleigh! I hope you get a big present. I would like a pogo stick. And I would like a 42C and anything else.

Your friend,  
Brody Pitcock



Hoping that the Light of the World will brighten your

path through  
a blessed new year.



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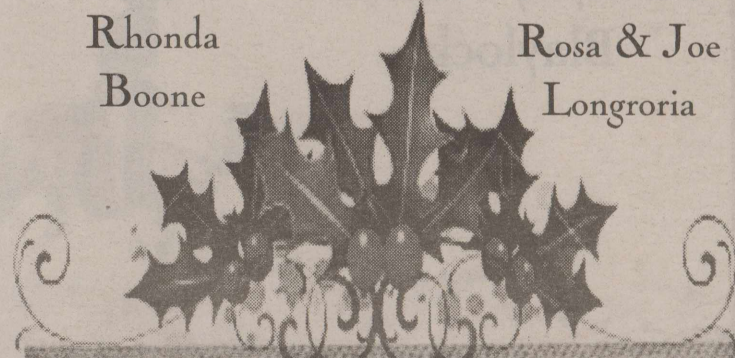
May your family enjoy  
a blessed Christmas.

Coke County  
Tax Assessor/Collector

Josie & Joe Dean

Rhonda  
Boone

Rosa & Joe  
Longroria



# To Santa, With Love

**Robert Lee**  
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,  
I hope you had a great summer. I want a toy gun and toy army men and a toy car. I will leave cookies and milk. I have been a good boy. I hope you have a good Christmas. I wish you a Merry Christmas.

Love,  
Patrick Barrera

Dear Santa,  
I will leave your reindeer some food. I would like an ipod, a new gold fish, and a cotton candy maker. And I will leave you milk and cookies.

Love,  
Caitlyn Cerritos

Dear Santa,  
How have you been? I would like some cat clothes, some little doll house furniture, and some squeakies to. I will leave you cookies and milk. Have a good trip.

Your friend,  
Sydney Hardin

Dear Santa,  
I hope you are doing good. For Christmas I want an ipad, some cat clothes, a snow cone maker, a bike, and some peppermint hot cocoa. I will leave you some milk and cookies on Christmas.

Love you,  
Taylor Hardin

Dear Santa,  
Don't get sick! I want an xbox 360 and assassins creed 1, 2, and 3 and a bbgun and a paint ball gun. Be safe.

Your pal,  
Skyler Horne

Dear Santa,  
How is your Christmas Santa? I want to know if I have been good. I want a cotton candy maker, an I-pad, and I want a snow cone maker. I will leave you milk and cookies.

Love you,  
Cassandra Juarez

Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a nice Christmas. I would like a wii u for Christmas. I will leave you cookies.

Love,  
Ryan Mendoza

Dear Santa,  
I hope you had the best summer ever! What I want for Christmas is a pink bike that is from Wal-Mart! It is my favorite bike ever! Merry Christmas Santa!

Love,  
Kristen Moreno

Dear Santa,  
How are you Santa? I would like a LaLa Loopsy Amusement Park please. Can you get a present for my dog please? He has been very good. Is Mrs. Claus going to have a baby? How do you get around the world in one night? I hope you and the elves have a Merry Christmas.

Love,  
Alex Munoz

Dear Santa,  
I hope your elves have a good Christmas. For Christmas I would like a Lala Loopsy Amusement park, clipon earrings, cotton candy maker, a new book, and a Lane Santa ornament. I hope you have a safe trip.

Love,  
Presley Oleksiuk

Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a nice safe trip. What I would like for Christmas is a new spy helicopter. And I would like a coat for my cat. Merry Christmas to all of you.

Love,  
Ethan Perry

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I am good. I would love and easy bake oven, an xbox 360, a cotton candy maker, some jewelry, some playdough. Most of all I would love the best Christmas ever with my family. Hope you have a good Christmas.

Love-you,  
Roxie Rangel

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas Santa. By the way may I have a cool Bake, a bike, a lunch box, a LaLa Loopsy Amusement park, a set of squeakies, and a snow cone maker, and a ipad. I wish you a merry Christmas.

Love,  
Emma Service

Dear Santa,  
I've been good all year. I want a toy train and a Pokemon movie. How is Mrs. Claus doing? Tel her I said hi. Merry Christmas.

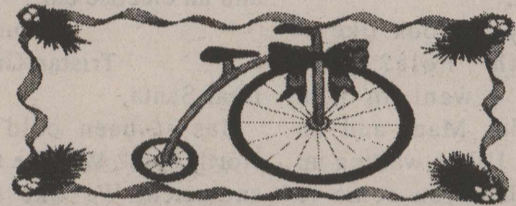
Love,  
Brooke Smith

Dear Santa,  
I hope that you and your wife make it to Robert Lee. What I want for Christmas is a cotton candy maker. I want an i-pad and a tablet. I will get you some cookies.

Love,  
Myrka Sosa



Sid & Cookie Burns  
Small Town Christmas

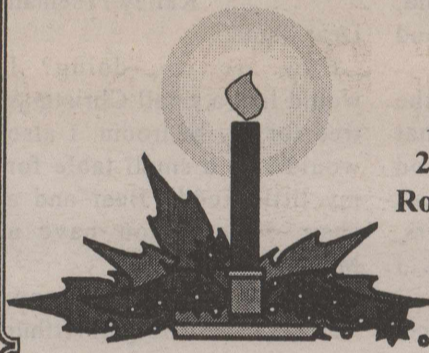


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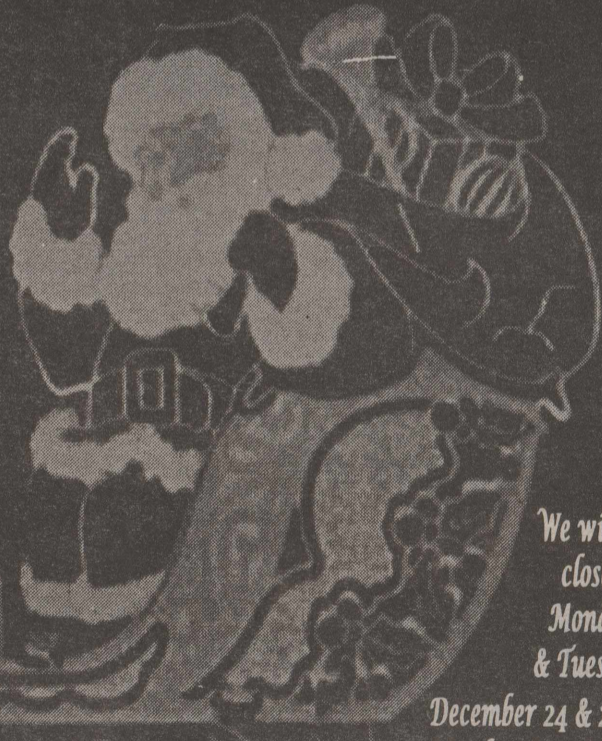
*We will observe  
the Lord's Supper.*



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Neighbors a very  
Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy  
New Year!

**Bobby & Melissa  
Blaylock**



3rd Grade

Dear Santa,

I am the youngest one in the house. I have two older brother's Ethan and Everett. I have blonde hair and blue eyes. I live in a small town called Robert Lee. I am in the third grade. What I want for Christmas is a slushy maker and a fortune cookie maker and a cotton candy maker and some pet and Barbies and clothes for Barbies and poly pockets for Christmas.

Love,  
Jacey

Dear Santa,

What is it like liveing in the north pole. I have green brown eyes and I have 3 sisters and there names are Cassrnda, Sofia, and Anglene. I love Christmas because Jessus was born. Santa for Christmas can I have a Monster High doll and a Merican Doll. Santa I really would not like to have a bad Christmas again because it is my little sister's first Christmas. So please make it good. Oh befor I forget tell the elves and Mrs. Claus good luke.

Merry Christmas,  
Isabella Juarez

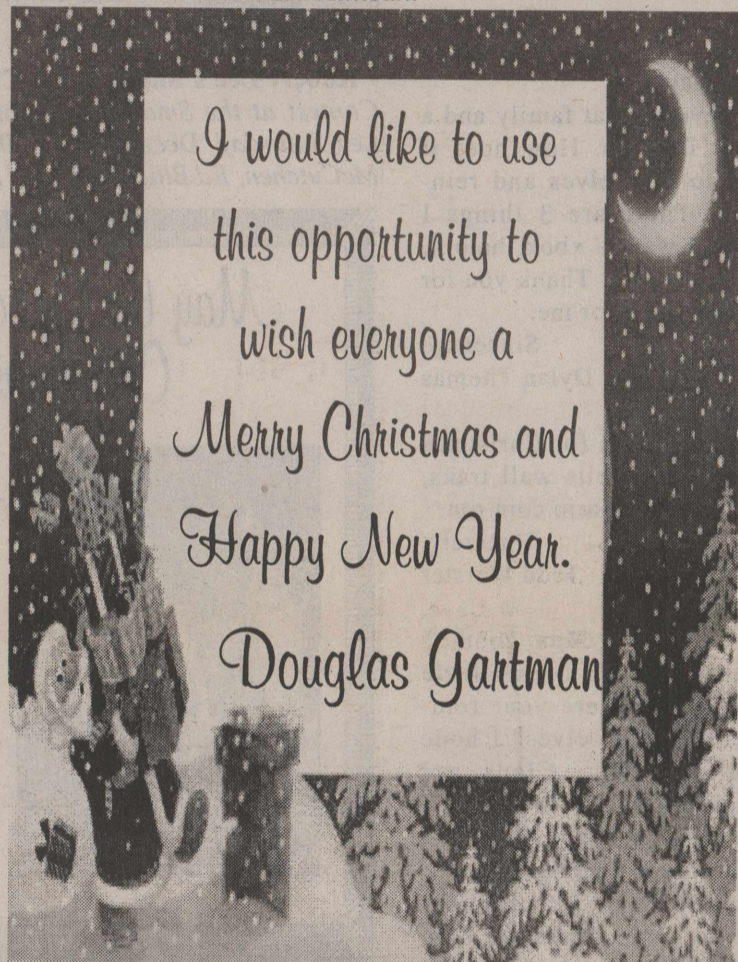
Dear Santa,

This is what I want for Christmas. I want for Christmas is clothes, games for the DS and for the wii, highheels, cowgirl boots point toe and square toe, ipod, book, ipad, and that is all. I hope you and your reindeer have a good Christmas.

Your friend,  
Chyann Torres



**Robert Lee's Small Town Christmas!** Honored at the Small Town Christmas celebration held December 8 at the Rec Hall in Robert Lee were (from left) Leta Caston, Tod Smith, Janie Munoz, Noel Tinkler, Clark Tinkler, Robert Lee Vision with a Purpose President Debbie Childers, Representative of the Lake View ROTC, Kay Hurst, Gaylon Hurst, Sheriff Wayne McCutchen and Marshall Millican.



I would like to use  
this opportunity to  
wish everyone a  
Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year.  
Douglas Gartman

Seeking more than  
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lights?

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**Christmas Eve**  
**Carols and Candlelight Service**

**Monday, December 24**  
**6:00 pm**  
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**Bronte**

Bring the whole family!  
All Are Welcome!

O Come,  
Let Us Adore Him

For we have seen  
his star in the east,  
and have come  
to worship him.

Matthew 2:2

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# To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa,

I have brown eyes and black and light brown highlights in my hair. How are the reindeer, the elves, and Mrs. Clause? I want an ipod and some makeup and the rest is on my Christmas list. Thank you for what you are going to bring me.

Your friend,  
McKenzie Puentez

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa my name is Heather I am nine years old. I hope you and I have a great Christmas. So how is it at the North Pole? Is it fun with the elves and the reindeer. For Christmas I want an ipod and clothes because I just love clothes. I hope you and Mrs. Claus have a great Christmas.

Merry Christmas,  
Heather Huapilla

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa my name is Braylee, and Christmas is one of my favorite holidays. I was wondering what it is like to be the boss of like one thousand elves? What is it like to ride in a sled? How is Mrs. Claus? What I want for Christmas is a new American girl doll, some clothes for her, and a bed for her. Thank you for all the present you are going to get me!!!

Merry Christmas,  
Braylee Hood

Dear Santa,

I am a good big sister I do a lot for my little sister. How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I hope ya'll are both doing well. How is it in the North Pole? Santa, I would like a new bike, arts and crafts stuff, the new nook and Gak. Thank you for all that your going to bring me. Have a merry Christmas.

Your friend,  
Aubrey Nichols

Dear Santa,

Have you had a good year this year and have your reindeer to. You better be ready for the cold long trip your going to have. So get warm stuff to wear. I am getting good grades and being good in school. May I have NCAA13 and Madden 13, Black ops 2, Sperrys, a new xbox controller and an Itunes card for ipod?

Your friend,  
Michael Munoz

Dear Santa,

I know I'm not perfect but I have been good. How come you don't get cold at the North Pole? Does Rudolph's nose really glow red? For Christmas I would like a new ipod and headphones for Christmas. Also for Christmas I would like a new XBOX game. Thank you for bringing my presents to me.

Merry Christmas,  
Zane Avants

Dear Santa,

I am a very very good little sister. Santa, is it always cold in the North Pole? Santa, I would like an ipod, a reading tablet, a bike, an iphone, and a laptop. Have a Merry Christmas! And a happy New Years.

Sincerely,  
Reaghan Bohannon

Dear Santa,

I am 9 years old and I have two sisters. They are both 6 years old. My name is Gavin. Santa, how did you get in my house last year when there was no chimney? What cookies do the reindeer eat? I want a air hogs battle tracker. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Gavin Freeman

Dear Santa,

I have a great family and a great life too. How does it feel to own elves and reindeer? There are 3 things I want. I want a xbox, halo 4, and blacops 2. Thank you for getting them for me.

Sincerely,  
Dylan Thomas

Dear Santa,

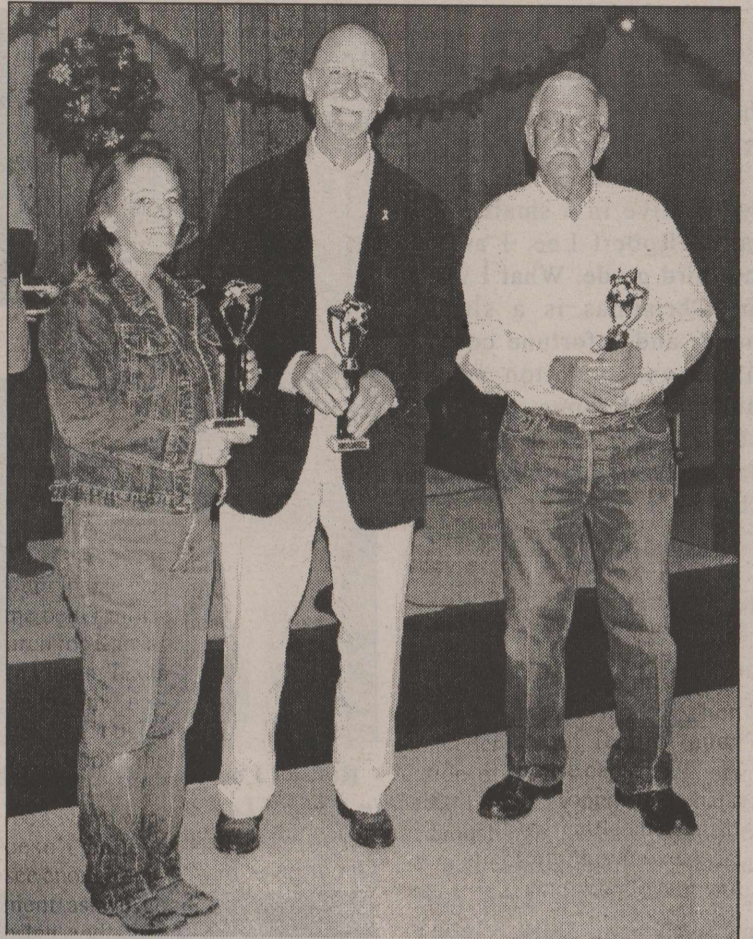
What I want for Christmas is R4, Hot wells wall traks, wii u, super Mario coin run.

Sincerely,  
Todd Worster

Dear Santa,

I treat my dogs good. I even take care of my little brother. How are your reindeer and your elves? I hope you and Mrs. Claus are doing well. All I want for Christmas is a real hamster, a real phone, and a trampoline.

Your friend,  
Brisely Ureno



Robert Lee's Small Town Christmas! Judging the Essay Contest at the Small Town Christmas celebration in Robert Lee Saturday, December 8, 2012, were (from left) Melinda McCutchen, Ed Blackburn, and Joe White.

