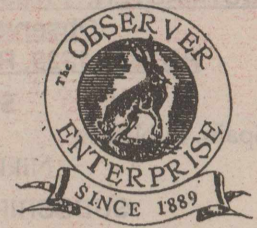


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Tennyson cook's tortilla soup entry is runner-up in contest

The December issue of Southern Living magazine featured winning recipes from its Southern Living Holiday Recipe Contest. One of these awards, among 5,500 entries, in several categories, went to Susan Cearley of Tennyson.

On Tuesday, Susan said it was a real surprise when back in August she received a notification from the magazine saying her recipe for Tortilla Soup had been selected as a runnerup recipe to appear in the December issue. She said, "I had almost forgotten the spring entry that I had gotten off the magazine's website about the contest. The \$500 check wasn't bad either."

The cook says she likes to try new things and since she has lived on a ranch much of her life, she uses common ingredients easily kept in the kitchen or freezer. "You can't run to the store every time you cook," she laughed.

Susan readily agreed to share her winning recipe with O/E readers.

Tortilla Soup

4 corn tortillas, cut into 1-inch pieces

1 large onion, chopped
4 to 6 garlic cloves, minced
2 tablespoons dried cilantro

New voter cards mailed

Coke County voters should watch their mailbox this next week for new voter registration cards that will be valid for the years 2000 and 2001. The new cards are yellow and white, and will replace the blue and white cards that have been used for the past two years.

Residents should check the cards for accuracy when received. If anything is incorrect, the corrections can be made on the back of the card, signed and mailed to the Voter Registrar, or dropped by the County Tax Office. Incorrect information on your voter registration records can affect your voting privileges, so inspect the cards thoroughly!

Any questions about your voter registration records, or registering to vote in Coke County can be directed to the Coke County Tax Office, 453-2614. Kristy or Vallery will be glad to help you.

3 tablespoons vegetable oil
2 cups chopped cooked chicken

2 quarts chicken broth
1 (14.5-ounce) can stewed tomatoes, undrained and chopped

1 (10-ounce) can diced tomatoes and green chiles

1 tablespoon ground cumin
1 bay leaf

1/2 teaspoon pepper
4 to 8 corn tortillas, cut into 1/4-inch strips

1/2 cup vegetable oil
2 cups (8 ounces) shredded Monterey Jack or mozzarella cheese

Avocado slices (optional)

* Sauté first 4 ingredients in 3 tablespoons hot oil in a Dutch oven 5 minutes. Add chopped chicken and next 6 ingredients. Bring mixture to a boil; reduce heat, and simmer 30 minutes. Discard bay leaf.

* Fry tortilla strips in 1/2 cup hot oil in a large skillet until crisp. Drain on paper towels.

* Sprinkle fried strips and cheese over each serving. Top with avocado, if desired. Yield: 14 cups

Prep: 20 min., Cook: 30 min.

CNA classes set for January 4

Bronte Health and Rehab Center is pleased to offer education and employment opportunities within our community.

Any interested person should come in and fill out an application prior to January 4, 2000. Classes will consist of 75 hours of training in a 14 day course to mature individuals who demonstrate an interest in providing care to the elderly and disabled. Applicants must be committed to attending all classes in order to receive certification. After completion of 16 hours of classroom training, students will be given the opportunity to work in the facility performing skills they have mastered in class.

We wish to encourage anyone who may be interested in attending the classes to contact Elizabeth Baird, RN Program Director or Marcy Holland, LVN S.D.C. at 900 S. State St., Bronte, TX no later than December 30, 1999.



Primary filing dates noted

Applications for a place on the ballot in the general primary elections must be received by the county chair by 6:00 pm, Monday, January 3, 2000.

Postmarks by this deadline without actual receipt by the appropriate county chair is not sufficient.

Those interested in filing for county offices should contact Kathy Pentecost for filings in the Republican Primary at 453-2920. Patty Ivey is the Democratic county chair, and may be contacted at 453-2582.

The general primary election has been set for Tuesday, March 14.

Tax office closing

The Coke County Tax Office will be closed on December 24 for the Christmas Holiday, as well as December 31 for the New

Year.

In order to assist taxpayers who wish to have their tax payments posted in December, all payments received either in person or by mail on Monday, January 3 will be dated and posted as a December 31 payment. We hope this will help adjust for any inconvenience caused by holiday closings.

Please accept the tax office staff's sincere wishes for a joyous holiday season and a very happy new year!

Christmas Eve Service

First United Methodist Church will be offering a Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 pm on Dec. 24 in the sanctuary. The service will last about forty-five minutes in order to allow families to spend time together both in worship and at home. Everyone in the community is invited to come and share in

this time of remembering the Christ child.

Bronte Chamber of Commerce lighting contest winners

First place winners of the houses contest was Raymond Sanchez. He won a \$50.00 gift certificate. Second place winner was Keith and Vicky McCutchen. They won a \$25.00 gift certificate.

The winner of the business contest for best decorated was Main Street Market.

Gift certificates may be redeemed at any local Bronte business.

RLBC Candlelight Service

Robert Lee Baptist Church Candlelight Service will be Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, from 6-6:30 pm. Bring your family...come casual...experience the true meaning of Christmas.

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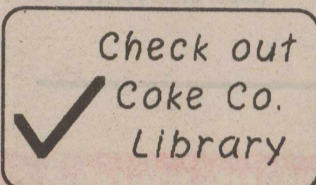
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Charles Dickens is well-known for his book A Christmas Carol, the story about the Cratchets and the Ghost of Christmas Past. By now, the movie and several cartoon versions have appeared on television and maybe a few have read the book.

Not so well-known is the Dickens' book that he wrote for his children entitled The Life of Our Lord. The book was written "during the years of 1846-1849. The book was not written for profit, nor publicity. His purpose was to teach his children about the life of Jesus Christ, championing the virtues of mercy and forgiveness." This was Dickens gift to his family. The book was finally published in 1934 after the only living son died leaving the manuscript to heirs who voted to share the book. The story becomes very powerful in its simplicity.

A recently released book A Midnight Carol: A novel of How Charles Dickens saved Christmas by Pamela Davis tells a fictional story of Dickens' life around the time

he wrote A Christmas Carol when he had no income and was living in poverty. The story reflects Dickens own dealings with greedy creditors and unscrupulous people. His characters, the Cratchets, are based on his own family and situation. The novel saved Dickens from poverty and made him a hero to the London public. Although A Midnight Carol is fictional, the author obviously admired Dickens and the book is well researched.

The library will close at 3:00 on Thursday. Normal hours are 8-12 Tuesdays; 8-4 Wednesdays; 1-5 Thursdays; 8-12 Fridays. The library will be closed December 31.

Commissioners Court meets

The Commissioners Court met in regular session on December 13, 1999 in the Courtroom in Robert Lee. All members and Mary Grim, County Clerk were present.

The following business was conducted:

The minutes were approved and bills were paid.

The Treasurer's Affidavit and bond for Angie Basquez were approved.

Nancy Arthur was appointed to fulfill the term as County Attorney.

Charles McDonald ad-

ressed the Court regarding the regulations of private sewage disposal.

The Sheriff, Extension and Tax Offices gave their reports. New members of the Coke County Appraisal District Board are Luis Charles, John Conley, Melvin McCabe, Walter Metcalf and David Scott.