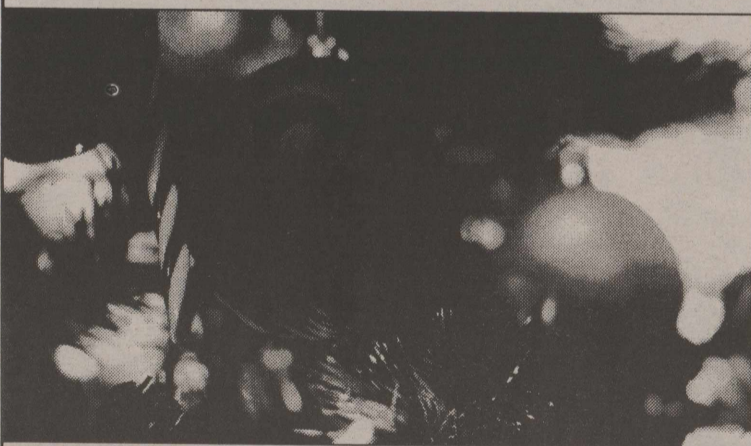
May the Good News of the Christmas Season

abide with you now and throughout the coming year.

John & Pat Stephens



## MERRY CHRISTMAS



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# To Santa, With Love

## Bronte Elementary Pre-K

Dear Santa,  
My name is Lawsynn. I am 5 years old. I would like you to bring me a horse, Barbies, Barbie couch, dinosaur movie, also a princess DS game and a swing set. One more thing a pool too!

Love,  
Lawsynn Sanchez

Dear Santa,  
I would like you to bring me a pop out castle, a sand set, stuffed animal that is a reindeer also a stuffed dog. I want a pink wagon that has lots of different color bows.

Love,  
Hailey Beal

Dear Santa,  
I would like you to bring me a big monster truck, hot wheels, toy T-Rex. Can you please bring my mom a purple wallet with some money in it?

Love,  
Raymond Williams

Dear Santa,  
Could you please bring me a Christmas tree filled with chocolate candy. I also would like a pink horse and Barbie. Please bring presents for Mommy, Daddy, Grayson, Abby and me.

Love,  
Zoeie Duffer

Dear Santa,  
Can you please bring me some spray markers, tent that you can write on inside, a back pack that has lots of hair accessories, and some play horses with different things to go with it.

Love,  
Adyson Gonzales

Dear Santa,  
I want 2 Barbies. I also would like dresses that are pink and sparkly. I also want a small play dog. Do you live up in the sky with your reindeer?

Love,  
Razaiah Jacques

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a train set that runs on a track. I also would like a soft blue jacket. Please just surprise me, my mom, my dad, and my brother with many gifts.

Love,  
Joel Pena Cecilio

Dear Santa,  
I would like you to bring me a pop up tent that you can write on, a paint board, also a chalk board. I want some boots with a cross on it and a cowboy shirt with a cross too! Thanks Santa.

Love,  
Hondo Burton

Dear Santa,  
Will you please bring me toys? I want a toy shark, and the "king" that has a glove that is black and he talks and

wears a mask. A dragon, castle and Spiderman too!

Love,  
Bubba Bannert

Dear Santa,  
Could you bring me an orange wagon with wood on it and a gate. I also some red tennis shoes and a toy radio and ipod. Can you please tell the reindeer "hi" for me.

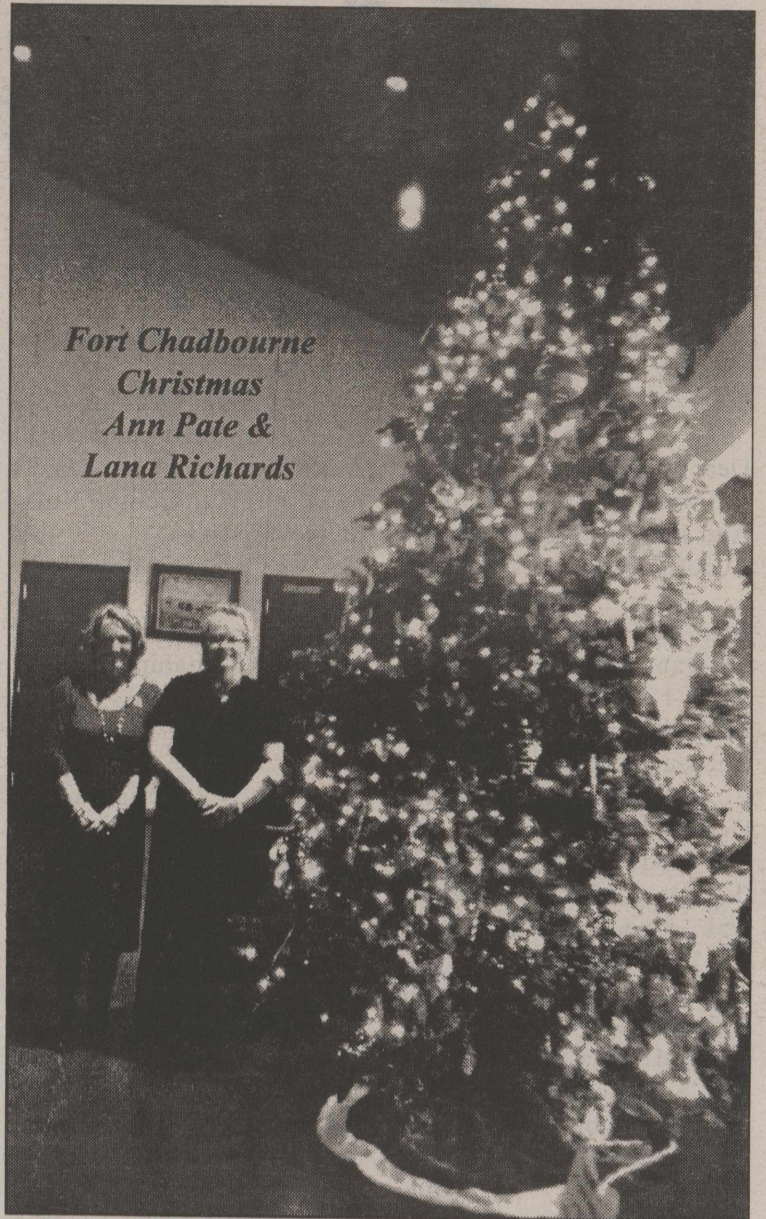
Love,  
Tripp Baughmann

Dear Santa,  
I would like a toy car, toy doll even a toy robot dog, 3 Barbies some big plastic letters that's all. I love your reindeer.

Love,  
Shaylee Bilbrey

Dear Santa,  
Would you please bring me some "stompie" shoes that there mouth opens when you stomp. I also want some spray markers and a stuffed Rudolph that nose lights up. One more thing Santa, a stuffed pink bunny.


Love,  
Treyton McCullough



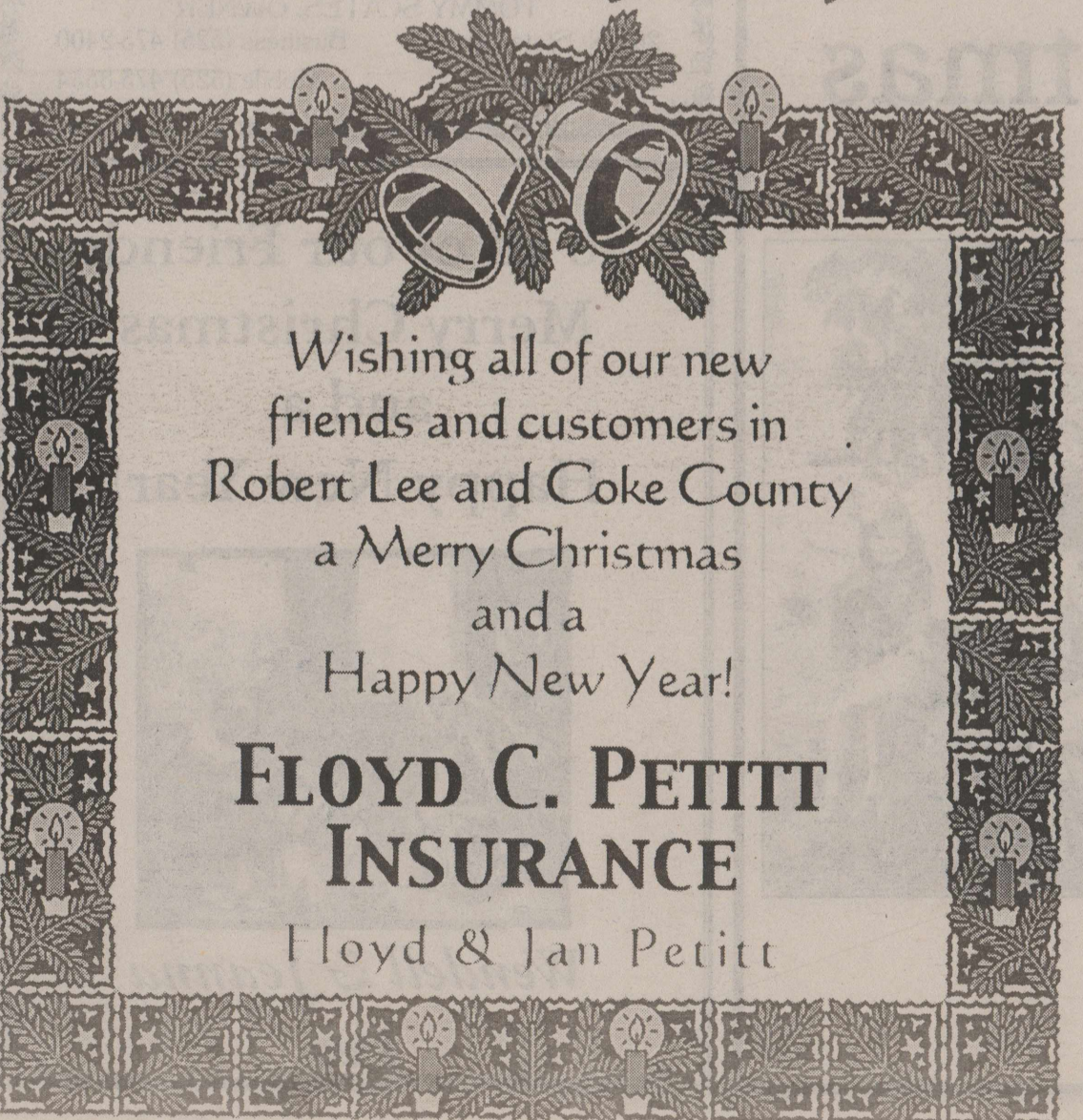
Fort Chadbourne  
Christmas  
Ann Pate &  
Lana Richards

Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year  
We want to thank all of our friends and  
customers for a successful year. We look  
forward to serving you in the New Year!  
**Paul's Body Shop**  
Paul Knight Family

May the meaning of the season be  
deeper, its friendships stronger,  
and its hopes brighter as  
Christmas comes this year




**Merry  
Christmas**  
Roy & Judy Blair



Wishing all of our new  
friends and customers in  
Robert Lee and Coke County  
a Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year!

**FLOYD C. PETITT  
INSURANCE**  
Floyd & Jan Petitt

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BEST**



Like the Wise Men of old, let us worship the newborn  
Prince of Peace - may He bless you and yours.

**Ernest Clendennen, Inc.**  
Storage Rentals

# To Santa, With Love

## Bronte

### Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

I want a pictur of my famalee and a mirror and a hors. Why is your suit red? Merry Christmas

Layla Rodriguez

Dear Santa,

I want a Tinkr Bel star. And lotz of preznts. How iz Rudolf? I love you!

Abby Colegrove

Dear Santa,

I want a big dol hos and dolls I wod lik new puzzz and lots of books. Merry Christmas Santa

Tatum Sanchez

Dear Santa,

I want a kamping thing that has a bot and pepl and a truk. I want Octimus Prim and his tem. I love you.

Kelton Gibbs

Dear Santa,

I wod lok a princez game and a princez book and a coloring book with colors. Hw iz Mrs. Claus?

Love,  
Savannah Reyes

Dear Santa,

I woud lik a rander bel, a toy hors farm a baby with clothz and a baby bed. I love you. I hav been vere good.

Hannah Sullivan

Dear Santa,

I will want a 3ds and a wii game and a gak color mixer.

Jaxon Morris

Dear Santa,

I wod like a do and a toy computr. My babe sistr wants a pink teddy bear. I have been good. I love you.

Anna Henson

Dear Santa,

I want a babe doll and a nu brbe doll and a tv for my room. I love you.

Sydney Handlon

Dear Santa,

I ned sum talking ninja trtls and Rafel and Mikl Anjlo that do not talk. And I need a toy inkredibl Hulk. Mere Christmas

Roy Flores

Dear Santa,

I want a Go Go walking pupe and a lalalupce. I need a big barbee hous. I have been a good girl. I love you Santa!

Jorja Harendt

Dear Santa,

I want a real Santa dog toy that can bark! I wish I had a horse toy to. I need a cowgirl to ride the horse. I love you santa.

Cheyenne Blackwell

Dear Santa,

I wod like a rel pupe and a karma to take rel pictrs. I need a toy Angel to. How are your randeer? I love you!

Marlene Sanchez

Dear Santa,

I want a army scale for my Dad and a scale for me to. I need 2 new puzzz. I have ben good at P.E.

Warren Middleton

Dear Santa,

I woud like a drem lite, a toy sal bot and lego toys. I love you Santa VERE much!

Colton Chiacchia

Dear Santa,

I wod like a doll house and a new wii game. I need sum new persls to. I love you.

November Wilson

## First Grade

Dear Santa,

How are the good reindeer doing? I can read really good now. Please bring me a ipod, and a pet shop, 3DS. I am going to give you an elf.

Tryntin Parnell

Dear Santa,

How is Mrs. Claus? I am in first grade. Please bring me a cats yo-yp, a learning kit. I will leave cookies for you.

Emery Willis

Dear Santa,

How are things going. I can read now. Please bring me a ipad, and a stuffed animal, and my family. I hope the elves are doing good.

Maelynn Williams

Dear Santa,

How are the elves doing. Please bring me 3DS a nerf gun, and a army suit. I will give you cookis. I will give you cocoa.

Jayden Sanchez

Dear Santa,

How are you? I'm in first grade. Please bring me ifon, 3DS, and ipod. I will leaeve you cookies.

Matthew Powell

Dear Santa,

How are you doing Santa? I can read very good now. Please bring me ipad, ipod, and chalk. I hope you have good time riding the sleigh.

Ambree McGinnis

Dear Santa,

Is one of the redeer named Rudolph the red nose reindeer. I learned how to make snowflakes. Please bring me a ipad and a LaLa Loopsy and toys. I will leave you hot chocolate and cookies.

Halie Gibson



**Christmas Raffle Winner!** Ronnie Wood of Abilene won the Red Rider BB Gun the Bronte Chamber of Commerce raffled off following the Saturday, December 15, 2012, showing of "A Christmas Story".

Dear Santa,

How are reindeer? Please bring me a Ninja go and nerf gun. I made a Christmas tree.

Oscar Marinez

Dear Santa,

Do you like Christmas? I love Christmas! Please bring me a ipod, furby, and Easy Bake. Watch out for Daddy's trap for reindeer!

Emily Jackson

Dear Santa,

How are you doing Santa? I am in first grade. Please bring me a real army suit, real Marine suit. I will leave you cookies and milk.

Dayton Jones

Dear Santa,

Do you have a Christmas tree? I have new glasses black and pink. Please bring me a cookie, lololopsy novistar. Keep safe in the sleigh.

Mystyk Guillen

## Happy Holiday

Thank you for your patronage. We look forward to serving you in the new year.

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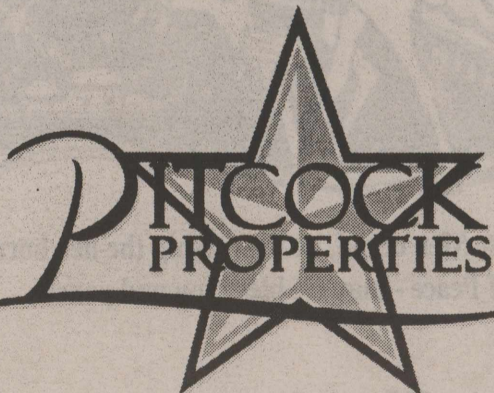
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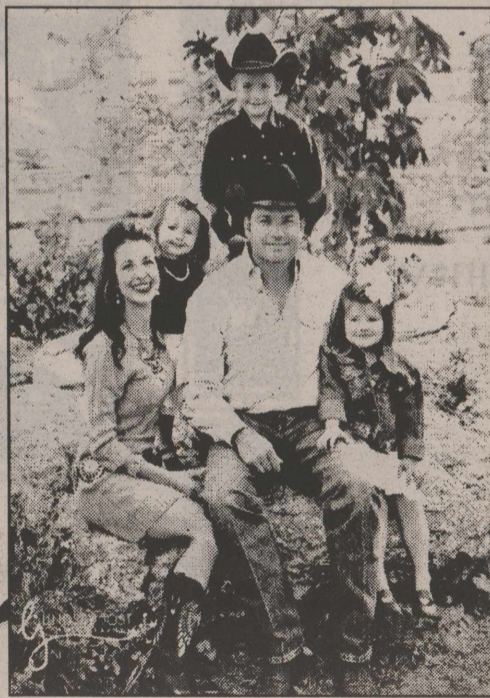
# Merry Christmas

from

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To all of our Friends  
Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year!



Wendell & Jeanna  
Lee

Dear Santa,

Are you staying safe at the North Pole? I have a new puppy. Please bring a bike, boots, and a Santa coat. I will leave my puppy for you to pet.

Brayden Graves

Dear Santa,

How is the reindeer? I can read. Please bring a Batman car, and starwars mask. I will leave milk and cookies.

Joey Goddard

Dear Santa,

How is Rudolp the red nose reindeer doing? I am in first grade. Please bring me a Novistar, an ipad, and a 3DS. Happy trails!

Daysiah Flores

Dear Santa,

How is Rudolph the Red nose reindeer? I love doing Christmas. Please bring me 3DS, LaLaLoopst and a pet shop. I will leave milk, cookies, and reindeer food.

Ryana Castaneda

Dear Santa,

HOHOHO How are you Santa? I can read now. Pleas bring me a dolly, ipad, and 3DS. I'll leave you cookies.

Jaclyn Broadbent

Dear Santa,

How is Rudolph the red nose reindeer? I hae glasses. Please bring me a cookie, iphone, and a paint gun. Tell the reindeer that I love them.

Brandon Baughman

Dear Santa,

How is Rudolph doing? I am in first grade. Plese bring me a ipad, a 3DS and a pistol. Happy trails!

Ryan Aguirri



### Second Grade

Dear Santa,

I want a rc car, and a ramp for it to, real guitar, trampalene, remote control dragon, a new spy kit, a remote control robot, new dirtbike, drum set, more rock and roll CD's, xbox 360 and a new talkboy and some tapes for it too. P.S. this note was from Kolson Follis.

Merry Christmas,  
Kolson Follis

Dear Santa,

I my leveing some sookes and milk on the table. I want a ninjago set. And a lego set of Halo. And a lego set of starwars. And a lego set of Mario card and a wii game and a DSi.

Merry Christmas,  
Jose Madrid

Dear Santa,

I want DoggyDoo. I want all Legos Dinosaurs. I want all Ninjago Set. I want a RC car. I want a rudof toy. I want a sled toy and a Santa Claus toy and all the reindeer toys.

Merry Christmas,  
Teegan Minjarez

Dear Santa,

I want Black OPS2, Grand Theft Auto 5V for my Xbox 360. Little Bubu all the baby toys. I all so want an RC car and little Big planet. An iphone and asasins creed brotherhood and a lego set. See you soon, Nick.

Aiden Beck

Dear Santa,

I want a game and it is called Mario cart. And a trampoline with a light in the middle and a wii.

Love,

Parker Bearden

Merry Christmas Santa,  
hohohohohooooo



Merry Christmas  
**BRONTE'S**  
**GENERAL STORE**

# HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Oh, The Sounds Of Christmas!

May the blessed voices of song and laughter echo through your hearts as we enter into this noteworthy season. This is a glorious time of year when feelings of brotherhood prevail and the spirit of peace on earth and harmony throughout the land prevails.

With a song in our hearts, we'd like to voice our expressions of good will and gratitude to our many fine customers and friends. Your kind support is always welcome and greatly appreciated.

*Wishing our customers and friends a joyous holiday season!*

**FN B** First National Bank - Bronte  
A Branch of the First National Bank of Sterling City



# To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa,

I want a game called batman for Xbox 360. And a lego dino set called treetop terries. I want a ipod or kindle fire. Warriors maybe. Mario bros. for DS and I'll make milk and cookies your favret. See ya soon Santa.

Sincerely,  
Jett Jackson

Dear Santa,

I want a real puppy for Christmas and I want a real horse and I want a dangerous Hunter1011.

Love,

Juan Orlando De La Garza

Dear Santa,

I want a ktm. I want an RC car even though I have one, and the whole ninjako set. See you soon.

Merry Christmas,  
Jamison Seales

Dear Santa,

I want a playstation2. and I want a game called 3D Dark Night Rises again. And a real horse for my sister. See you soon.

Love,

Bastian Quezada

Dear Santa,

I want a puppy alot, ninjago legos, head phones, an RC car, books, lord of the rings legos, and Iphone, lego Batman2, Super Mario Bros 2, Halo Legos, I really want alot of Pokemon cards!!, I want Mario Kart 7 for my DS, and last of all I want a Furby.

See you Soon Santa,  
Arath Brosig

Dear Santa,

You are really good your elves are too! So can you give me a Barbie dream house a kindle fire a zoo zoo pet a air brush and shemmer that is all so that I am going to are so special as me!

Love,  
Ashlyn

Dear Santa,

I want for Christmas is a toy dog and a toy reindeer and a big big bear. A armadillo toy for Christmas and a little tiny bunny. A big killer whale and a little dagin. A toy cat for Christmas and a in jogogo toys for Christmas and a big big big dog.

I wish you a Merry Christmas,

Chloe Reyes

Dear Santa,

I want for Christmas is a firrby and lego friends a real horse and a nook and a dsxl with the new Mario DS game mode scooter and ladedadoll and a novastar doll and monster high high schools and just dance 4 and cutey pops.

Sincerely,  
Marissa

Dear Santa,

I want some Madagassgar figurines and some cartoon character figurines and I want a furby a cotancandy maker and a candy maker and some stuff for my pets. I want a cow that does not want it's calf to milk off of it so I can bottle raise it. See you soon.

Merry Christmas,  
Zoey Hortenstine

Dear Santa,

I want some boots. Please Santa can you bring me a horse? I want a real horse. I want a teddy bear.

Merry Christmas Love,  
Krisol Reyna

Dear Santa,

I don't know what I want for Christmas so you can just give me toys that I didn't know I wanted and bring me cloths pretty cloths and get my grandma cloths too.

Yours truly Love,  
Delizial

Dear Santa,

I wish I had a big stuffed wolf and a wolf PTS a lot of them and a lot of wolf toys. A lot of stuffed randeer like Comet and Cupid and Donner and Blitzen and Dancer and Prancer and Vixen and Dasher and Rudolf and a toy Santa and toy sled and toy elf.

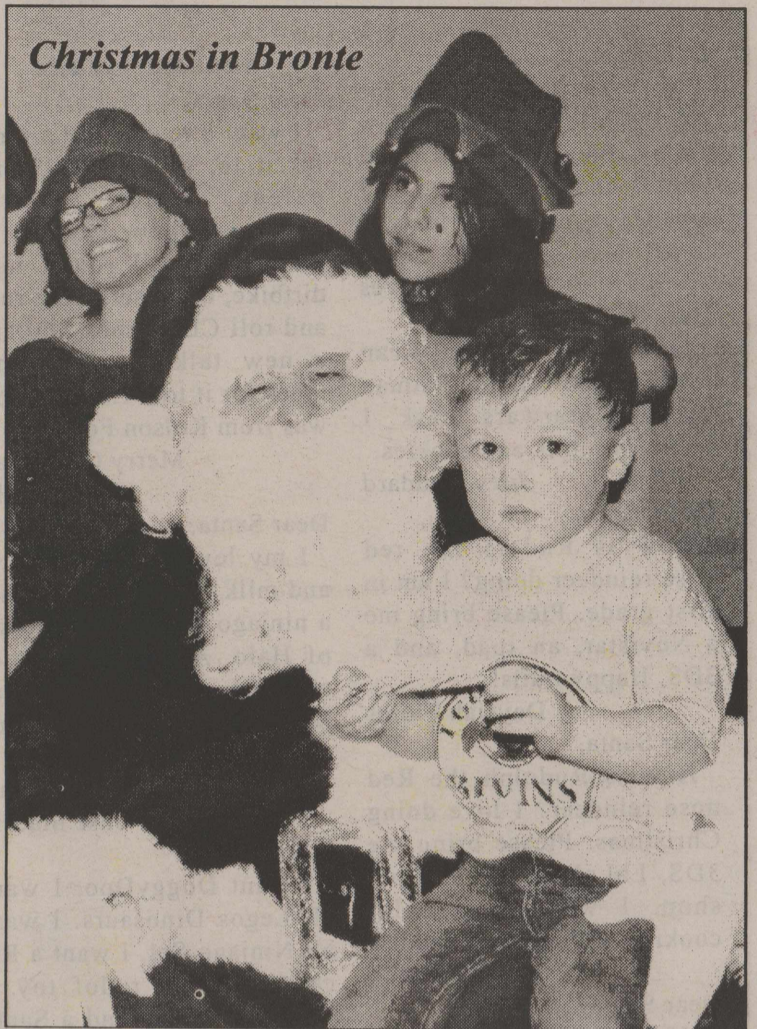
Merry Christmas,  
Emmy Speary

## Received by Mail

Dear Sinter Klaas,

How's it going way up there at the North Pole?

As far as me, I'm now 21 months old and still a precious baby. At 17 months, I could correctly say the name



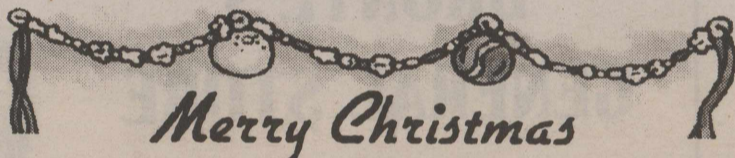
of about 20 different animals as my daddy pointed to each one in a book. As I continued naming-very clearly-one after another, Grandmom kept saying, "This can't be real."

Then at 18 months, I began saying "bye-bye-love you" as we leave to go back to town. My big sister, Mars, is a super-good

teacher. She is 10 and imparts a lot of knowledge to me. Bye now!

Best Wishes,  
Baby Mya

P.S. Oh yeah, Mommy helps out, too, with everything!



A special thanks to all my customers for making this a successful year.



**Daryl's  
Body Shop**  
Daryl and Myna Kay



I want to wish all of my customers and friends a very



Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

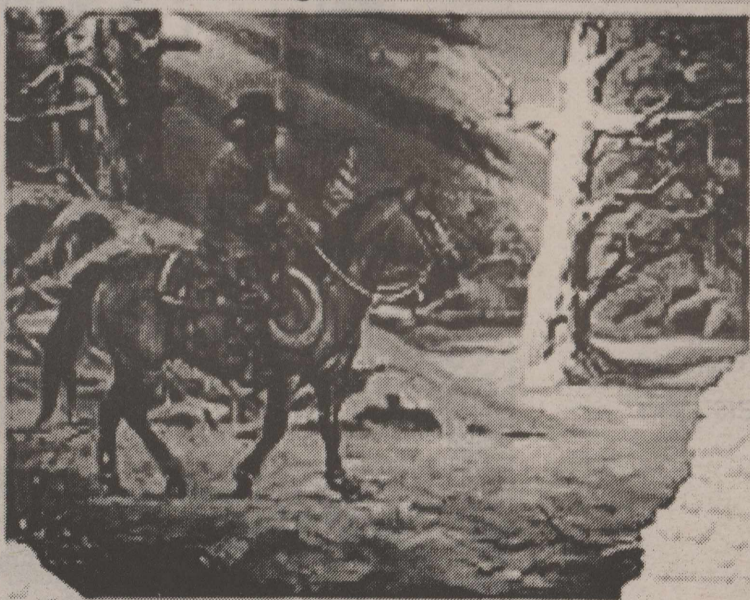
Love,

Donna Hall

Shear Heaven Salon



May the Light of God's Love bring Peace and Joy to you and yours this Christmas.

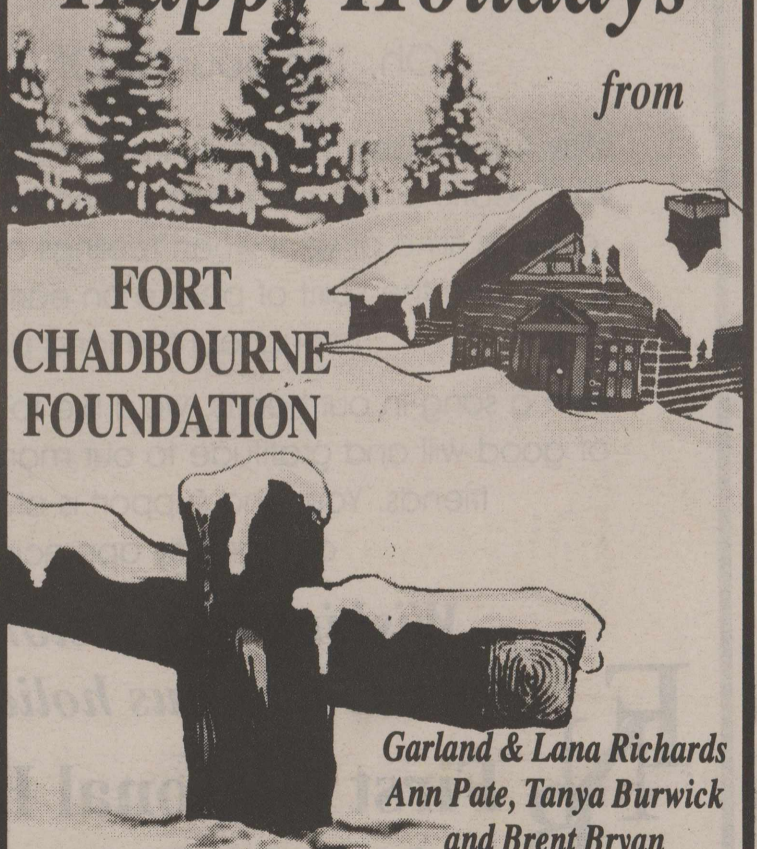


Merry Christmas!

Wayne & Melinda McCutchen

Happy Holidays

from



FORT  
CHADBOURNE  
FOUNDATION

Garland & Lana Richards  
Ann Pate, Tanya Burwick  
and Brent Bryan



**Blackwell  
Pre-K**

Dear Santa,  
Can you bring me a monster truck please? Bring me a 4-wheeler. Bring me a yellow, pink and orange ball, a snake-toy, a spider toy, a robot toy, a frog toy please. Can you bring me a car please? Bring me a giant toy, and a toy cup.

Craig Alan Guelker  
Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the presents. I want to give you some milk and cookies. I want a boy Barbie. I want some babies and cars. Thank you for the camera, please.

Millie Bueno  
Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas! Go down the chimney and bring your reindeer. Please bring me a purple Barbie.

Jessa Allen

Dear Santa,  
I want a Sailor American Girl Doll, please. Can I please have a Mickey Mouse farm. I am going to try to keep up with the pieces. I would like a suitcase with two sides, one for the American Doll and one side for another doll. I want a Goofy for the Mickey Mouse farm. Can I please have a Barbie book and can it please be an Ariel one? Can you please bring me a blanket for Miss Maggie to give to the dog shelter? I would like a counting chart.

Avery Glenn  
Dear Santa,  
I would like a go-cart. I want to be in first grade. I want you to bring me a necklace, a B-B gun and books. That's all.

Eli Boynton

Dear Santa,  
Can you bring me a pirateship? Can you please bring me a cowboy hat? Please bring me a major telescope, a house just like my mommy's, a class just like Mrs. Smith's, some other tables, a giant motorcycle, a castle, another choo-choo train, ambulance, drum set, a space hat, a computer, a balance, a giant robot, another cool backpack, a pirate ship one, a bumblebee, a dinosaur, a toy kitchen and that's all.

Konner Linebarger  
Dear Santa,  
I want a new bike. I want it to go real fast. And a motorcycle bike for my brother, and a bike for my momma and daddy. Please bring me a monster truck and a monster airplane.

Jacob Riveria

Dear Santa,  
I want for Christmas a bow, a green and pink one. I want a new LaLa Loopsy. Merry Christmas. Hi, Santa Claus.

Daniela Delgado  
Kindergarten  
Dear Santa,  
I want a gun and a dirt bike. I also want a bow & arrow to go hunting.

Stanton McGlothlin  
Dear Santa,  
I want a big tree house to put in my tree at my house. I would also like a doll and mermaid. A princess and a purse would be nice too!

Annabel LineBarger

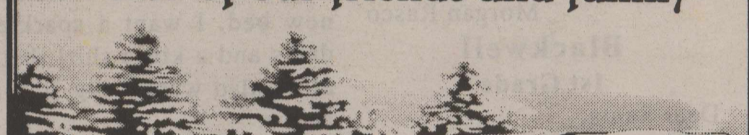
Dear Santa,  
I want a new hunting gun. I also want some cool trucks. I would also like a dirt bike please!

Bryson Smith  
Dear Santa,  
I would like a kindle and a tree house! Big, big one! I want a hair thing with a baby and real scissors! I also want real glasses!