Airport improvements were discussed and a \$100.00 payment to the Humane Society in San Angelo for the dogs recovered from Bronte was approved.

Commissioners Percifull and Burns were appointed along with AON's park committee, Kelly Millican, Cathy Hendry, Frankie Gartman, Brenda Gray, and Robin Williams to serve on the Robert Lee Playground Committee.

The next meeting will be December 27, 1999 at 9:00 am. The public is invited.

WCC - EMS Ambulance runs for Nov.

11-2-99, 1:40 pm, medical transport

11-4-99, 8:10 am, no transport

11-4-99, 5:45 pm, stand by football game

11-5-99, 3:45 pm, medical transport

11-6-99, 2:44 pm, medical transport

11-7-99, 12:01 pm, medical transport

11-7-99, 2:41 pm, medical transport

11-11-99, 12:15 pm, medical transport

11-15-99, 6:00 am, no transport

11-21-99, 9:45 am, medical air med

11-22-99, 6:03 am, medical transport

11-24-99, 1:07 am, medical

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11-25-99, 1:20 pm, no transport
11-26-99, 7:26 pm no transport
11-29-99, 5:10 am, medical transport

Coke County Courthouse closes
The Courthouse will close for Christmas Holiday on December 23 at 3:00 pm and all day on December 24. The Courthouse will also be closed Friday, Dec. 31, for New Year's.

Death Notices

Mierzwik

Jerome Alexander Mierzwik, age 84 of Roscoe, TX died Monday, Dec. 20, 1999 in a Holiday Retirement Center.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 pm Tuesday, December 21 at the Roscoe Cemetery, under the direction of Cate-Spenser & Trent Funeral Home. Rev. Timothy Guthridge officiated.

Survivors include his sister, Anna Logan of Waco, TX; and nieces Martha J. Thomas and husband William of Bronte, TX; Carolyn Rodabough of Waco, TX; Marilyn Don-Jordon of Ft. Walton Beach, FL.

He is preceded in death by his wife Helen Lennie Hardin Mierzwik and six brothers and three sisters.

Jackson

Lennie Jackson, 93, of San Angelo died Thursday, Dec. 16, 1999, in the Robert Lee Care Center.

Graveside service was held at 1:00 pm on Dec. 18, in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens. Arrangements were by Johnson's Funeral Home.

Survivors include three grandchildren, Linda Self of San Angelo, Karen S. Nalley of Killeen and Janie Lawrence of Midland; seven great-grandchildren; and thirteen great-great-grandchildren.

Romine

Alma Marie (Gaston) Romine, age 69, of Blackwell, Tx died Wednesday, Dec. 15, 1999 at her residence.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 pm Saturday, December 18 at the Blackwell First Baptist Church. Burial was at Decker Cemetery under the direction of Cate-Spenser & Trent Funeral Home.

Survivors include her husband, Mathie (Shorty) Romine of Blackwell, TX; one son and daughter-in-law, Don and Judy Romine of Sweetwater, TX; two daughters and sons-in-law, Mike and Sherry Delano of Roy, NM; and Dan and Sheila Hayes of Blackwell, TX; two sisters, Margaret Cole and husband Roy of Snyder, TX; Beulah Chapman of Blackwell, TX; one brother, G.K. Gaston and wife Bonnie of Blackwell, TX; sister-in-law, Venita Gaston of Midland, TX; six grandchildren; one granddaughter-in-law; one great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Ollie Gaston; five brothers, L.D. Gaston, Kelly Gaston, Clifford Gaston, Fred Gaston, and Bob Gaston.

Churches of Robert Lee

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PO Box 609 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy
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Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm
First United Methodist Church
PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
(915) 453-2417

Rev. Jim Reeves, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am Worship
Wed. 7 pm Choir

Northside Church of Christ
PO Box 388 • 9th & Chadbourne
(915) 453-2619 or 453-2270
Tommy Williams, Minister
Services: Sun. 10 am & 6 pm;
Wed. 7 pm

Pecan Baptist
PO Box 542 • 12 W. Sterling City Hwy
(915) 453-4645

Rev. Dale Patterson, Pastor
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Southside Church of Christ
PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
(915) 453-2176

Frank J. Daniels, Preacher
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Worship
Robert Lee Baptist Church
PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
(915) 453-2724

Bro. Waide Messer, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship

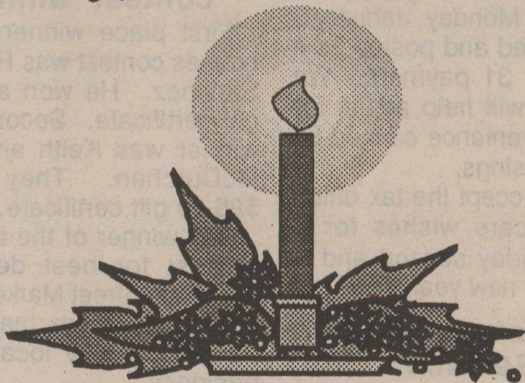
Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting
Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
601 W. 10th
(915) 365-2687

Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
Sat. 6 pm

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Bronte Mayor Martin Lee and Robert Lee Mayor Garland Davis listen as Ed Cumbie discusses "Heroes and Flag Waving" during the dedication ceremony of the Veterans Memorial December 4 in Bronte.

People working together

by Dorthey Pruitt

When looking closely at the recently dedicated veterans memorial for the Coke County area located at the historic depot in Bronte, you will see a reflection of people working together for one common goal: to honor men and women from Civil War days through today's peace keeping forces.

Defensive driving now available on-line

Defensive driving is available on-line! The Texas Education Agency (TEA) has approved the first on-line defensive driving course, tx-driving.com. After two years of consideration, the TEA has authorized tx-driving.com to deliver defensive driving instruction via the Internet. This new method provides convenience to anyone wishing to dismiss a traffic ticket or reduce his or her insurance premium. The six hour course is especially convenient for those who work odd hours, are hearing impaired or who live in a community that does not offer defensive driving classes. Log on to txdriving.com. For information on this story call Kyle Collins, (972) 713-9002, or E-mail us at: bkid@arn.net.

monument for the millennium. We are well on our way. The committee is open to requests for names to be added in the future.

There is no way to acknowledge all the efforts put forth. The committee commends everyone's contributions to the planning and carrying the load for this extraordinary accomplishment.

The words of essay contest winners Daniel Cates of Robert Lee and Andy Blair of Bronte were well received. They were presented a \$50.00 savings bond. Many people felt that Morris Johnson's singing of "Fallen, But Not Forgotten" by Ray Boltz, and "On Heroes and Flag Waving" written by Loretha Knight and presented by Edward Cumbie humbled us in the remem-

brance of what transpired before us since Civil War Days. We will never forget what men and women, some who have fallen, have done to preserve our freedom.

Each person listed on the monument, or sponsor, will receive the commemorative pin designed for this special occasion. It is now a collector's item. Mrs. Ettie Hubbard is the record keeper and will have all information needed. Requests can be made by contacting the Veterans Memorial Committee, Box 230, Bronte, TX 76933.

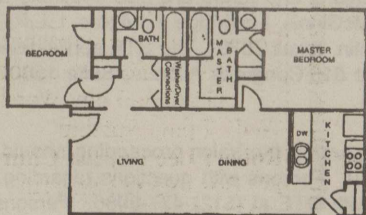
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Mr. and Mrs. David Dunn

Rehab's 30th annual telethon set for January 8th

Volunteers from Bronte and Robert Lee will be among friends of West Texas Rehabilitation Center manning telephones on January 8 during Rehab's 30th annual telethon.

Bronte's phone bank, led by Diane Luckett and Pat Martindale, will set up at the First National Bank and will open from 7 pm to 10 pm. Robert Lee's phone bank, led by the 64 Study Club, will be at Ivey Motor Company from 6 pm to 10 pm. Donors are invited to call (in Bronte, 473-2911 and in Robert Lee, 453-2715) to make a pledge or go by to visit with volunteers and make a donation in person. Also, advance donations may be made prior to January 8.

"We hope everyone will participate - either by mailing an advance gift if you're going to be unable to call the night of the telethon or by calling in your pledge during the show," said Leta Caston, 64 Study Club phone bank coordinator.

Country singer Ricky Skaggs will be the featured entertainer for Rehab 2000, which will be aired on 10 television stations, including KLST-TV in San Angelo from 7 pm to midnight. Joining Skaggs will be Florence LaRue of the 5th Dimension and Rehab telethon regulars Peter Marshall, Bill and Susan Hayes, Anacani, Brad Maule, and Arthur Duncan.

In addition to entertainment, the telethon includes an auction of about 200 items ranging from agriculture products to travel packages, a hot tub, go-kart, painting, automotive accessories and many more. Items can be seen - and bids placed - on internet beginning December 27 and continuing until midnight, January 8. The web site is www.wtrc.com.

As always, bidding can also be accomplished by calling an 800 number the night of the show. Bidding instructions and details on all items will be included in a tabloid insert in the San Angelo Standard-Times and Abilene Reporter-News on January 8. Additionally, they'll be the fo-

cus of a one - hour television special immediately preceding the telethon.

"Rehab 2000 is a critical fund-raising event for the Rehab Center, so I encourage all our friends to call in a pledge as well as join the bidding on our great auction items," said Jim Pethis, president of WTRC.

Pethis also announced that West Texas Utilities Co. and American Airlines have stepped forward with generous advance gifts to the telethon. "We're very grateful to these two corporate friends for helping us kick off this campaign and for challenging the rest of us to follow their lead in making Rehab 2000 a great success," Pethis concluded.

Garrett - Dunn exchange vows

Michelle Mae Garrett and David Howell Dunn were joined in marriage on November 27, 1999. The ceremony was held in the Robert Lee Recreational building with Tommy Williams, Pastor, officiating.

Parents of the bride are Brenda and Sheldon Williams of Robert Lee, Tx. Grandparents of the bride are Judy Williams of Robert Lee, Tx; and Alberta Barrett of So. Burlington, Vt - Great-Great-Grandma is Ruth Williams of Robert Lee. Parents of the groom are Arlie and Bobby Dunn of Robert Lee. Grandparent of the groom is Edna Ware of Brownfield, Tx.

Attendants were Jana Fox, Maid of Honor, of San Angelo, Tx. Best man was Charlie Mead, of Wichita Falls, Tx. Shelby Davis, son of the bride, of Robert Lee, was the ring bearer. Billy Williams, brother of the bride, of Robert Lee, was the usher.

The bride is a 1994 graduate of Breckenridge, Tx and attended American Commercial College, of San Angelo, Tx. She is now a Computerized Administrative Assistant.

The groom is a 1985 graduate of Iowa Park, Tx. In the future enrolling in T.S.T.C. in Sweetwater, Tx.

A wedding trip to Fredericksburg, Tx followed.

The couple will live in Robert Lee.



Mrs. Greg Blackburn

Roe - Blackburn exchange vows

Mr. & Mrs. A. J. Roe III of Winston - Salem, N.C., originally of Robert Lee, announce the marriage of their daughter, Amber LeAnn Roe, to Greg Alexander Blackburn. He is the son of Dr. & Mrs. Ralph Ashley of Lexington, NC and Mr. & Mrs. Larry Blackburn of Troy, NC. The couple was united in marriage Sunday, December 19, 1999 at 2:30 in the First Baptist Church of Lexington, NC.

The bride is a 1997 gradu-

ate of Baylor University in Waco, Tx. She is employed by Sheets Memorial Christian School in Lexington as a high school math teacher. The groom is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in 1997 and 1998. He is employed as an English and Bible teacher at Union Grove Christian School in Midway, NC.

The couple took a cruise to San Juan Puerto Rico. They will reside in Midway, NC.

Amber's paternal grandmother is Fay Roe of Robert Lee, Texas.



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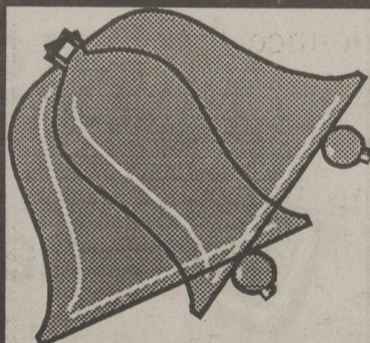
Valor Telecommunications of Texas, LP ("Valor"), formerly known as dba Texas Operating Co., LP, has entered into a contract with GTE Southwest Incorporated to purchase the following exchanges in Coke County: Blackwell. On December 13, 1999, Valor filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") requesting approval of the acquisition and issuance of a certificate from the Commission to provide telephone service to the listed exchange(s). If approved, GTE will cease to be the local telephone service provider in this area and Valor will assume the responsibility of providing local exchange service in this area. The Valor application has been assigned Docket No. 21834. GTE's application to remove the exchange(s) from its certificate has been assigned Docket No. 21830. The Commission intends to investigate the acquisition and its impact on the public interest pursuant to Sections 14.101 and 54.051-54.054 of the Public Utility Regulatory Act.

Valor does not propose any increase in charges to customers in this application. If, in the future, the Company proposes a rate change, customers will be given notice at that time.

In addition, Valor seeks designation by the Commission as both an eligible telecommunications provider ("ETP") and as an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") within the service area acquired from GTE, to permit it to receive state and federal universal service support. The Valor applications have been assigned Docket Nos. 21832 and 21833. GTE also seeks to remove the service area sold to Valor from the area in which it has been designated as an ETP and ETC. The GTE application has been assigned Docket No. 21831.

All of the applications and the proposed tariffs are available for inspection and copying at the Central Records Office of the Public Utility Commission of Texas in Austin, Texas. The Valor applications and tariffs are also available at the office of counsel, Brook Bennett Brown, McGinnis, Lochridge & Kilgore, L.L.P., 919 Congress Avenue, 1300 Capitol Center, Austin, Texas 78701. The GTE applications are available for inspection at GTE's offices at 816 Congress Avenue, Suite 1500, Austin, Texas 78701.

Persons with questions regarding the Valor proceeding should contact Mike Page with Valor at (202) 466-0940. Persons with questions regarding the GTE proceeding should call Carl Erhart with GTE at (512) 477-8986. Persons who wish to intervene in either proceeding or comment on the action sought should identify the relevant docket number and contact the Public Utility Commission at Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas, 78711-3326, or you may call the Public Utility Commission office of Consumer Protection at (512) 936-7120 or, toll free, at (888) 782-8477. Hearing-and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones ("TTY") may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas at (800) 735-2989 to reach the Commission's toll free number (888) 782-8477. The deadline for intervention in these proceedings is February 22, 2000, and you must send a letter requesting intervention to the Commission which is received by that date.