Makinlee Killough  
Dear Santa,  
I would like a big white dog named Morgan. I would also like a doll that cries. I want a dancing doll too!

Morgan Dove

To all of our friends and family



Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays



John & Jeanette Jacobs

Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays!



Texas Best



from Deflooding & Carpet Cleaning


Bob, Patti, & Justin Frazee  
Katy, Kevin & Karleigh Johnson

Wishing you all the wonder and joy of this blessed season.



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Marshall & Sheri Millican



May the meaning of the Season be deeper, its friendships stronger and its hopes brighter as Christmas comes to you this year.

Reese & Ashley Braswell



Have A Blessed Christmas

German & Teresa Pena's

**RED BARN BARBECUE**

We will be closed from Monday, December 24, through Tuesday, January 1.

We want to thank our customers for their business!

# To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Baby Alive and a mermaid that swims. I would like a pink & purple pony too!

Lydia Pico

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Baby Alive and I would love a Kindle. I want a pink phone too!

Emma Williams

Dear Santa,  
I would like a glow bear and an Ipad. I would like a pink phone so I can call you at Christmas time!

Morgan Rasco

## Blackwell 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Santa, I like you can I have a xbox 300.

Jesse Mckinney

Dear Santa,  
I want a PSP and a dress and a trampoline. I also want a new car for my mom. I want a phone and more games for my leapfrog.

Brionna Sommerfeld

Dear Santa,  
Race car and race car track and a ax a note book football a DVD lego star wars boxing a boxing play thing new shoes and bbgun an a

Micah Boynton

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie stuff big Barbie house kindle fire a hot pink bbgun hot pink laptop a gold fish a little tree.

Hallie Scott

Dear Santa,  
Barbie stuff big Barbie ipod house kindle fire hot pink BBgun laptop bike plees.

Hana Hogan

Dear Santa,  
I want a meep a huffy green machine, a gi jor a new tv and dvd player a phone that's all.

Austin Magness

Dear Santa,  
I want a football and ninja turtles. I want power rangers and a football helmet. A transformer toy and a football shirt.

Jaylee Allen

Dear Santa,  
I want a fairly doll and an Easy Bake oven. I want a new bed. I want a sparkley dress and a kittle shirt that's all. I also want a big Barbie house.

Radin Burwick

Dear Santa,  
Easy bake oven slurpee maker grow in the dark color bloomz where's my water. Megapack skates password journal

Shelby Rasco



## 2nd Grade

Dear Santa,  
I would like a glow in the dark ninja and a stuffed animal. And also a psp and psp games. Also a hamster and a remote contoll boat. Thank you santa.

Love,  
Jesus Gonzalez

Dear Santa,  
Can I hav a I-pod for Christmas? Can I hav Nintendo DS? Merry Christmas. Can I hav a Ipad? Can I hav PSP? Thank you.

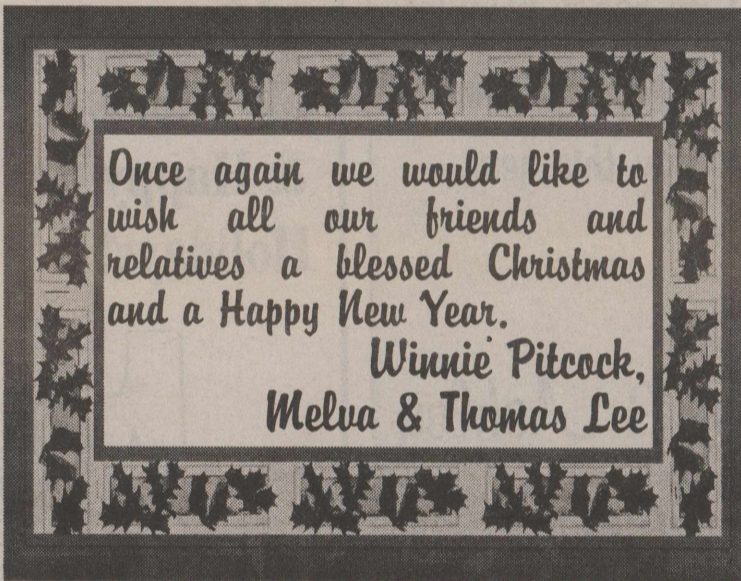
Love,  
Trace Guelker

Dear Santa,  
I would like lego city please. And sum nerf guns too. And sum electric blankets too.

Love,  
Blane Crosson

Dear Santa,  
May I have a Ipod and a Ipad and some orobies. Can I have some playdo please? Can I have some decorations for my bathroom.

Love,  
Luz Cano



Dear Santa,  
Please can I have legos and a glove and a nerf gun please and some clothes and a 3DS please.

brothers I wish they could get halo 4 from you. Logan really wants blackops3.

Makayla Lee

Love,  
Dusty Boyd

Dear Sants,  
May I please have the giant GBOP? Can I have some company please? Can you please remind my Daddy to download mine-craft please? May I have all three food wood trays please? And a movie please.

Love,  
Matthew Shipman  
3rd Grade

Dear Santa,  
May I have a ipad an a remote control tank exdox 360 met to I want a Elf ninga go masters of spinsgi-fuan halo 1?

Justin Leonard

Dear Santa,  
How is Mrs. Claus? Is Rudolph doing fine? I would like an American girl doll, ipad, iphone, ipod, monster high girls. This would be a amazing Christmas if I had a xbox 360. How are you doing Santa? I wish I could get the braking dawn movie for me and my mom. I wish we could go to Eldorado or my cousins house. For my

Dear Santa,  
I want a play station vita, ipad, slay, and a skate board. I will leave you some cookies.

Tyler

Dear Santa,  
I'm wishing for a few things but what are your elfs names? This is what I want a ipad, ipod, for the dollars to move closer to our house and see my family more, to have a sleepover with Atumn, to have a sleepover with Sonia, and a realy good new movie. And have a mery mery Christmas!

Selah Boynton

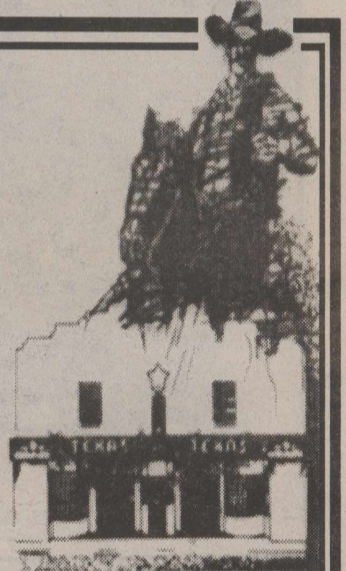
Dear Santa,  
How are you doing. Can I have a kindle fire? And a ipad and halo 4 and trans-former toys and ningago the movie and the game and cudolp and Nintendo 3DS and pitbull and iphone 5 please?

Stockton Angle Solis

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolph Santa and what I want for Christmas is a paintball kit please.

Tyson

Sending  
best wishes  
to you this  
Christmas  
Season



The Country Inn  
Beautiful Downtown Bronte



MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
AND HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS!  
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MONDAY - SUNDAY  
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WE WILL BE OPEN ALL DAY  
CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24TH.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Wishing all the joys of the season to you & yours this best of all times - Christmas!



W.E.B. CONSTRUCTION  
Ed, Wyndell, & Kids

Dear Santa,  
 Hey Santa how are you doing how are you? How is Mrs. Clause how is Rudolph dancer, prancer, and you elfs? One elf is here and can I have a ipad and dirtbike for cristmas, I love you santa have a good day every day and you to Mrs. Clause bye.

Izac Jesus Chavez

Dear Santa,  
 I want for Christmas is the fin's hat ant the movie and my mom a big ring or a big present for my mom or supris me with but no dolls.

Chloe

Dear Santa,  
 May I please have a ipod and a Nintendo 3ds and games with it please? How is Rudolph doing is he ok. Can I have Halo 4 please a Breaking Dawn?

Ryder Hayle

Dear Santa,  
 May I have a The mask cartoon DVD please. A new amazing spiderman suit. Super Mario 3ds land. Walkey talket for me and Hunter. Halo 1 on the wii and a The mask vidogame.

Love,

Donovan Perry

P.S. Merry Christmas Santa

Dear Santa,  
 My mom will not make you cookies. Instead, we will have 5 chip bars. I want a doll for Christmas.

Cadi Powers

Dear Santa,  
 How is Rudolph. All I want for Christmas is a iphone and a chapter book from autumn to santa.

Autumn

Dear Santa,  
 This Christmas I want a slay. I want a game called HALO. Don't worry well cook you some cookies. The second chapter is for Mrs. Clause. And I want Breaking Dawn.

Reid C. Hoyle

**Extras**

Dear Santa,  
 I want a spiderman web gloves/mask, shoes, and rubber band airplanes.

Love,

Trentin

Dear Santa,  
 I want a robe, legos, leap pad gams, leap pad case, nerf gun, electric scooter, head phones, cowboy boots, pants, tools, building kits, and remote control.

Love,

Koltun Williams

Dear Santa,  
 Well, here I am again this year, pleading my case. I, for one, think I have shown a lot of improvement in the past year, since getting those terrible twos out of the way. So, I feel justified in asking for a few of my favorite things. For Christmas, I would really love the Thomas Risky Rails play set, along with Rocky. I have also had my eye on a Mac truck, because I'm a huge fan of anything that moves! Please don't forget the other children in Robert Lee. Have a very Merry Christmas!

Love,

Bryson Crawley

Age 3

Dear Santa,  
 You would be so proud of me, because I can now say "Santa" when I see a picture of you. I'm mostly excited about Christmas because I love the lights and decorations. I'm already in to fashion, so I know pretty clothes and shoes will bring a smile to my face. I work hard to keep up with my brother-who is always on the move-so I would also love some action toys of my own, preferably pink or purple. I will leave



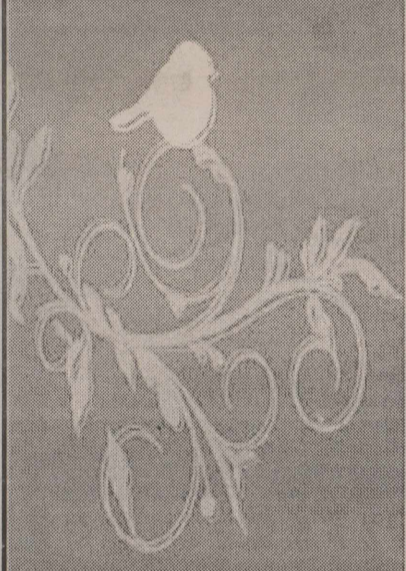
**Christmas in Bronte!** Jeanette Stewart (left) and Angel Cervenka are shown at the Christmas in Bronte celebration. The two can always be seen at Bronte Chamber of Commerce or Bronte Teen Chamber of Commerce events. cookies and milk out for you. Merry Christmas!

Love,

Kanyon Crawley

Age 18 months





# Peace on Earth

*During the holiday season, our thoughts turn gratefully to those who have made our success possible. It is in this spirit we say thank you and best wishes for the holidays and a happy new year.*

## Main Street Market

*May your Holidays be filled with Peace, Joy and Love.*



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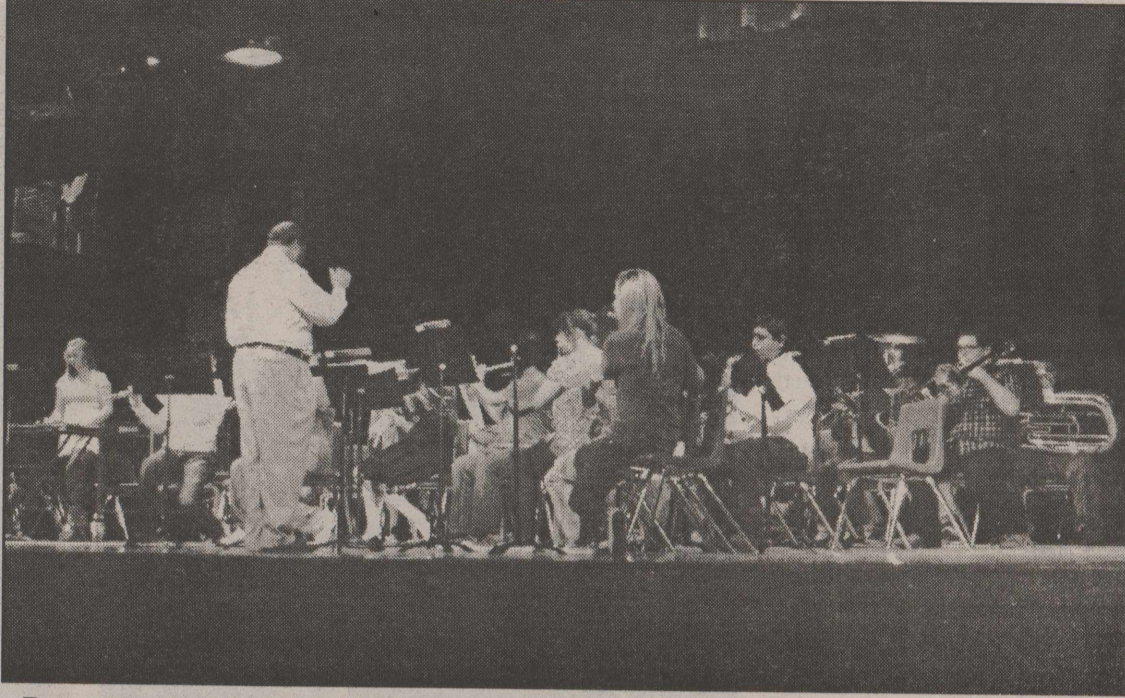


*Wishing you and your family a...*

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- All wires are in good condition.*
- Fire extinguisher checked.*
- Escape plan.*

*Holiday Season!*

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**Bronte Bands Hold Annual Christmas Concert!** The Bronte ISD auditorium was the site of the annual Christmas Concert last Sunday, December 16. The 2:30 afternoon performance began with the fourth grade recorders performing such songs as "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" and "Oh, Come All Ye Faithful". The fifth grade beginning band entertained with their versions of "Go Tell Aunt Rhodie", "Oh Susanna", and "Jingle Bells".

The sixth grade band performed after them and had their Christmas medley "Christmas Bits and Pieces" as their finale. The high school band rounded out the concert with "Santa Meets Sousa" a medley of Sousa marches intertwined with bits of Christmas songs and a good time was had by all during the old popular standard "Jingle Bell Rock". Mr. Dannheim would like to thank the Bronte Band Boosters for their hard work all year long and for the reception following the concert. He would also like to thank the band members, teachers, parents and administration for their support and wish them a wonderful Christmas season!

## Old Cowboy Christmas

By Tony Smith  
 "What's wrong with these people?" the old cowboy mumbled. Perturbed at all the traffic and reaching out to wipe the windshield of the freezing mix left by old worn-out wipers. The snow and ice finding its way through holes in the Old Cowboy's gloves. Christmas Eve, as he knew it, brought him into town for supplies and feed. To him, today was no different than any other Saturday morning. Forty years of range life had hardened him and what others saw as maybe a white Christmas, he saw as his job made harder. He saw laughter and festivity as a stark reminder of his own unhappiness. Christmas decorations as a waste of his seemingly harder than everyone else's tax money. A hard ranch life, war and a broken

heart had leathered his inner own cigarettes that in 35 being, much like the West years he'd never mastered Texas sun had done to his the art. skin. That and the roll-your- Old Cowboy was old

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*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year*

**Willie & Kim Macon**

school. Under the rough, tough, outer shell was old Southern charm and good manners. In a world of Dockers and suits and ties, complete with titles and education, this man in jeans and boots and a work shirt; well, they couldn't carry this man's luggage. He never wore his hat inside. He got a door for a lady and stood up when she left the table and when she came back until she was seated. He got her chair and didn't cuss in front of her and didn't like it when others did. The National Anthem brought a tear to his eyes. He was quiet and well versed when he spoke. Those that found this "dated" and smirked and even made jokes knew nothing of the sacrifice he had made for them to have liberty and opportunity to do that. So they would have freedom to do just that. Make fun of him and his ways.

Not saying how old Cowboys truck is, we'll just say the fenders were so round you couldn't set a coffee cup on 'em if that tells you anything. That and

the wood slats in the bed. Driving through town in the old beat up, smoking, farm truck; gears clashing, brakes squealing as he pulled up to the red light...in the next lape, a shiny new Mustang with two not-so-fine outstanding members of the local high school. Music blaring so loud Dog gets up on the edge of the bed and peers at the commotion.

Dog?...Dog like so many that get thrown out on country roads was no more than a pup when the old cowboy found him in the ditch. His only saving grace, being thrown from a car, was the sandy bottom. Old Cowboy stood over him pulling his pistol from his boot, about to do the humane thing....That thing old cowboys have to do, but die each time they do.

But he made a mistake this time....this time he allowed his eyes to meet the pup's and there was this look....a look that stopped him cold.....He saw in the pups eyes an unmistakable human expression...as if to say, "don't do it" as if he knew. "He didn't just do that" the old cowboy said to himself. Talking to one's self is what

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you do when living out here all alone. It bothered the old cowboy so....no...he's better off....don't need another mouth to feed.... Just another mixed breed mutt of a dog; who even knows if he can be saved. Each time as the old cowboy would wait till he put his head down and take aim, the pup would look back, right in his eyes...over and over till.....

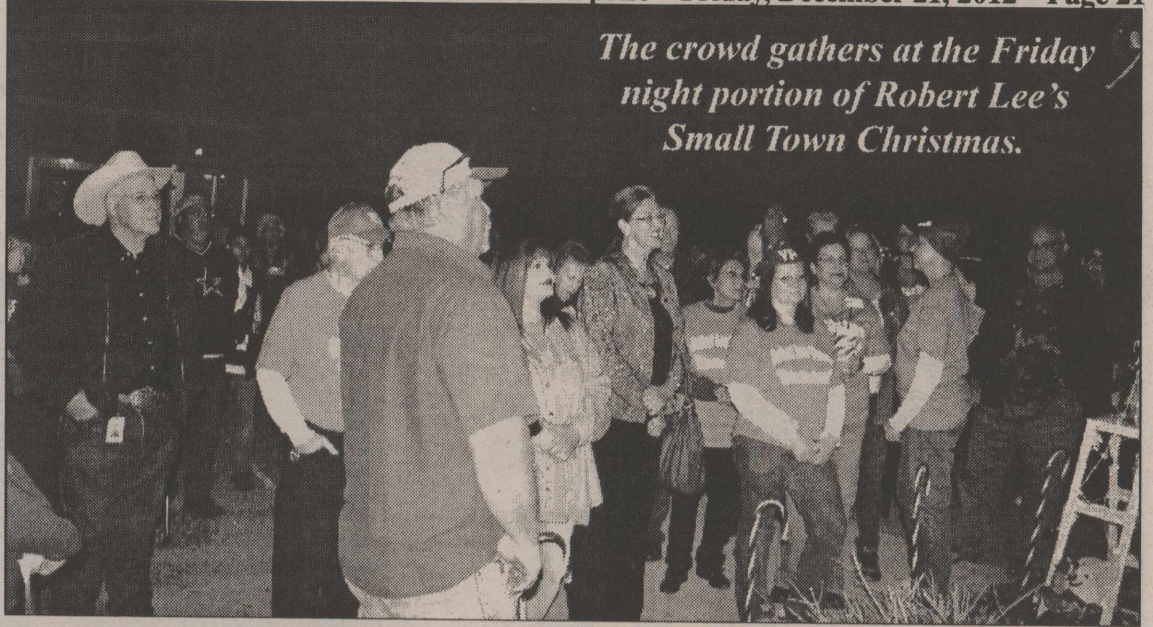
But the "look", as time would show, came from not just any ole dog. So this night of all nights, the pup overpowered the old cowboy's grizzled heart and so started a bond and something the old cowboy needed... a friend. As time went on, it would be hard pressed to say who saved who that night.

The old cowboy picks the pup up carefully and wraps him in a blanket and places him on the passenger seat. Making his way up the winding road to the rickety old ranch house and places him by the old wood burning stove. He builds a fire and makes a pot of coffee and places it on top the stove and reaches down to pet the pup....The pup closes one eye and draws up for what he thinks is another dose of what he's been getting. The old cowboys deep southern drawl telling him it was ok as he stroked his ears. Something the pup had never had; quite the opposite. The old cowboy continued till

the wide eyes closed and the same tone that could almost slow break a horse alone puts him to sleep. And for the first time in his short life the pup didn't feel like this breath to be his last.

Well by now you already know he makes it I mean he's in the back of the truck. What you don't is that this was only one of many times the old cowboy would nurse the dog to health. The old dog had the nine lives of a cat for he had lived thru snake bites, numerous coyote attacks, barb wire battles, kicked how many times by horses, that long scar on his side from the hook of a bull and last but not least a gunshot wound from a passing truck on the road for no reason....The old cowboy considered himself quite the vet but he wasn't, but don't tell Dog.

So here sits the old cowboy at the light staring across at what he considered the epitome of a lost future when they roll the window down and ask...."What you lookin at old man?" ...The ole cowboy never changes expression....takes his finger and slides the old hat back and sends a projectile, big as a baseball, of chewing tobacco, sliding across the windshield out onto the hood. The two sat there eyes as wide as their mouths and makes what turns out to be the only smart decision that day. Not to mess with this



The crowd gathers at the Friday night portion of Robert Lee's Small Town Christmas.

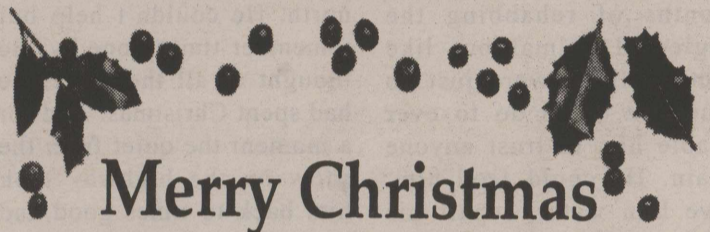
one. As the light turns green the old cowboy expressionless, stares at the two like now what? The two mouth and swear and make gestures as the ole cowboy just smiles and Dog shows his teeth. Well, what's left of em, but they got the idea. Tires smoking, squealing as the Mustang speeds away. Not impressed, Old Cowboys scar list as long as Dogs. He'd been shot, stabbed, burned, drug, bucked off and gored and enough shrapnel left in him to build a small car. The two punk kids throwing words and gestures seemed pretty weak. Maybe tigers do have the right idea he mumbled as he puts the old truck in gear and let's go the clutch. A stop by the feed store; couple hay bales, oats

and some sweet feed for Horse.

Horse? ... Horse was the old cowboy's tried and true workhorse. He was all that was left now out of all that roamed this small Texas ranch. Old like everything else here not to mention just another that got a second

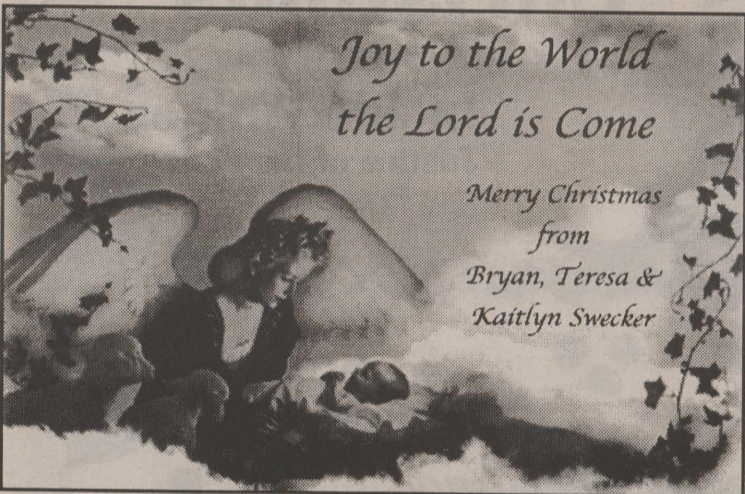
chance. He was abused and neglected so badly when brought to the old cowboy by the county. As they unloaded him that day the old cowboy watched as he could barely get out of the trailer. He thought why me? as he glared at the officers. Weeks turned into

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Commissioner, Precinct #1



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months of rehabbing the neglected animal but like himself there were just so much he could do to ever enable him to trust anyone again. He could feed him, give him water, repair his neglected feet. Even putting balm on the wounds from being whipped with no telling what; but there's just so much you can do about a wounded spirit. Horse and the old cowboy have a lot in common.

And no, he wasn't the best cutting horse ever. And no he had a gait that was as rough as a buckboard. He stumbled from a weak hoof from being foundered and would leave a mile of slack in a roped calf. A dapple grey color and ears more like a donkey but he was Old Cowboys and that made him the best ever to him.

Old Cowboy spent the rest of the morning stumbling around in the grocery store picking up the essentials; coffee, bacon, beans, bread, tissue some of that jerky that he liked. Stores made Old Cowboy nervous. Town made him nervous. People made him nervous. An unnecessary evil he couldn't get back to the ranch soon enough.

But there was one more stop to make that made Old Cowboy even more nervous, Dr. Bentley's office. Waiting on lab results the Dr. sent in. The receptionist tells him "I'm really sorry sir what with the holidays they are behind in the lab" she tells him. "Dr. Bentley told me to tell you he would be calling as soon as he knew something". "Yes Mam, thank you Mam" as he turns and walks outside.

Snowing hard now, Old Cowboy picks Dog up out of the bed and puts him up front for the ride home. Slips him a piece of jerky and heads the grinding, smoking, old truck to the

north. He couldn't help but remember times gone by. He thought of all the places he had spent Christmas. And for a moment the quiet from the snow on the highway took him back to times good and bad. He remembered as a child, like us all, that one special Christmas that just sticks in our minds. His folk didn't have much but what they made out of what they had was something to remember. The Christmas tree was real not fake, he remembered. He could smell the tree; see the lights and strings of cranberry and popcorn around the tree.

Old Cowboy had seen Christmas Eve everywhere from a fox hole to sleeping in a horse trailer on a rodeo ground. Most times it meant nothing to him. But there was that one, that one Christmas that he tried in vain to forget. The ride home too long his mind allowed to wander. Fighting back memories that try to overcome him so. A time, that went from happiness to heartbreak one day that would change the old cowboy forever. A time, like Horse, so overwhelming it would forever rob him of trust. For this, the worst of his scars. He fought hard the heart riddled unbearable hurt..... "How's that jerky Dog?" He asks; anything to break him out of going down that painful road. The old radio broke he breaks into a song to Dog.

O no, Dog must be thinking, not this.....not this.....Of all that Old Cowboy was bad at including cooking, coffee making, washing clothes, among the list. His singing was the absolute worst. Not to mention he knew just the notes to hit and hold that sent Dog into a howling coyote yelp. What a site an old cowboy singing at the top of his lungs and Dog outstretched

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head howling out in perfect time.

Just before turning off the interstate he spots an old car on the side of the road. Hood raised with a man looking underneath. Cowboy starts to rationalize, someone else will stop to help he thought, probably just checking his oil, "why me?" he mumbled. Turning onto the county road that leads to his ranch he could see a family inside, a wife and couple of kids. Dog, up in the window whining looking back at cowboy like ??? A cock of Dogs head seemingly unbelieving, a scolding look that gets Cowboy talking to him. They will be fine Dog! Someone will stop; do I have to do everything?!

Old Cowboy slams it down in 2nd gear and hits the gas. Dog standing up in the seat watching them disappear through the back glass. Finally he lies back in the seat, one more questionable look up at him.

Old Cowboy mumbles and grumbles and talks to Dog.

Dogs not buying all the excuses and turns his head away in pout as Old Cowboy continues the sermon till he reaches the gate and pulls in. As they drive down the road to the ranch house he spots Sarah's truck sitting in the drive.

Sarah, yes Sarah. Sarah was a widowed ranch wife with a place a few miles up the road. Long, black hair, a long, slim, beauty, with dark eyes, that could cut right

through you. You could find her usually in a baseball cap and boots. She was a barrel racer but only for fun anymore and still liked to dabble in it.

There was an unspoken friendship that neither had figured out what. What she did know the 7 years she had known Old Cowboy was that you were only allowed just so close to him. Though they had never really talked in length about it she knew

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enough to know that the hurt he had endured had rendered him, in his eyes, unloveable. He would never let anyone that close to him ever again. She loved him so and though he'd never admit it watched over him. As he pulled up she was unloading a bag of bird seed.

Yes, this was just one of the many things Sarah brought by because you can't have a big ole tough cowboy buying bird seed now can you? Who knew way out here that Old Cowboy put the seed out for all the regulars that stayed here. Not to mention for Crow.

Crow...by now you have figured out that Old Cowboy didn't waste a lot of thought in naming the animals on the place. Crow was, well yes, a crow...one that the old cowboy found knocked from a nest after a storm. Old Cowboy wouldn't want it to get out that he hand fed a bird back to health and Crow just decided to stick around. He could always be found not far from Old Cowboy anywhere he went on the place, usually perched on one of the many trees that dotted the ranch. Crow was also the resident watchdog here. Made Dog real uneasy but Crow had the much better vantage point and for sure made a better distress call. You didn't sneak up on Just as they were finishing breakfast the phone rings. Old Cowboy just sits there... doesn't go to answer it. "You gonna get that?" Sarah asks....naw....lot of sales people calling lately.....it's probably nothing. That bothered Sarah, She'd never seen him do that....After a while the ringing stops.

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The singing died down as they came upon the highway and saw that no one had stopped to help the stranded family. Old Cowboy feeling terrible; the man still under the hood trying in vain to find what was wrong. The wife huddled with the kids because without the car running there was no heat.

Old Cowboy gets out and introduces himself and asks the problem. One look under the hood and he knows. "Water pump" says Old Cowboy. Old Cowboy through necessity was quite the mechanic also. "Where you headed" Old Cowboy asks. "Midland" he replies in despairing tone. Old Cowboy is rubbing his chin and thinking.

The man's name was John and he and his family was headed there to be with her family for Christmas. Like a lot of folk the hard times from being in and out of work showed. Cowboy knew the drill. How many times had he been down to his last dollar in his pocket. "Well John, there's no one that's going to get to this

Christmas Eve".

Sarah is introducing herself to Celine, his wife, and Brent, ten and Alisa seven. "Well, there's only one thing to do bunch" Old Cowboy announces. "I got a ranch about 10 miles north, you will stay with me there's plenty of room and it beats being out here"...John hesitant to say anything. "Sir? We can't impose on you like that." "We'll pull your car in and as soon as we can get one well put her on and you'll be on your way." "Not a problem" Old Cowboy reassured them.

"Sarah, Can you handle a real truck"? Old Cowboy smirks... "I'll let you pull me" knowing John from Dallas probably wasn't versed in the art of towing like He and Sarah. And that would put Sarah and the wife and kids in the heated cab. Old Cowboy puts a chain on the bumpers and Sarah and Celine and the kids cram into old truck...."Here, you'll need this" she laughs as she hands Celine the pillow... So here we go Old Cowboy mumbling to himself "Why me"???"What's that Sir?" John asks ... "O nothing, can you hear that?"....you can hear them singing from here!"....Cowboy laughs... And so they did....they sung as many Christmas songs as they knew. Sarah making Celine and the kids feel like they were headed to the North Pole....

And so it began....Christmas saving grace, for little by little, the old cowboys lonely, meaningless Christmas was slowly being transformed....In a twist of fate that soft part of the old cowboy's heart overtook the hard. It was just

beginning.

The Caravan arrives at the ranch and while Old Cowboy and John from Dallas put the car in the shed the rest of them hustle into the house. The heater in the old truck was just so good. Snow is accumulating and it's getting colder. Some more wood on the fire and some stoking and in no time a fire. Every one huddled around it.

Celine and the kids looking around, taking in the new surroundings; not exactly what big city was used to but there was an old western charm about the place and soon the kids relaxed and started playing on the staircase that went up to the loft. "Let me take your coat Celine" Sarah says....Sarah had such a way with people. Celine needed that right now what with the task of making ends meet on a good day. Taking money they didn't have trying to go to family to show the kids some kind of a Christmas. But in short time it was like they were best buds....sisters of sort as they sat by the fire and talked girl talk.