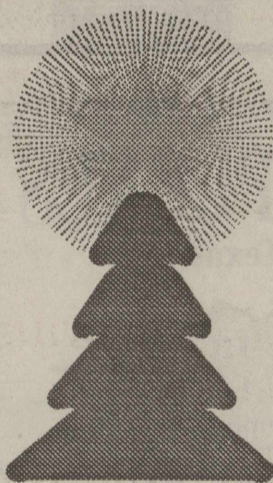


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Harmons celebrate wedding and birthday

Floyd and Jessie Harmon of Robert Lee were honored with a celebration December 18, 1999, in the home of Wayne and Dorene Mashburn in San Angelo. The occasion was their 67th Wedding Anniversary and her 84th birthday. Their children and families were hostesses for the celebration. Floyd Harmon and Jessie Creech, both of near Robert Lee, were married December 18, 1932, on Jessie's 17th birthday. They were married in the home of D. K. Smith, preacher and teacher in the Green Mountain Community in West Coke County near Robert Lee.

Present for the celebration were Floyd and Jessie Harmon, Bobby and Jeffie Roberts, Douglas Roberts, Marshall, Sheri, and Stewart Millican, Winnie Pitcock all of Robert Lee; Lawana and Howard Perry of Carlsbad; Wayne and Dorene Mashburn, Rena and Jessica Johnson, Nancy Duncan and Holly Holcolm all of San Angelo; Troy, Susan, and Cayla Millican of Sterling City; Pearl Ann (Creech) Treadaway of Rush Springs, Oklahoma; Tammy Harmon and Lee Hortenstine of Bronte.

Their four children are Lawana M. Perry of Carlsbad, Texas, Dorene Mashburn of San Angelo, Jeffie Roberts of Robert Lee and Jerry Harmon of Weatherford.

Y2K ready or not by Marian Thompson

Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department is gearing up for any kind of problems that might occur, when the clock strikes midnight to begin the new year.

The experts say that there is nothing to worry about. Are they sure?

The Fire Department is not taking any chances, they have alternative plans for any kind of situation that might occur. The Fire Engines are ready in case of a fire, Radio Communications are planned in case the electricity goes off. The generator at the Fire Station is ready. WCCEMS will switch to their old frequency, for communications, if the repeater fails. The Fire Department will use battery powered radios. The men are all on alert.

They held a meeting on the 20th, and discussed the possibilities, The What if's...What if the Electric or gas should go off...We all need to have an alternative plan. The people with a fire place can keep warm, what about the rest? Have they made plans to keep warm. Most furnaces use electricity, for the blower fans. It takes electricity to push the gas to your home. If it is off for an extended period of time, what about meals? Hopefully the Electric Co. and the Gas Co. will have their employees on alert, should anything go wrong, and fix it in a short time.

We must consider what can happen and make plans by having extra blankets handy,

and food in the house that does not require cooking. We must all be ready.

Health Fair termed success

Over 100 people recently attended the Annual Health Fair sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The Extension Service booth was "Don't Get Burned by Indoor Tanning Booths."

Elementary Students were given an excellent program on "How to Use 911 in Your Home" provided by 911 services in San Angelo.

Various booths and services were provided to all citizens of the county. Those booths and services included: San Angelo Community Center-cholesterol testing, North Runnels Home Health-blood sugar testing, 55 Plus-blood pressure test, San Angelo Community Health Club-grip strength, body fat analysis and flexibility testing, Coke County Tax Office-voters registration and 911 with address update. Those booths providing information included: Child Find, Alzheimer's Association, Area On Aging, American Cancer Society, American Diabetes Association, American Heart Association, Bronte Health & Rehab Center, Robert Lee Care Center.

With continued support of Coke County residents the health fair has become an annual event.

Christmas at Old Fort Concho

(Article taken from A Texas Christmas)

Regimental colors unfurl in the brisk West Texas wind as the Memorial 16th Regiment, U.S. Infantry, sets up camp on Fort Concho's quadrangle



Coke County 4-H members Brettne Reed and Sam Rawlings recently participated in the District 7 Food Show in Abilene.

parade ground. Costumed fur trappers, sutlers, scouts, Native Americans, and traders bustle around the grounds building campfires and unloading wagons. Merchants and artisans set up their booths and display their wares. Volunteers light luminaries and lamps in and around the twenty restored historic buildings, each decorated to represent a different Christmas or ethnic era. At last, the *biggest* and the *best* annual frontier Christmas event in Texas is ready to welcome its 40,000 visitors to experience a rootin'-tootin', Fort Concho-style, holiday extravaganza!

Fort Concho, established in 1867 along the banks of the Concho river as a cavalry and infantry outpost, saw active service for more than two turbulent decades during the settling of the vast West Texas frontier. Now, as *Christmas at Old Fort Concho* visitors stroll through this National Historic Landmark's

native limestone buildings or witness historic re-creations on the quadrangle, they can experience anew that bygone era when times were hard and soldiers were far from home.

Since frontier winters in the 1870s and 1880s were bleak times filled with unrest and fear, Christmas celebrations were eagerly anticipated events. Soldiers and families at Fort Concho planned special meals and held elaborate parties and dances, using any available trees and decorations to produce a festive atmosphere. Soldiers especially loved planning special surprise presents for the few children at the fort. In 1875, one such soldier gave Colonel Grierson's son, George, a little brown puppy - much to the delight of both George and the puppy! Instead of the modern custom of putting wrapped toys under the tree for the children, the tradition at Fort Concho was to hang the toys in amongst the branches of the huge tree in Officer's Quarters No. 1 (exceptions being made for the puppy variety, of course). Whatever the activity, Christmas became a time of renewal and hope - a treasured time of togetherness.

And togetherness is what *Christmas at Old Fort Concho* is all about. Every year, the first weekend in December is jam-packed with nonstop activity and entertainment for "kids" of all ages. One perennial visitor to the event reports, "It isn't just the cowboy events, or the children's arts and crafts activities, or the shopping, or the food (well, maybe it is the German sausage and the warm funnel cakes!). It isn't even the living history reenactments that make this weekend so special. It's the almost overwhelming feeling of connection to everyone who ever lived and loved or fought and died on this wild frontier. That's what brings our family back every year to start our Christmas holidays here at Fort Concho."

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Dear Santa,
My name is Dylan. I'm six years old. My Mom is helping me write my letter.
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I've been a good boy this year.
And could you bring something for my 16 month old niece Makenzie, Mom, Dad, and my sister.
There will be milk and cookies left out for you.
I Love You.

Love,
Dylan VanDeventer

Dear Santa,
My name is Makenzie. I'm sixteen months old, so my mommie is writing my letter for me.
I've been a very good girl this year.
I would like a Baby Doll, a Doll bed, a Doll Stroller, some clothes for me and some clothes for my mommie. Also could you bring something for my daddy, my MiMi, my Pape, and my uncle Dylan.
Mommie is going to put out milk and cookies for you.
I Love You.

Love,
Makenzie VanDeventer

Dear Santa,
how is Mrs. Claus and the reindeer.
For Christmas I want a white football helmet with a black facemask and some football knee pads.