John of Dallas and Old Cowboy make their way up to the house. Knock the snow off and warm by the fire for a moment. Sarah pours them up a cup of coffee. Old Cowboy notices

that the youngest, the girl, is whispering to her mother. Old Cowboy is moved when he makes out that they are talking what about Santa? "How will he find us?" she asked... Old Cowboy looks at Sarah, each knowing what the other is thinking. Old Cowboy pulls his pocket watch from his jeans. Its 2:30. "ya'll make yourself at home". "What's mine is yours" and he shows them to their bedroom. "We're gonna let you get settled in while we tend to some things in town"

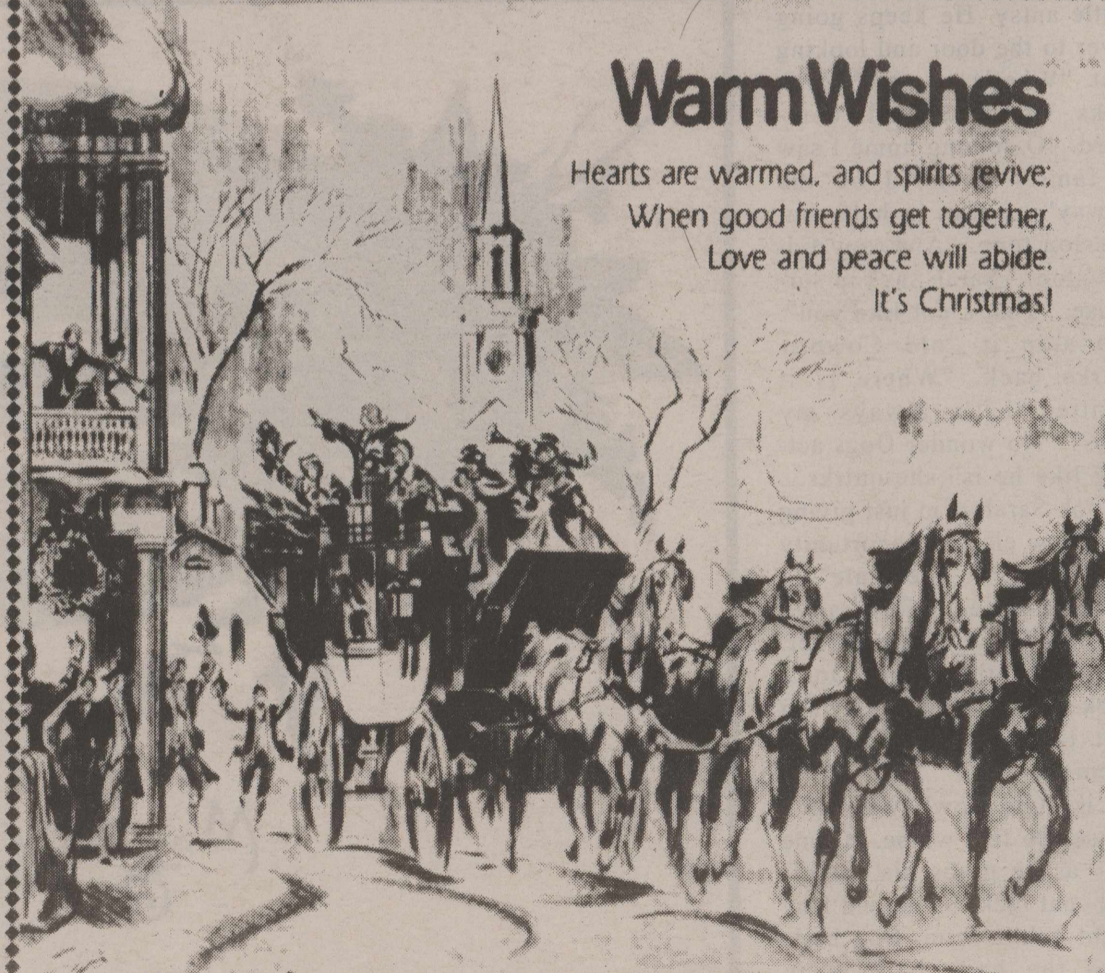
Old Cowboy and Sarah grab their coats and in sprinter speed rush out to the truck...her truck ...he says not a word. Taking a moment to sail a warning shot snowball across the bow of Old Cowboys hat. "Darn, Just missed" she laughs. Sarah is smiling that smirk possum smile. Cowboy says nothing. "Well hey" Sarah offers ..."you don't need a pillow to sit on "....she laughs. She fires up the diesel dually and heads out again escorted by Horse and Crow. Turning toward town she asks "you thinking what I'm thinking"? "Of course, This piece of junk metal go any faster"? Old Cowboy remarks... "I'd think you'd be feeling like you're in a jet airplane compared to what you been in" Sarah laughs..."This is fun". She says....Old Cowboy not

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**Holy Night**  
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His love inspire you  
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Hearts are warmed, and spirits revive;  
When good friends get together,  
Love and peace will abide.  
It's Christmas!



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Never stopping Old and she just had to have that



offering much....."O come on" she reaches over and sticks a finger in a rib, and like always as she snaps him out of it.....He reaches over and turns the radio on...every station ...Christmas music and every song she sang along to.

Pulling into town and making a bee line to the store, they're like two elves at the north pole....."Ok you pick out a tree and grab some ornaments and what nots and I'll"..... "Wait, wait a minute" Old Cowboy interrupts. "I thought we'd cut our own tree"... "You thinking that grove of pine down in the flats?" With the snow it would be hard to get down there" Sarah questions..."No not there" Cowboy answers. "Well where then?" Sarah asks....."I saw some real nice ones when we passed the cemetery" Cowboy offers....Sarah gasps and says not a word but points in the direction of the trees..."Go, I'll pick out some toys for the kids"... "Your kiddin right?" he looked at her like, me?.... "Come on we don't have much time so go, I have all the faith in the world in you" she says, "That's got about a pound of sarcasm to it" he smirks...."Ok ok" ....

Cowboy strides over to the tree section and much to his demise there's someone he knows working there...The tree guy grabs his chest like he's having a heart attack....."O Lord I'm a coming!... this could be the big one!" "You're kidding right?" "Let me get this right". You? ..."You're buying a Christmas tree?". "Aren't you the same man that told me last year if you caught Santa anywhere near your place you'd shoot him?!" Tree man smarts off.... "Well I still may, this ain't nothing but bait so shut up and wrap me up a good tree" Old Cowboy says. Tree guy is loving this. "Can't wait to tell the boys at the coffee shop; can I take a pic?" Tree guy asks.. "How bout I take one of you in that goofy elf outfit after I shove this tree pphhtt##@@" "Whoa there cowboy take it easy" tree man interrupts. Laughing he says "this makes coming here worth it tonight".

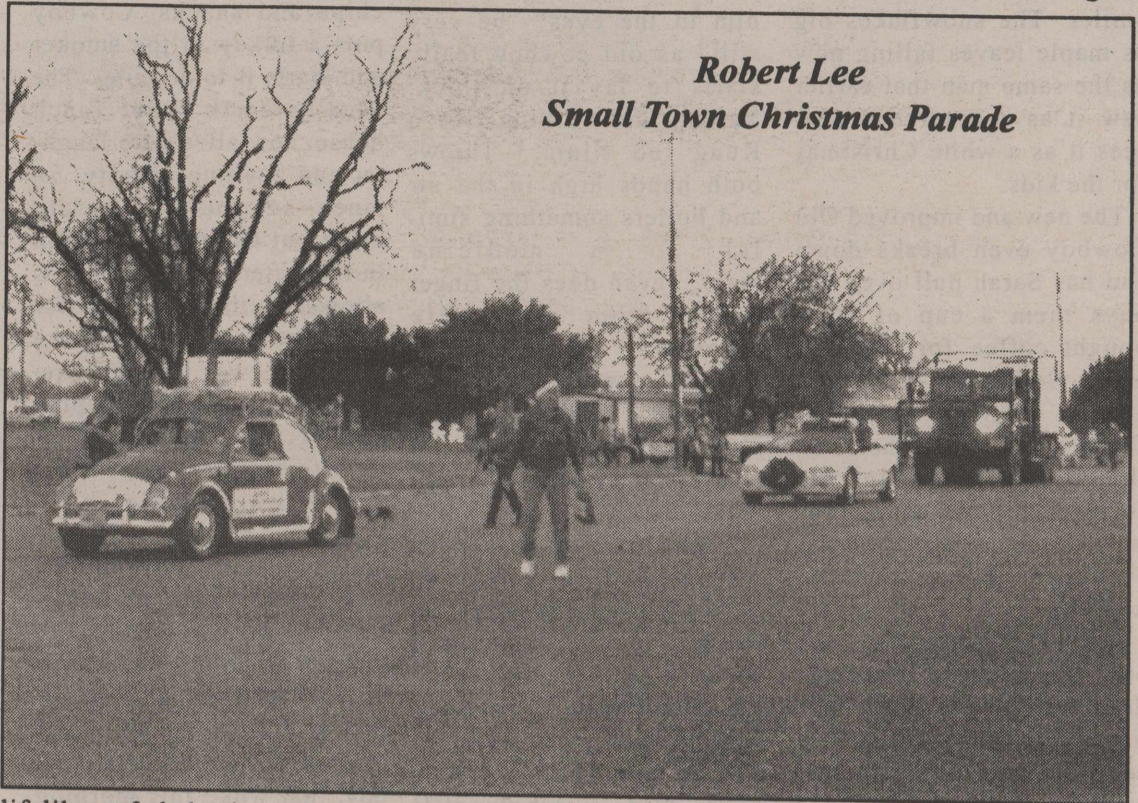
Cowboy takes his tree from tree man..."Merry Christmas Elf"... "Nice shoes, really like the bell on the ends" old cowboy says and whirls around and walks away with his tree. Walks a few steps and....flash of light and a click...Old cowboy freezes....."That better not be what I think it was" Cowboy threatens, never even looking back.....not a word from tree man's direction.....Cowboy shakes his head and walks on out of the tent where the trees are kept. Never stopping Old

Cowboy grabs some lights and a box of ornaments. Some icicles and the only tree stand in the place. Meanwhile Sarah calls Celine's cell phone and tells her to step outside she needs to talk to her. Sarah asks Celine about the "Santa situation"...Celine just can't believe it.... She can barely talk as she tells Sarah that they had picked up a few things but was really counting on family when they got there...Alisa had been sick and the cost of the Dr visit had just about wiped them out except for the money to make the trip....But Sarah had a way about her....she made Celine feel like she was talking to an older sis...."It is nothing We are actually having fun doing this" Sarah says...Celine tells her that Alisa had asked for a Barbie doll....and Brent .."Sarah, I can't tell you this unless you let me send you the money when we get it"...."Brent wants a bike Sarah" Celine getting emotional ...."What color, what size?" Sarah asks...."and don't worry about it. We have a reason for Christmas now" "It's all good"

Sarah gets off the phone just in time to see Old Cowboy coming...mumbling, grumbling starting to tell Sarah all about Tree Man. She pays him no mind and instructs him to go get a red 20 inch bike for a boy..."I'll meet you there I have to go get girl things" as she hurries off...Old Cowboy grumbles and trudges off and gets directions to the bikes from the first person he meets.....

As Sarah nears the section of the store that is just for little girls her pace slows to a crawl as she now sees all the pretty dolls, the doll houses, the dresses. You see? Everyone has their story. We all have our scars, our battles. And for Sarah this now became quite hard. Tears find their way to her cheeks. How long had it been this tough old barrel racer had felt this... Sarah had a daughter...Tessa... Tessa never saw her 3rd birthday. And all that was around her now a grim reminder of all she didn't get to do. All the cute dresses, the dolls, the braids, ribbons, all the things she would never get to do for Tessa. For a moment she just stood there ...frozen..."Mam?" "Are you ok?" the clerk asks... "Yes thank you" Sarah says and with a wipe of her eyes she sets her own tragedy, her own hell aside and begins to shop for Alisa.

They were in luck as it seemed what with it being Christmas Eve....She got the last Barbie, picked out some clothes and talked the clerk into letting her have the doll house that was display..O and she just had to have that



Robert Lee  
Small Town Christmas Parade

lifelike soft baby in a night shirt.

By the time the two left the store they really did look like Santa's helpers. Twas the night before Christmas and a good thing they brought her truck. For the room!...They had stockings and stuffers, and candy, bags of groceries for Christmas dinner, cologne for John and perfume for Celine. How festive, how appreciative of the moment they now were. "They do town up pretty good don't they?...Mighty pretty" Old cowboy says. Sarah cannot believe it. She wants to say something so

badly but she doesn't dare and have him overtake new wake up old Old Cowboy

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Old Cowboy. She just smiles. The snowflakes big as maple leaves falling now as the same man that earlier saw it as a hindrance now sees it as a white Christmas for the kids.

The new and improved Old Cowboy even breaks down and has Sarah pull over and buys them a cup of store bought coffee for the ride home. Good golly this is like a date for Sarah! Old Cowboy even drove home so she could sit and enjoy her coffee. Sarah thinking, maybe she likes people breaking down on the highway.....

The two Christmas elves pull into the gate and make their way to the barn. Not like everything can be unloaded at the house. Not to mention the bike is not assembled, then, up to the house to unload the rest.

"Hey John" old cowboy asks...."How bout helping me out at the barn for a minute." "Sure thing and hey your phone rang a couple times while you were out" John from Dallas informs him. The two trudge out through the now deep snow and once inside Old Cowboy lights the old pipe stove. They make fast time putting the bike together. John from Dallas can't get over the generosity and thanks Old Cowboy. "Why it's nothing" Old Cowboy reply's.. "I tell you John honest it has been a godsend and has given Sarah and I a reason to enjoy Christmas". "Ok we'll bring this up later when they go to bed" Put out the pipe stove and walk out the door. Old Cowboy makes his way over to the stall. Reaches in his coat pocket and has a sugar cube for Horse. Cowboy puts a blanket on Horse for the night and shuts the stall up to make it cozy for his old friend.

As he shuts the door and turns there stands Goat, right behind him Donkey. Goat was basically Donkeys guide dog of sort as Donkey followed him everywhere because of the cow bell Goat wore. Cowboy opens the door and goat rushes past him and makes his way into Goats special corner to join Horse for the night with Donkey right behind him.

As John from Dallas and Old Cowboy make their way back to the house they come across Bob chewing on some road kill Old Cowboy had brought in the day before.....Bob startled and uncomfortable with the new guy and not wanting to share, hisses and shows teeth he's so famous for. National Geographic teeth.

Big city John from Dallas is frozen in stride at the sight of the big cat. The old cowboy jumps in front of John like Tarzan and with an outstretched arm commences with that sound dog whis-

perer makes.. "Don't look him in the eyes" "be very still" as old cowboy really starts to lay it on thick. Moving and turning like a Kung foo Ninja. Throws both hands high in the air and hollers something similar to a medicine man.....even does the finger point from Crocodile Dundee. Bob merely annoyed now just lies down and starts licking....."Ok slow now ...walk on by slow"..."I got him" "Don't look him in the eyes!"...

Frightened John makes his way around, holding one hand up so the monster cat doesn't see his eyes...and watches the crazy ole cowboy move toward the beast and as he gets right to him....the beast rolls over...Old Cowboy still waving his hands like kung foo George and points again as to freeze the old cat. Reaches down and rubs his belly.....Bob's rear leg up in the sky in an uncontrolled scratching motion...Old Cowboy backs slowly away and reaches John. ...scared lifeless John...impressed to no end John....Singing the Old Cowboys praises John....."I've never in my life seen anything like that!" John from Dallas says..."Were lucky to be alive" old cowboy assures him....John dolling out more praise as they go inside. And retelling the story in detail.....Sarah looking at old cowboy like.....sheeessshhh

The rest of the evening was spent putting up and decorating the tree. Sarah made hot cocoa for everyone complete with marshmallows; bacon

and tomato sandwiches and chips and snacks. Cowboy puts a turkey in the smoker and starts it to cooking. The usually death quiet ranch house, now alive with laughter and bustling activity. So much so you can barely make out Crow hid out high in the rafters. Yes, Crow was allowed in the house and for the most part, again for the most part, was house broke. And so the Christmas spirit had in some way or form transformed all....At day-break who would have known where they would be and how seemingly misfortune had proven to set something in motion none there would ever forget.

Laughter and lightheartedness had replaced dread and the unknowing. The old cowboy, that woke this morning and wanted nothing more than the holidays to pass, now is enjoying it. John from Dallas and Celine, couldn't quit being the worried parent but embracing the new experience and thankful for the Christmas for the kids. Sarah, thinking of her own Tessa and as always this time of year, things she never got to do, now, loving that she could bestow on others the things she so needed to give. Strangers that morning, now, as if family.

An old standing Texas tradition to open one present on Christmas Eve, some of it speed wrapped in paper sack wrapping but tonight it didn't matter. The 2 kids tore into the wrapping and Brent pulls out a bright red yo yo and Alisa a set of jacks. Alisa looks at Brent, Brent looks at Alisa...they have not a clue but show they're good

raising by thanking all..."Thank you sir and you too Sarah.....um...but what is it?"...they ask....Everyone laughing and immediately Cowboy sets about teaching Brent the art as well as Sarah with Alisa. No it wasn't the usual for this day and time but they never put them down the whole night.

Celine and Sarah take turns telling Christmas tales to the kids. Cowboy's short stack of books didn't exactly have Christmas books among them. Bedtime comes and the task of leaving hot cocoa and cookies for Santa all taken care of. The kids make their way up the stairs; looking back and asking questions. Alisa ducks under her mom's guiding arms and sticks her head through the railing..... "You sure Santa knows were here right Sir"? Alisa asks Old Cowboy. John from Dallas assures them it's all been taken care of but not if they don't go to sleep. "Kids, he has stopped by here every year since I was a young un. Even when I wasn't so good; which was alot"! Old Cowboy reassures them.

Finally the kids asleep the 4 of them set into setting things up for the next morning. Cowboy's socks stuffed with fruit and candy and crayons. The ladies tended to laying out Barbie and her house and clothes and things.