Love,
Stetson Nesbit

Dear Santa,
I want a scooter. I love you Santa Claus. I want you to give me a chipmunks movie under the tree, wrapped up and I promise to leave you some presents, too.
Please bring Brycen some toys, too.

Love,
Brandon Gartman

Dear Santa,
Hi, I've been real good this year and to prove to you I will write a few of the good things down then I'll write the things I would like for Christmas.
I cooked when my mom was sick.

I cleaned my Grandmas living room and kitchen.
I cleaned my Dad's truck.
Here are the presents I would like PLEASE.
A gamboy with games.
(possibly 3 games)

Love, Casey Moree
PS So far this school year I've made honor roll.

Dear Santa,
for Christmas I want some Animords toys, Mario party, a controller pak, a small basket ball goal, a robot, animal sculptures, a science kit, the prince of Egypt, Toy Story two, a couple of Animorphs books, a S club 7 tape, a picture of Michael Jordan in a gold or red frame, a small T.V. a S club 7 posters and a Michael Jordan poster, Digi-mon cards, real game hunting, Super smashbrds, Toy story two video game, and some surprises.

Love,
Jathan Williams

Dear Santa,
I would like for Christmas bike for Karlee. Barney Song magic bango, Lipstick for Kimberly, Leap frog leap pad learning book, walkie talkies, barbie styling head, talkin bubba for Karlee, stationary shop, light brite, play house.

Thank You,
Zanpo

Dear Santa,
I want a game, clothes, a barbie ball, little people, stickers, three kittens movie, toys, Prince of Egypt movie.
Have a Merry Christmas Santa!

Emily Williams

Dear Santa,
How are you? How come Mrs. Clause has glasses and you do to? How come your reindeer fly? I want a new Barbie for Christmas. Please take care of Mrs. Clause. Thank you for giving gifts to children.

Love,
Dawnya Smith
San Angelo, Texas

ROBERT LEE Pre-Kindergarten

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a baby doll and barbie for Christmas. I want a pretend dog, a toy watch, and I would like a pretend cat. I'm going to give you cookies and milk and I can't wait for that special surprise you are going to give. I know you are going to give presents to Faylin and you love her very much. I would also like some real mittens for myself because I love real mittens. I want a balloon, too and some colors and paper, as well as coloring books that have pictures on the pages. I want some pretend cups and a book. I like to write on a lot of paper. I also want some jackets, pants and shirts. I want a pretend kitten. I want some cups for my Mommy.
Merry Christmas Santa.

Love,
Ashlie Wheat

Dear Santa,
Thank you for what you gave me last year year. This year I want a baby doll.

Love,
Faylin Bell

Dear Santa,
I like to hunt. I would like to have a cow, horse and a rope to rope my cow and my horse. I would like another BB gun and bow and arrow. The arrows need to be sharp. A shotgun and bullets for the gun. I would also like a hunting dog-two of them. I also want a pet rabbit. Could I also have a new fly swatter. Could I also have some new movies. A target to shoot my arrows at. Could we also have a new school. I have been good ask my mom. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Zach Skinner

Dear Santa,
My name is Makenna. I would like to have a cup full of orange juice. I also want an apple and a dog and a book and some tapes and a horse. How are your reindeer? Merry Christmas.

Love,
Makenna Netting

Dear Santa,
My name is Justin and I would like some lego and an army jeep. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Justin Gartman

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a trailer that goes on a truck with two cars in it. I would also like a BB gun. I would also like a little dog that doesn't bite and a little trailer house. I also want a computer with a puzzle. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Jonah Saucedo

Dear Santa,
My name is Thomas. I would like to have a bike for Christmas. I would also like a computer like Mrs. Treadaway. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Thomas Saucedo

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a guitar and a telescope for Christmas. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Dawson Brisben

Dear Santa,
I would like a baby doll that whines for Christmas, and some new hiking boots. Also a big fat white polar bear. I would also like a play phone. Thank your for everything you brought last and please bring me a bunch more this year. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Jordan Gartman



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Dear Santa,
I would like a pokemon and a pokie deck. And another pokemon. Please bring my brother a pokie deck and a pokemon and my pal 2000. We would also like a light saver for each of us. Thats all. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Laredo Williamson

Dear Santa,
My name is Matthew Scott. I would like some candy. I will leave you some cookies and milk. I would also like some catfish.

Love,
Matthew Scott

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a toy robot, and some little legos and a toy steer and roller skates. I want the robot to stand on his head. I would also like some clothes. I would like a Ninja turtle that fights all by himself. I also need some shades and a toy chain. Thank you.

Love,
Zachary Sanchez
Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
My namne is Dylan VanDeventer. I woud like a yellow and green tie for Santa and a tan guitar for me. I would also like Buzz and Woody. My favorite food is pizza. I have one dog. I've been a good boy. Santa, may I ride on Rudolph at my house in my yard?

Your friend,
Dylan VanDeventer

Dear Santa,
My name is Jessica. I am a very nice little girl. I would like an angel doll. I would like a pink bike please. Tell Rudolph to keep that nose shiny.

Your friend,
Jessica Elliot

P.S. I would like a gocart.
Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. My name is Cooper Chambes. I want power Rangers and a basketball goal with a Basketball to shoot hoops. How bright is Rudolphs nose? How are you doing at the North Pole?

From,
Cooper Chambers

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. My name is Diana. I want a kindergarten baby and a talking barbie. I want to ask you how are your reindeer doing. i am doing fine thank you. I am a very good jumper and I also run fast during school.

Your friend,
Diana Vera

Dear Santa,
My name is Grady Barnett. I have been a good boy. I would like a gingerbread house and a bear with clothes. I would like a seahorse with a blue bow for my sisters. I am a boy, and I have 4 sisters, and 2 brothers. Why do you always wear a red suit? How many elves do you have?

Your friend,
Grady Barnett

Dear Santa,
My name is Linsey Arellano. I want a Barbie Jeep. I want a Barbie doll. I want a shirt that has dog. I wont my dad to have a tv. My mom wants three windows. My sister wants a Cold Stone Steve Austin WCW Wrestler. I hope you have a happy Christmas Santa.

Love,
Linsey Arellano

Dear Santa,
I want a big trampoline and a skateing Barbie. Will you bring my mom a mickeykat? How do you get down the chimney? I have been a good girl this year. I helped my friend Linsey wrap a present for her mother.

From,
Laisa Sierra Carrera

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I woud like to have a girl puppy. Also my name is Kimberly Roach. Is it cold at the North Pole? I would like a little baby doll for my baby sister. How bright is Rudolph's nose?

Love,
Kimberly Roach

Dear Santa,
My name is Beeanca Bower. I would like a skateboard for Christmas. I would also like a teddy bear. How does Rudolphs nose glow? I have been a very good girl all this year. I have a baby sister who wants a present. I would like you to get my mom flowers.

Your friend,
Beeanca Bower

Dear Santa,
My name is Raquel Rojas. I have been a good girl and I would like to ask for a Barbie Doll and also for some Walkie Talkies. Would you please bring my mom a ring. Would you please tell Ruldoph I said hi? I am a good girl because I help my mom at home. I have 3 sisters. Bye Santa Claus. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Raquel Rojas

Dear Santa,
I am only asking for a Gokart and a Bass fishing for Playstation. How are the Reindeer doing and could you tell us how Rudolph is doing? I have one last question to ask you and it is, How are you doing?

Your friend,
Chad Martin

Dear Santa,
My name is Randy I would like a fake bear, play car, a play bed. I am a nice, good person, and I have brown eyes. How do you go all around the world in one night? How do reindeer fly? Tel the reindeer Hi for me. Fly High for me.

Love,
Randy Barnett

Dear Santa,
I woud like a new red jeep that I could drive. I also would like rollerskates. Last I would like a puppy. Santa why do you wear a red suit and black boots? Please bring my mom a new diamond ring.

Always,
Janzen Chase Digby
P.S. I've been a sweet boy
First Grade

Dear Santa,
I love you, Santa. I want a drum, a bike, and a basketball. Please bring these things to my house. Thank you.

Love,
Foster Allen

Dear Santa,
What are you going to do next year? I want a barbie, some art supplies, and a scooter. What does Mrs. Claus do?

Love,
Ginny Caston

Dear Santa,
How do the reindeer fly? I want a doll, a stuffed toy horse, and a stuffed, furry cat. How do the elves make toys?

Love,
Callie Chambers

Dear Santa,
How are you and your eles doing? I want a remote control monsetr truck and a go cart. I also want a toy farm dog. Thank you.

Love,
J.P. Conner

Dear Santa,
What are the names of the elves? I want a new chair, a puzzle, and a Star Wars toy. Thank you.

Love,
Matthew Corona

Dear Santa,
Do you say the Pledge of Allegiance everyday? I wanna little train, a tv for my room, and a big desk. Do you have any trees outside?

Love,
Jake Cotter

Dear Santa,
Is Rudolph being good and helping with the sleigh? I want some beanie babes and a Star Wars episode 1 toy. I would like some micro machines. Thank you.

Love,
Haden Dillard

Dear Santa,
Is everything okay at the North Pole? I want a barbie and some new clothes. I also want new white shoes. What does your house look like?

Love,
Amanda Mendoza

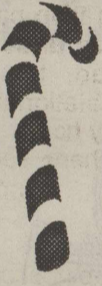
Dear Santa,
I wonder how you are doing at the North Pole. I want a new Power Ranger, a new soldier and a new goblin. How are the elves?

Love,
Paul Pinoda



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Love,
Skyler Rainwater

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all the toys and things that you have given to me. I want a remote control car and some more little car. I am doing good in school.

Love,
Diego Saucedo

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? I want a big, black bike and my own computer. I also want a pet gold fish. How is the weather at the North Pole?

I love you,
Sarah Walker

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? I want an angel barbie a princess barbie, and a puzzle. Thank you for the presents.

Love,
Tiffany Saucedo

Dear Santa,
May I have a Barbie and a jump rope and a Barbie Sport doll and a Nintendo 64?

Love,
Meagan Kross

Dear Santa,
May I have Hula Hoop, a real rabbit, a jump rope, a doll house set and a Beanie Baby?

Love,
Heidi Austin

Dear Santa,
I am writing you this letter. I want to ask you one question. How do you get all the toys to all the little boys and girls? Now for my gitta playstation. That is all. I will want to write you a letter.

Love,
Tiffany Rogers

Dear Santa,
I want a computer, a Barbie, a skateboard and a basketball and a dog.

Love,
Anita Saucedo

Dear Santa,
I want a foot ball, Donkey Kong game, and I want a new basket ball.

Love,
Jared Long

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? How are your reindeer? Is Rudolph's nose still blinking? I want 4 Beanie Babes, a new Bike and a new Barbie.

Love,
Kacee Roberts

Dear Santa,
I want a Monster truck, Volano Blowout, skates, and a gun and holster. How are your reindeer?

Love,
Travis Sailer

Dear Santa,
I will give you some cookies. I want a Beanie Baby, dragon, a silver bike, a bunny rabbit, Airpump, Legos, a rabbit, kitten, toy zebra and a yoyo.

I love you,
Garrett Rogers

Dear Santa,
I want a Skateboard, a remote controlled monster truck, and a pump airplane.

Love,
Josh Rowoldt

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? I want a remote control car, a Nintendo 64, 2 baby cats and a tv.

Love,
Tanner Brickey

Dear Santa,
I want a computer, a Nintendo 64, a football and a jump rope.

Love,
Joe Estrada

Dear Santa,
Santa I would like a Nintendo 64 and a wrestling game and a James Bond game and a backhoe.

Love,
Logan Philley

Dear Santa,
I would like a Hot Wheel, air pump, and a remote control car. How is Rudolph?

Love,
Cody Taylor

Dear Santa,
I want a skateboard Please and a Hot Wheels set. I Would also like a toy fomy ferret How do you keep from breaking things?

Love,
Devon Clancy

Second Grade
Dear Santa,
I would like a four-wheeler, a real candy house and a computer. Oh and another thing, can I have a puppy? Happy Christmas!

Love,
Casey Scott

Dear Santa,
I miss you. For Christmas I want a Back-Street boys CD and a CD player, thank you. I also want a bike and a nintendo 64. I Love you, and I wish you were my father. I love Rudolph.

Love,
Dylan Deanda

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike, a christmas candy house, and a piano. How is Rudolph? How is Mrs. Claus?

Love,
Emilee Yanez

Dear Santa,
I want a Lego Computer and a nintendo with a Donkey Kong game. please send some lego pieces.

I love you,
Ivan Landeros

Dear Santa,
I miss you. You are the best. I want a play-station and a swimming pool. I would also like a little piano for Christmas. I love you,
Angelica Andrade

Dear Santa,
I wish for a couple of dozen apples, a nintendo with a Ninja Turtle anda Donkey Kong game.

Love,
Terry McDonald

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a punching bag and some knee pads. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Love,
Blake Millican

Dear Santa,
I wish I had a motorcycle and a four-wheeler for Christmas. Merry Christmas everybody.

Love,
Cody Brosh

Dear Santa,
I would like a guitar & a 5 set drum set. I would like a make up set too.

I love you and the elves and Mrs. claus and the reindeer. I Love all of you.

Love,
Briana Brisbin

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Dear Santa,
I want a Furby and a bike for Christmas. I would also like a pair of jeans with a shirt, and I want a computer. Last I would like a cow boy hat.

Love,
Sarah Jones

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a doll and a computer. Merry Christmas!

Love,
Nancy Landeros

Dear Santa,
I hope you can give me some Animorphs toys, some Animorphs books, and a Super Smash Bros. How are the reindeer? And are the elves till making toys?

Love,
Jathan Williams

Dear Santa,
I wish I had a Game Boy. I wish for a W.W.F. ring. I wish I had a stereo. Have a happy Christmas Santa Claus.

Love,
Cayetano Sierra Carrera

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a Justin Timberlake poster and a doll. Merry Christmas to all of you!!

Love,
Justina Gloria

Dear Santa,
Please give me a a pair of gloves and a Barney tape? I remember that day that I sat on your lap in the mall.

Love,
Jacob Michael Moreno

Dear Santa,
Please get me the Britney Spears C.D. Does Rudolph stil have a shiny nose?

Love,
Olivia Trejo

Dear Santa,
Can I have wings and a Britney Spears doll that says "Hit me baby 1 more time"? Does Rudolph still have that red nose?