The guys turn on the outside lights and go out to the barn to get the bike. Old Cowboy had to show John

of Dallas he could ride it of course .... It truly was Christmas at Old Cowboys ranch now. "O wait, I almost forgot the ladder" Cowboy says ..."Ladder"?? John from Dallas asks...."I'll clue you in later" as Old Cowboy takes it back to the house and leans the extension ladder on the highest part of the roof. "O, I get it now, I have to shingle the roof tonight" John from Dallas jokes....Old Cowboy stops still..."Was that humor coming out of you there John?" Old Cowboy and John from Dallas enjoy a laugh. "Let's get in out of the cold" Old Cowboy says running to the house.

Just before reaching the door....PLOPP...a wet snowball squares Old Cowboy in the back. "That's funny too huh cowboy" John from Dallas pops off....."You had it now city boy" as Old Cowboy builds the perfect snowball and whizzes it by him....."Hey cowboy, your spouse to hit me with it" as a may lay breaks out of quickly made snowballs; finally old Cowboy finds his mark...right under the chin..."Got ya" ..PLOPP one lands and takes Old Cowboys hat off!..."Hey isn't there spouse to be hair under your hat cowboy?"...as both reload..."I played some baseball you know" John from Dallas hollers ...."Well one thing for sure you weren't the pitcher!" Old Cowboy reply's... just then John from Dallas nails Old Cowboy right in the pie hole with a good sized snowball..."O no" John from Dallas real-



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izes...."phttt phttt hhtttt puttthhhhhhiittt...."  
Cowboy spitting up snowball...."You're... phtttt.... going down.... Fffiittt.... now city boy" as Cowboy cuts off the now exiting John from Dallas and rolls him in the snow. Curtains pulled back now as Sarah and Celine watch in to tears laughter..... Watching two grown men roll in the snow like two kids laughing as John from Dallas finally escapes. Everyone now in tears laughing as John from Dallas offers a hand up to Old Cowboy. Laughing the two brush off and go inside and replay everything over a cup of coffee. Of course each got the best of the other....

Everything looked and smelled wonderful. Celine and Sarah, standing and admiring everything; Celine expresses how wonderful and special Old Cowboy and Sarah were. John from Dallas, with a breaking voice, adding "Can't tell you enough" "OK" Old cowboy breaks in "We are loving this" "Please, our pleasure"

Celine and John from Dallas head upstairs to be with the kids. Old Cowboy goes out to bring in more wood as Sarah finds her way to the guest bedroom. She takes a shower and gets out a final cry from the emotional day. As she sits and combs her hair she can't help but think what a day. She sighs and thinks about in 7 plus years she hadn't seen this side of Old Cowboy. She just knew that she would always remember this Christmas. She would not have expectations as she knew full well the old Old Cowboy could overtake new Old Cowboy in his sleep. But for now this feeling was the best and she would hang onto it for dear life.

Old Cowboy, though it was cold and still snowing, had his moment out by the stump before going inside and adding wood to the fire for the night. Cleaned up and went to bed and thought of Sarah. Each saw the other in a

totally different light.

In one day they learned more about the other than in the entire 7 years. She's a special one that Sarah he thought as Old Cowboy rolls over and Dog jumps into his spot at the foot of the bed. At the same time Sarah is thinking of him too. He's such a special person that Old Cowboy is, as Cat claws his way up the leg of the cedar logged poster bed and curls up.

He thought of her pain and how courageous she was and how he wanted to help her. It occurred to him all the animals on this place that he had helped and he had not done enough to help someone that deep down meant so much to him and was hurting. She thought of his heartache and wondered how anyone could be so callous. Would not be the first night she lied awake wondering how in some way to get through to him. She was also concerned about the phone calls.....

Christmas Eve night finds a full moon creating a day like brilliance against the snow. Shining down on so many here touched by the seemingly hard, leathered Cowboy.... Horse, warm in his stall,.... Dog at the foot of his bed,.... Cat on Sarah's bed all cozy.....Crow, craw full and safe in the rafters, Bob burrowed into a brush pile Old Cowboy kept just for him..... Goat, in a bed of hay...Donkey well, Donkey didn't know night or day so he was always ok..... Red



Santa and his elves at Bronte Health & Rehab Center

and the chickens, most brought to him that were extras in the shipment of other birds, to be cast out, now, bed down for the night... Countless deer, orphans that he'd bottle fed.... And now, a family upstairs, that this morning didn't have a clue; now, waiting on Santa to come. One sided it would seem but each and every one had paid back in full and then some. For as much as Old Cowboy took care of them so did they to him.

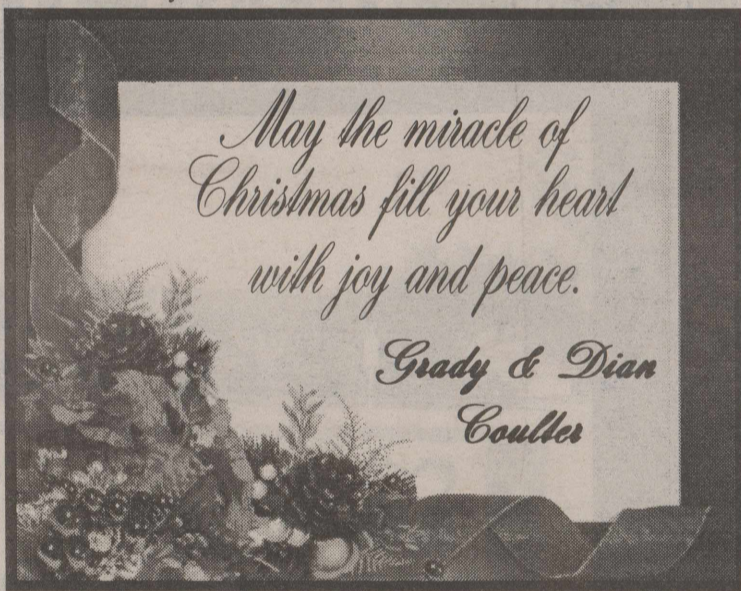
**Christmas Morning**

Old Cowboy as usual up and at em at the crack of dawn and like it was programmed into him starts the Christmas Day ritual as if he'd done it a 1000 times. He took his boots and got ashes on them and made foot prints to the Tree. Drank the now cold cocoa and ate the cookies. Wrote on the back of the note, that was left for Santa. By now Sarah had joined him and lending a hand. Hoping John from Dallas was keeping a lid on

the anticipation upstairs.

They just stood there for a minute taking it all in. She wondered which cowboy would show today. And for a moment it didn't matter. She walked up to him, took his face in her hands and with a look you could borrow money on says, "I just love you"..... "I love you too Sarah" he said. She wondered if her poor heart could take this. This, her Christmas present for all time for Santa had apparently taken old Old Cowboy with him....

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*Wishing all a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!*

**BRONTE Chamber of Commerce**

*Don't forget to shop at home this holiday season!*



**Robert Lee's Small Town Christmas!** Robert Lee Vision with a Purpose president Debbie Childers expresses to the crowd gathered Friday night, December 14, at Robert Lee's Small Town Christmas how much Bryan's Barn meant to the community of Robert Lee. Shown is Wilson Bryan's daughter Cookie Burns (left) during the ceremony held at the Wilson Bryan Mini-Park.

No, she loved both and gave him the kiss she had waited on for so long. They held on to each other and Old Cowboy wondered is this how Horse felt the first time he allowed Old Cowboy to get his hand anywhere near his head; to trust once again.

More tears down Sarah's face but these were happy tears not sad tears. "My goodness", as she wipes her eyes once again. The two gather themselves and back to the task. "We don't have long, I can hear Alisa" Sarah announces.... "Ok you ready?" Old Cowboy hands her a string of goat and deer bells and he takes some and goes outside. All this a well-oiled plan from last night; John from Dallas would narrate to the kids while Old Cowboy and Sarah played the part of Santa and the reindeer.

Old Cowboy slips outside and makes his way around to the ladder and with bells and two long sticks positions himself above the loft. He starts off with the bells....softly at first and getting louder to simulate Santa's sleigh approaching....Alisa the first to hear it....."Daddy?"..."What... is that?"..."Is that?". she says excited. "quiet kids we have to be quiet"...the bells really loud now ..."Daddy"...Alisa repeats wide eyed ...Brent is frozen....Old Cowboy takes both sticks and pounds them on the roof ....and a second time ...as Santa's sleigh bounces to a halt...."O my word kids, I think Santa just landed on the roof! "....."Quiet".....not a peep out of either now.... eyes and mouths open wide as Brent buries under the covers....All eyes glued to the ceiling now....

Old Cowboy is working

the bells with one leg and taping the roof with the two sticks with both hands. "Listen, you can hear their hooves on the roof top"....both kids speechless at the commotion above them... Brent reaches for Celine's hand...."HO HO HO"....Old Cowboy belts out...Every animal on the place and even the roosting wild turkey on the river answer back....Dog, barking, runs upstairs and jumps on the bed....now there's 5 staring up at the ceiling....

Sarah is on Que and jumps and lands on the floor ...the bells ringing as she walks toward the tree....Old Cowboy keeps up the hoof stomping and bells and makes snorting sounds....."Daddy, is he down there?!" Alisa is just ecstatic...She looks at Mom ...she looks at Dad.....Brent still can't even move...John from Dallas just puts his finger to his lips..Shhhhh....the 5 lay there listening to Santa at work. "Daddy was I good?!!!" "Please, tell me I was good Daddy!!!" Alisa is wound like 9 day clock....Shhhhhhh "Yes child you have been good" ...Brent is still speechless and just points at himself in question...."Yes you too, you were good too"... as John from Dallas asks "You ok?"...Brent can only nod his head yes and smiles and Celine takes him and holds him....

Sarah moves about the room bells ringing each time she steps...she lets some time pass...Then, a bang on the stove pipe. ....takes the stove brush and drags it from bottom to ceiling.....never have 2 kids been so spell bound.....

Old Cowboy, back on Que, is making reindeer sounds,

Santa sounds, sled sounds and lets out one last HO HO HO dragging the two cedar sticks across the roof and then, quiet, nothing but bell sounds as Santa and sleigh go airborne...Old Cowboy almost coming off the ladder lets out a!!! You guessed it...Santa cussed....Brent goes on point..."Did Santa

say???"... as Celine grabs his mouth...Alisa has her hands over her ears wild-eyed...starts giggling...Dog cocks his head like he recognizes him...."No, No John assures them, he said on Blitzen ,up Dancer...uh uh gitty up Cupid!!!"

Its total chaos upstairs now as Old Cowboy regains composure...and a grip....the bells loud at first tapering off till quiet as Santa disappears in the distance...then quiet....All this has stirred up every animal for miles including Donkey braying to the top of his lungs...death quiet inside now.....Brent awakes from his trance stands straight up in the bed ..."LETS GO!!!".....

Alisa squeals and both bale out of bed and down the stairs in a sprint...Dog passing them....Sarah barely beating them back to her bedroom....Celine looks at John from Dallas..."I'm not so sure it wasn't Santa!, How real!" She whispers to him....."I was even a little scared", "were you scared"?...as they jump up and slip something on and try to catch up to the kids.....

Sarah comes from the bedroom all yawning and stretching, realizes there's still a bell on one ankle. Grabs it and tosses it back into the bedroom only to

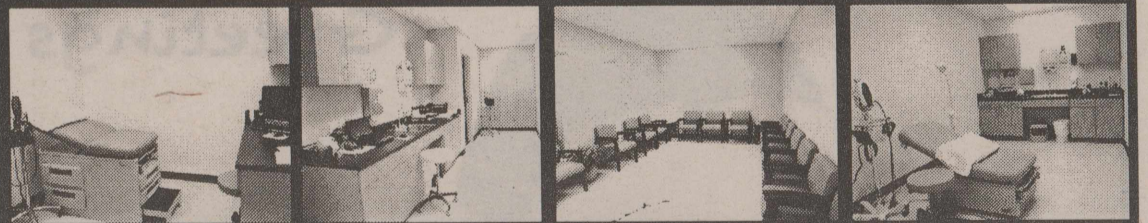
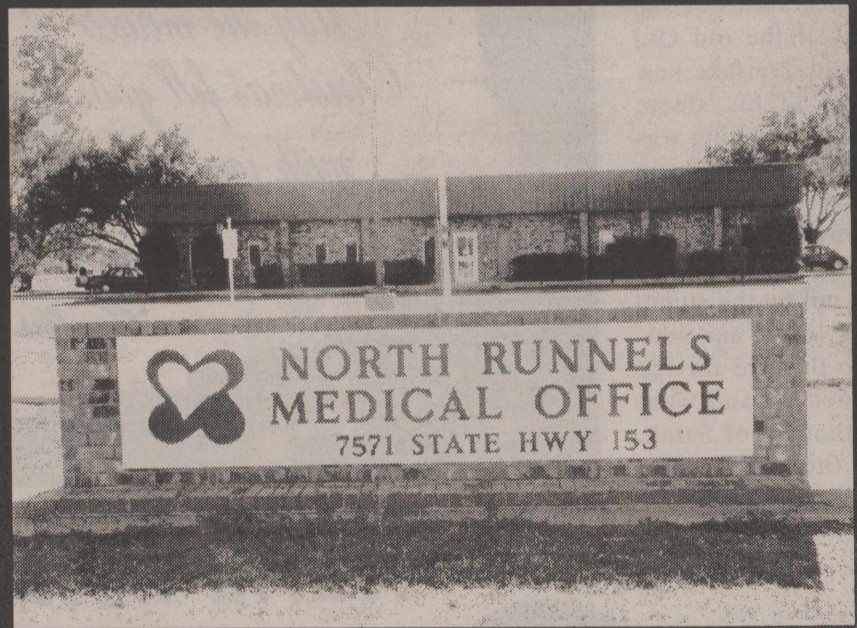
have Dog go after it! She catches him just at the door and takes them from him. Walks in to see the two kids just standing there, staring.....Alisa has her hand over her mouth....afraid to move as if they did it would all disappear. Sarah takes a picture. Alisa looks at Sarah..."Is that for us"? She asks...."I'm sure it is sweetie" ...The two move ever so slowly toward everything....Brent reaches the bike and says "Really?...These are ours"? as he looks up at Sarah and back at his parents....

The bright red bike shines like a new coin as Brent finally reaches for the handle bars....Celine takes Ailsa's hand and they get in the floor and begin to play Barbie....Sarah just smiles and thinks how Tessa would approve. Old Cowboy walks in all sly and excited; explaining he was out at the barn and heard such a commotion...and "Something flying off to the south"....Sees the presents and says "See? I told you he'd come" as he looks down and points out the foot prints. As if those two needed any more conformation? Celine pointing out the cocoa and cookies were gone. It was a wonderful Christmas morning. Besides what Santa brought there were presents to be unwrapped. Sarah just could-