Love,
Breana Anderson

Dear Santa,
I hope Mrs. Claus and you are having a good week. Santa, please give me a video of Toy Story 2. Please would you give me the C.D. of Britney Spears? How is Rudolph and the other reindeer? Please give me a teddy bear.

Love,
Emily M. Arellano

Dear Santa,
I want a keyboard and a play doctor's suit. How is Mrs. Claus doing in the North Pole?

Love,
Sarah Coppedge

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus, Rudolph, and the other reindeer? For Christmas could you please bring me a movie Toy Story 2, a white football helmet, and the N'SYNC movie.

Love,
Stetson Nesbit

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Toy Story 2 and a Spy Book and a Britney Spears C.D. How is Rudolph?

Love,
Tanner Hanigan

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all my presents last year. I have been a good boy. Please bring me a toy chain saw, some big trucks, and some music tapes. Don't forget my sister Brettnie.

Love,
Colton Reed

Third Grade

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How is Rudolph? I would like a Rad, My Pal 2000, pokedeck. Do you know what those are?

From,
Cody Williamson

Dear Santa,
Hey Santa what are you doing up there at the North Pole? How is Jessica and the reindeer doing? I wood like to have a new Playstation game, some new clothes and some decorations for my Christmas tree. I hope you an Mrs. Claus have a Merry Christmas!!!

Love,
Kadan Duncan

Dear Santa,
I am fine. How are you? How have you been the last eleven months? I have been very well the last few months. What I really want to talk to you about is what I would like for Christmas. What I would like for Christmas are so many things, but first of all is a diary, a bascetball, and a little bear. But you choose what you want to get me. I forgot to ask you how are the elves? I really liked what you gave me in the years 1998, 1997, 1996 and the first year we celebrated Christmas in 1995.

Love,
Norma Rojas

Dear Santa,
I hope whoever wants something gets something but I would like a baseball glove and a baseball bat. Now you can get me anything you want me to have. I hope my family has a happy Christmas Eve.

Love,
Garrett Blair

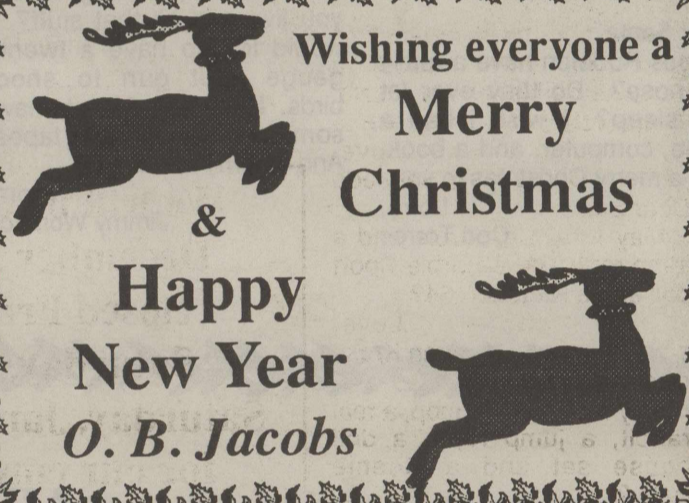
Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? Is anyone sick, are you sick? This is what I wish to get on Christmas. I would like a football, a skateboard, a puppy, a lot of books to read. I would not like much this year because children last year did not get much toys. This year I would like less than what I have gotten over the past nine years. Instead of leaving coookies and milk I might leave a cupcake, cookies, and milk. How are the elves? How is Mrs. Claus? I bet it is extremely cold up there. It is cool down here.

Love,
Jasmine Gloria

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HOLIDAY GREETINGS

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To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa,
I would like to ask if you really go to every house in the world? Do the reindeer really fly? Can you give all the other children presents. I already have alot. Some children do not have some presents. Wouldn't you like to give them gifts? I have a friend that is almost poor and I give her some clothes. She really likes them. I would want to spend money on someone else than for them to spend money on me. We do not have a chimney, how will you get in? We do not have our Christmas tree to put up. I hope you have a very nice Christmas day. Have fun. I will persever every day. I will never give up.
Your friend,
Randa Mathis

Dear Santa,
Does Rudolph have a really red nose? Do they ever let you sleep? I wish I had a globe, computer, and a book. And a merry Christmas to you.
Love,
Cori Torres

Dear Santa,
How are you? Do you really live at the North Pole? Do you have alot of riends up at the North Pole? I would like it if you came to my house last. You probably know all the children that do not have Christmas. I really fell sorry for those that don't have a Christmas. My brothers and I will try to remember to sprinkle some deer food out for the reindeer. I hope you bring my hole family something and I hope you have a happy Christmas. Oh, I was just wodering if the reindeer can really fly? I hope you fill the children's stockings with glee, Joy, Love and toys.

Love,
Amy Barnett

Dear Santa,
I've ben wondering where you live and all that stuff? I would like to have a twenty gauge shot gun to shoot birds. I would also like to have some new playstation tapes. And a merry christms.

From,
Jimmy Womack

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? How is your life? What I would like for Christmas is a cat, a dog, a bike, and a pool.

Love,
Jennifer Barrett

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I am doing fine and how are the elves? Make shure Saint Nicholas gets this letter too. I just wanted to say thnk you for the candy. Can you give my Daddy Bill the most special present of all, the love we share, thats all I ask for.

From,
Chris Ford

Dear Santa,
Santa I hope you have a good Christmas going to peoples homes. This is a song I wish you a merry Christmas, I wish you a merry Christmas, I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. What I would like for Christmas is a radio. I'm glad Rudolph join in with the other reindeer. What I would like for Christmas is some jewelry. What I would like for Christmas is an overhead with papers, money and dollars. I have been a very good child.

Love,
Gaby Saucedo

Dear Santa,
How are you doing. I hope you are fine. Would you please bring me stained glass. And something nice for my family.

Love,
Holly Austin

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a good Christmas delivering presents. Tell Mrs. Claus and the elves hello for me. Please bring me a TV, the game life, and some new clothes to my house for me and please give all my friends and family what they want for Christmas. Thank you for what you gave me last year.

Sincerely,
Morgan H. Hill

Dear Santa,
How have you been? I know everybody wants toys and you and the elves gotta do some toy making on Christmas Eve! So tell the elves I said hi. I have four things I want for Christmas please bring me all the Digimon toys, please bring me a lava lamp, pease bring me a computer, and a gameboy color and a game called "Pokemon Yellow."

Sincerely,
Caleb Millican
P.S. Tell Rudolph I said hi!

Dear Santa,
What you been doing and how are the elves? Please bring my sister a recorder. Please bring my dad and mom a computer. Please bring me a bestfriend necklace. Thank you for the presents you brought me last year.

Love,
Arrin Minjarez

Dear Santa,
Have your elves been working hard? Are you going to stay up for New Years? What do you want for Christmas? Say Hi to Mrs. Santa. Say Hi to Rudolph the red nose reindeer. Please bring me new shoes, football helmet, football pads.

Love,
Dustin Moreno

Dear Santa,
Christmas is always fun because you get to be with your family. I know Mrs. Claus has alot of fun too. I think Mrs. Claus will like Year 2000. Please bring me aboard game name Trouble. Thank you.