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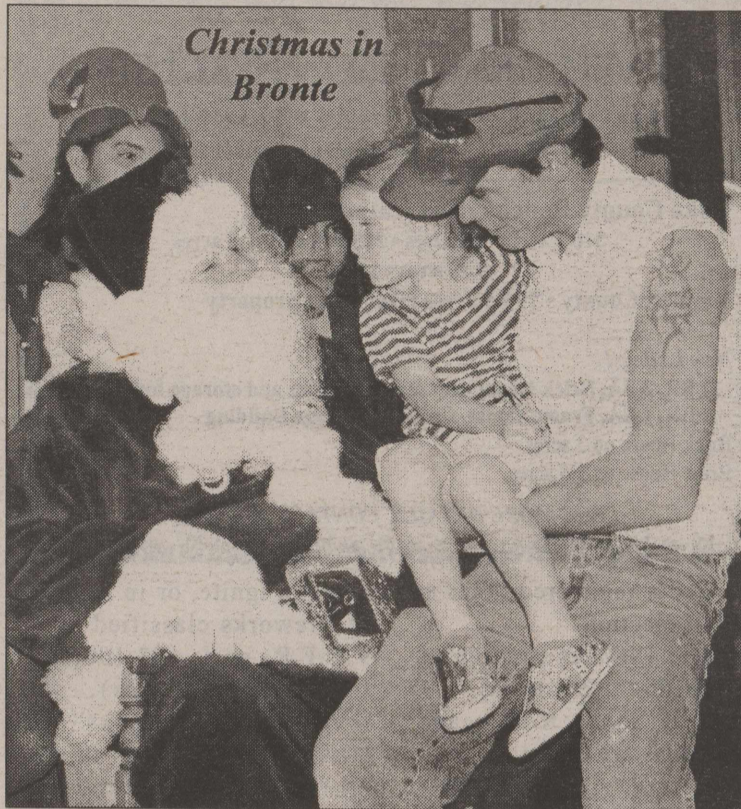
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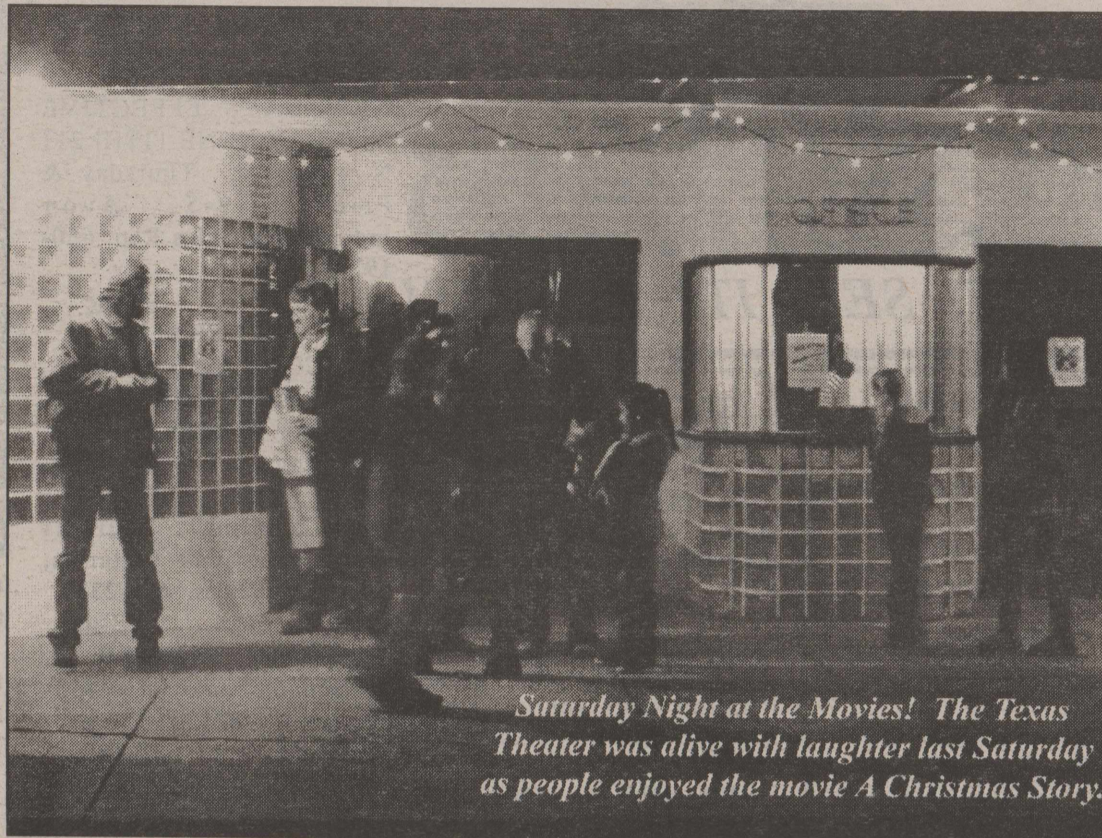
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Christmas in Bronte



Saturday Night at the Movies! The Texas Theater was alive with laughter last Saturday as people enjoyed the movie A Christmas Story.

n't wait to get her hands on the baby doll she got Alisa. And so it went this Christmas day of all Christmas days. After opening presents and a muffin breakfast John of Dallas helped Old Cowboy feed the animals and hay the few cows left on the place. Meanwhile Celine and Sarah prepare a Christmas day feast. After all joining hands and saying grace they all sat down to dinner together including a couple of ranch hands that still worked for Old Cowboy, yes, basically rescued like everything else on this place and this was as much a home as they had ever known. Laughter and kindred friendship filled the old ranch house, a day that everyone would remember.

The rest of the day was magical for all. The day though cold and snow blanketed everything the sun came out and made for a nice day. Old Cowboy turns all attention to the kids. Horseback rides atop Horse. They love it because they held the reins; Horse just walked right behind Old Cowboy. All the animals, it was like a petting zoo here, well except Bob. Sledding down a snow covered hill as laughter filled the small Texas valley. Countless snowball fights...the building of a snowman and snow angels...and a gallon of cocoa around the fire pit outside.....It was just the best day ever for all .....

The phone did not ring Christmas day.....

The next day Old Cowboy drives into town early and picks up a water pump for the car and some newfangled nontoxic antifreeze. Old Cowboy stops by the Dr's office, walks in and tells the receptionist..."Tell doc Hensley I'll call him tomorrow about the tests" "don't call me"...."Yes Sir" she replies..."hope you had a nice Christmas" as Old Cowboy turns and leaves.....

Coal oil lamp for a drop light he goes about the task of putting it on. By the time

John from Dallas gets out there Old Cowboy is ready to fire it up. "We do things early around here city boy" Old Cowboy smiles as he hands John from Dallas a small box of left over bolts and washers. "Always happens, I always have a few left over...don't know why just happens" Old Cowboy says as John from Dallas offers "Oh sure, of course, yes thanks..." "Purring like a kitten Sir, thank you."

The smiles forced now. Christmas over and the car fixed it's time for them to go... It was too magical to come to an end. Sarah packs them a lunch complete with two \$100.00 bills for napkins. Old Cowboy fills the tank out of the overhead and checks one more time under the hood...Hugs, more tears and promises to write. Alisa would not let go of Old Cowboy's neck. She would forever remember this man and did not want to leave



him there. Exchange phone numbers and promises to call

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May you have the spirit of Christmas, which is hope, and the heart of Christmas, which is love. May all the days of Christmas be merry and bright and the New Year be filled with peace, love and happiness.

From:  
**The Board of Commissioners of the Robert Lee Housing Authority**  
 Rick Sanchez  
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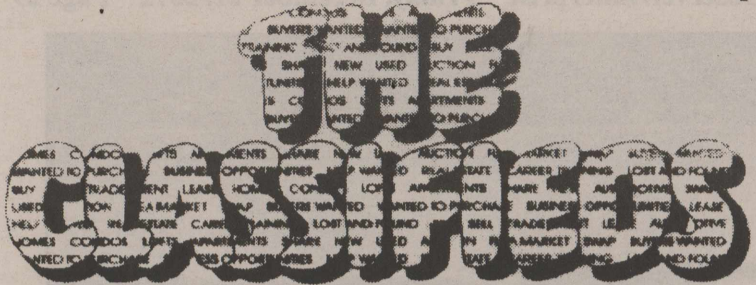
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22-2tc

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**\$7.99**  
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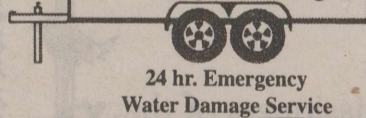
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Brick House on 3 acres  
Brick House on 2.6 acres

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age, and a registered voter at time of election.

Bronte ISD has two places for full three year terms. The terms of Shane Kelton and Kay Styles are expiring.

23-2tc

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

WHEREAS, the Texas Forest Service has determined that drought conditions exist in Coke County; and

WHEREAS, on the 10th day of December 2012, the Commissioners Court of Coke County has determined that the normal danger of fire in the unincorporated areas of Coke County is greatly enhanced by the extremely dry conditions now existing; NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners Court of Coke County adopts this Order prohibiting the sale or use of restricted fireworks in the unincorporated areas of Coke County.

A. No person may sell,

detonate, ignite, or in any way use fireworks classified under 49 C.F.R. part. 173.100(r)(2) (10-1-86 edition), as "skyrockets with sticks" and "missiles with fins" in any portion of the unincorporated area of Coke County.

B. This Order does not prohibit:

1. common fireworks, small in size classified as Class C explosives;

2. large fireworks devices designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration, or detonation and classified as Class B explosive by the U.S. Dept. of Trans. [TEX. OCC. CODE, Chapter 2154].

C. A person commits an offense if the person

**301 W. 11th Street**  
**Robert Lee**  
**4BR/2 Master Suites/3BA**

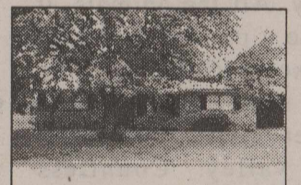
Well laid out home with good flow and open areas! Lots of room inside with plenty of closets and 2 pantries! Close to school.

Call Remax Advantage,  
Sherry Coats (325) 365-3435.

**Merry Christmas**



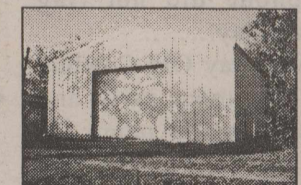
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Owner/Broker

Home 453-4748  
Cell 650-9729

**...More Classifieds**  
**NOTICES**

knowingly or intentionally violates a prohibition established by this Order. An offense under this order is a Class C. Misdemeanor.

APPROVED THIS THE 10th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2012, BY THE COKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT.

COUNTY JUDGE

Attest:

Mary Grim, County/District Clerk

23-2tc

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Robert Lee ISD will need to elect two places for full three year terms. The three year terms of Beverly Sinclair and Tracy Allen are expiring.

24-2tc

**STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF COKE ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING**

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

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

BE IT ALSO ORDERED THAT the purpose of this order is the mitigation of the hazard posed by wildfires by curtailing

the practice of outdoor burning, with the exception of barbecuing in an enclosed fire box with water hose or fire retardant accessible at all 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.

A. Burns that are conducted after submission of a Natural Resources Conservation Service approved burn plan to the Coke County Judge.

Burns conducted under this section must meet the following conditions:

1. Prior to beginning a burn in Coke County, the Sheriff's office must be notified by calling 453-2717 on each day for each occurrence;

2. The person giving notification to the Sheriff's office must identify the area to be burned by describing the pasture or range by address, by location of County Road or State Highway, and also must give the name of the person requesting the burn;

3. A water sprayer apparatus or water containers and other fire fighting tools must be available on site;

4. Fire guards are to be used whenever possible;

5. Wind speeds must not exceed 15 MPH;

6. The Humidity index must be 20% or higher as determined by the Texas Forest Service for Coke County; and,

7. A cellular telephone or other reliable radio communication must be available on site for emergency notification and response.

B. Outdoor welding or cutting and grinding associated with welding activities are permitted under the following circumstances:

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

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

3. 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

4. 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.

C. Burning of household trash is permitted under the following conditions:

1. Shall take place only when the wind speed is 15 miles per hour or less;

2. All grass, leaves, brush and other easily combustible materials must be cleared within a fifty (50) foot radius surrounding the area where the activity is to take place and before any burning of trash begins;

3. The burning takes place in a container with a mesh cover; and

4. A spotter with water and a ready pressurized delivery system must be on hand before any burning begins and remain on hand until the burning is completed.

D. Outdoor cooking is permitted under the following

conditions:

1. Shall take place only when the wind speed is 15 miles per hour or less;

2. All grass, leaves, brush and other easily combustible materials must be cleared within a fifty (50) foot radius surrounding the area where the activity is to take place and before any outdoor cooking begins; and,

3. A spotter with water and a ready pressurized delivery system must be on hand before any outdoor cooking begins and remain on hand until the outdoor cooking 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 10th day of December, 2012

Roy Blair, County Judge

Attest:

Mary Grim, County Clerk

23-2tc

**... Bronte UIL**

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**Listening 8**

Sarah Stevens-Smith 6th-Tie; Team 3rd

**Listening 6**

Team 3rd

**Spelling 4**

Michaela Basquez 6th

**Science II 8**

Carson Kelso 6th; Team 3rd

**Science I 7**

Collin Moore 4th; Team

2nd

**Story Telling 3**

Tiffany Timmerman 3rd

**Story Telling 2**

Arath Brosig 6th

**Art 6**

Reagen Moore 3rd; Tiffani

Sullivan 4th; Cassidy

McWright 5th-Tie; Team 1st

**Oral Reading 4**

Keeley Queen 6th

**Maps, Graphs, & Charts 5**

Whitney Moran 1st; Hunter Hortenstine 2nd; Team 1st

**Art 8**

Hanna Weatherly 5th;

Kacelyn Follis 6th; Team 2nd

**Art 7**

Melissa Perez 2nd; Jacqui

Davila 5th; Team 1st

**Art 5**

E'lexia Davis 1st; Hunter

Hortenstine 2nd; India

Chumney 3rd; Team 1st

**Music Memory 5**

Karissa Cervenka 4th;

Team 2nd

**Mathematics 6**

Hailey McKinney 5th

**Calculator 6**

Hunner Powell 4th; Team

2nd

**Art 4**

Katelyn Powell 2nd; Saige

Busby 4th; Team 1st

**Maps, Graphs, & Charts 8**

Justin Reed 1st; Team 2nd

**Mathematics 7**

Tanner Bedford 5th-Tie;

Team 2nd

**Mathematics 8**

Kacelyn Follis 1st; Team

2nd

**Maps, Graphs, & Charts 7**

Collin Moore 2nd

**Oral Reading 6**

Hailey McKinney 4th

**Calculator 7**

Jacqui Davila 4th

**Oral Reading 8**

Kacelyn Follis 3rd

**Impromptu Speaking 8**

Kaleb Turner 1st; Jordyan

Berryhill 2nd; Emily

Davidson 5th

Bronte Elementary Grades

1-6 finished with 342 points,

and Junior High Grades 7-8

finished with 300 points.



**Merry Christmas from**



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White Suede w/Black Leather • A Steal!!!

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Steel Blue w/Charcoal Interior

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Red Fire Metallic • Gray Interior • 21K Miles

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**453-4561**

Ask For:

**Randy Flanagan • Jim Herring  
Billy Wayne Roe**

when they got there. Sarah takes Old cowboys hand as the car heads up the road heading out with escort of Crow and Horse of course.

Watch them till they're out of sight then walk inside and share a cup of coffee, you know that talk everyone has when they leave. But things will be different. They would not let this be a splash in the pan but hold to the things they learned about themselves. That we find the things that turn us around in least likely places and that seemingly Christmas magic can be held on to for as long as you want. Your choice, when you find that magic,

hold on for dear life. It's yours to have or it's yours to lose, fragile as glass and once broken can never be put back together, not the special things in life..... It can all change with something as simple as a phone call.

**4 months later April 20**

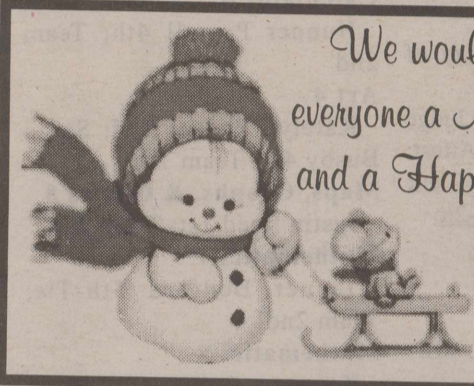
The wet winter and spring rains have blessed the valley with one of the best wild-flower years ever. As if painted by an artist how colorful the view from up here. The sun shining bright as a hawk fly's over letting out an ire shriek. The wind is brisk here on Cemetery hill and sends a chill through Sarah as she pulls her

sweater up around her neck. Dog sitting by her side, she knells down and places the flowers she brought at the base of the tombstone. Places a kiss with her hand on the writing on the stone and just holds it there as tears fall into the Texas clay....She takes just a moment, a moment to remember, a moment to think what might have been..... Reaches in her pocket and places a lifelike doll in a bed shirt beside the flowers.

"She would have been 17 today Cowboy" Sarah says in faint voice..."Wish she was here with us Sarah, she was yours, she would have been so beautiful, I can just see her" Old Cowboy says...."Time to go Shug" as Old Cowboy puts his arm around her and walks her to the truck. Sarah looking back one last time before getting in the truck; ...."Love you Tessa"..... Dog hops in the back and they head back down to the

ranch. O the tests?, well one of many Christmas miracles that December day...They were negative. Both John of Dallas and Celine found work with the help of a phone call and conections from Sarah. The family is doing great. Before leaving Old Cowboy gave them a standing invitation back, well anytime, but for sure Christmas and they accepted and would never miss one.


*Merry Christmas 2012*



We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Pat & Jack Clement

We're glad to say, now that the season is here, that to know and serve you has been a joy this past year. Have a wonderful day!



HAPPY CHRISTMAS

**COKE COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE**  
Mario & Sheryl, Dallas and Vallery



*For unto us a child is born!*

*As Christmas approaches once again, may we welcome the Christ Child into our hearts & homes. God's Blessing to You at Christmas.*

*Paul, Susan & Jael Williams*

# Season's Greetings

*Happy holidays to all our fine customers. May your home be blessed with all the joys of the season.*

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| <i>Kei Antilley</i>      | <i>Stephen Myers</i>     |
| <i>Jo Ann Bloodworth</i> | <i>Stephanie Puentez</i> |
| <i>Lori Cerritos</i>     | <i>Krystal Raney</i>     |
| <i>James Clendennen</i>  | <i>Billy Wayne Roe</i>   |
| <i>Peggy Davis</i>       | <i>Lisa Sadler</i>       |
| <i>D'Ann Eubanks</i>     | <i>Brandi Sawyer</i>     |
| <i>Dee Anna Harmon</i>   | <i>Brenda Skinner</i>    |
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