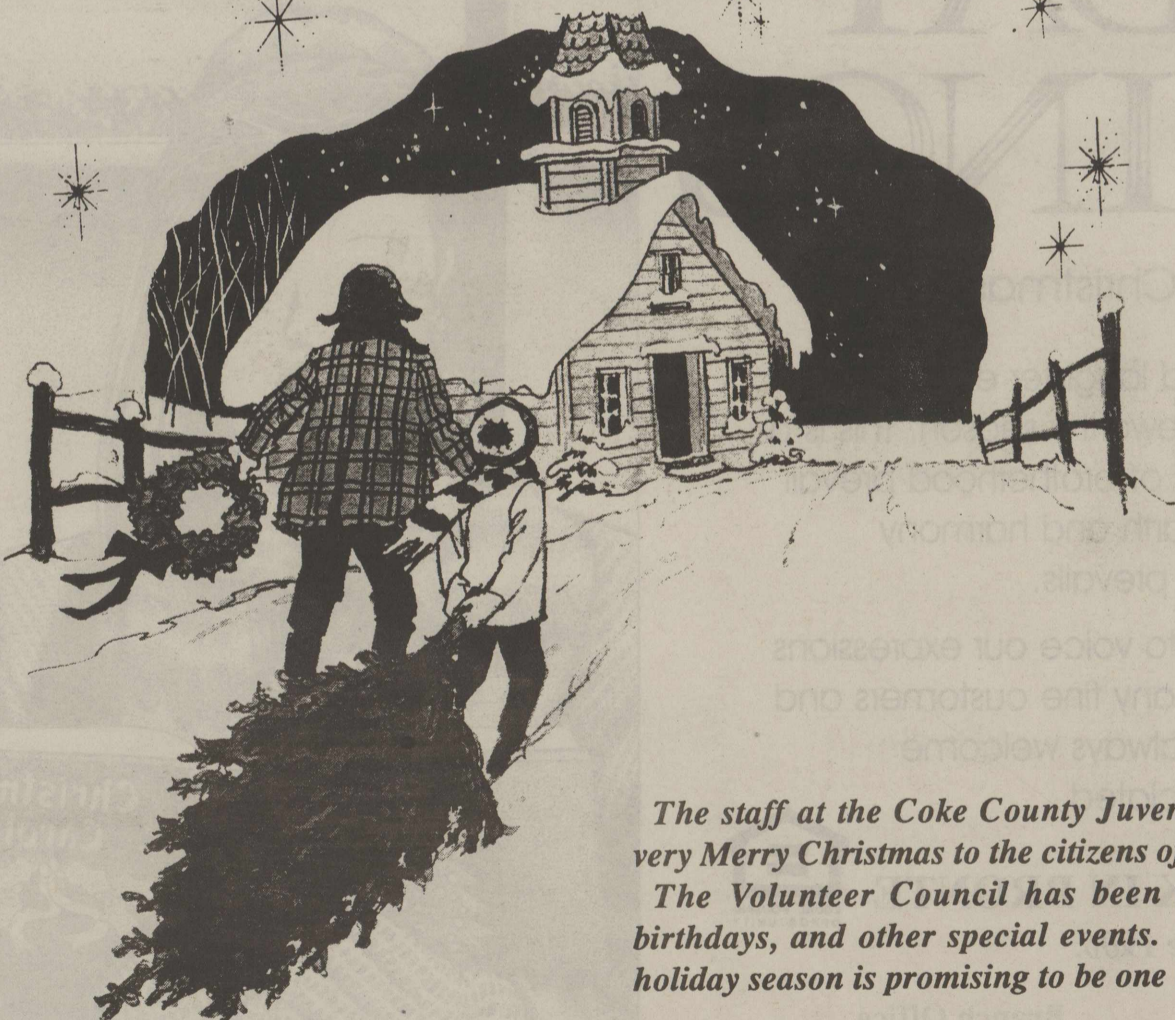
Love,
Olga Perez

Dear Santa,
I hope that you have good christmas. Will you pleasetell the elves hello for me thank you so much. Please bring me a big candy cane with candy inside it. I also would like a bouncy horse and a flubber toy for me. Tell Mrs. Santa I said hi to her.

Love,
Megan Robinson

MERRY CHRISTMAS And A Happy and Prosperous NEW YEAR From All Of Us At

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The staff at the Coke County Juvenile Justice Center would like to wish a very Merry Christmas to the citizens of Coke County.

The Volunteer Council has been tremendous in planning for holidays, birthdays, and other special events. Due to the efforts of these people, this holiday season is promising to be one of encouragement and joy at CCJJC.

Thank you and Happy Holidays!

To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa,
How have you been this year? I hope you had a good year. Please bring game boy game and a CD for my sister. I would like a lava lamp. Thank you for all the presents last year.

Love,
Michael Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
How are you doing this year? Are you excited about the year 2000? Am excited about the year 2000. Please bring me a laptop non plug - in computer, a game boy color, an N'SYNC cd, and a lava lamp. Have a great Christmas this year. Tell the elves hello. Please bring my sister a new marker board, and a Nintindo 64 game.

Love,
Mason Ross

Dear Santa,
How are you? Are you so glad about the year 2000? please bring a furbie for me, and a little bear for my cousin J.C., and bring my brother a CD player. Tell the elves and Mrs. Claus hello. Thank you.

Love,
Rebecka Saucedo

Dear Santa,
How are you this year? I hope you are doing fine, because I am doing fine. Please bring me a walkie-talkie and a ring and something for my friends, Rebecka and Morgan. Thank you.

Love,
Jessie Scott

BRONTE SANTA LETTERS Pre-Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I am 5 years old. For Christmas, I would like a Bead Making Kit so I can make necklaces. Also lots of Barbie thing, a Barbie Cash Register, clothes, fingernails and makeup kits and a new Barbie & Ken doll. Please bring me a Back Street Boys CD and a Wizard of Oz movie.

I will leave you some gingerbread cookies and Rudolph will have some cookies too.

I love you Santa!
Your friend,
Erika Puentez

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a Barbie Computer, a Barbie with a blue swim suit and a swimming pool, a Snow White Barbie and Barbie luggage and CD Player. Also bring me a Super Nail Kit, makeup, Ice Cream Maker, Microwave, Lite Brite, A nail polish maker and some Perfume. My cousin Courtney would like a Peaceful Planet Aquarium. Please, I would like a telephone.

Thank you Santa and I will leave celery for Rudolph and some cookies too.

Your Friend,
Brayde Knight

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a Radio Control Car, Tonka Trucks, a red Telebubbe, a game of Yahtzee, A walk'N Wag Pluto, a Woody Doll and Flight Control Buzz. Also I would like a little Leap and two computer games call Toy Story and Elmo.

Thank you for coming to my house last year and leaving me toys. I will leave you cookies & milk and Rudolph some celery.

Your friend,
Scott

Dear Santa,
I love you, Santa. My sister wants you to get her a play necklace. I'm gonna leave you out some cookies and some milk. I want a Barbie computer and a CD player. I want a big barbie that is the same size as my sister. I want a strawberry baby, and a baby that eats cereal. I want an internet computer.

Your friend,
Mariah Houk

Dear Santa,
Can I have a remote control cars and I pleas want 1 humer, 1 monster truck , 1 PunneBuggy, and 1 playstation with DVD. Also, a wrestling game, a Wild Wild West moveie and Necklace, Star Wars Droid DeveloperKit.

Thanks for last years presents. I hope you have a nice Christmas.

Your friend,
Thomas Reyes

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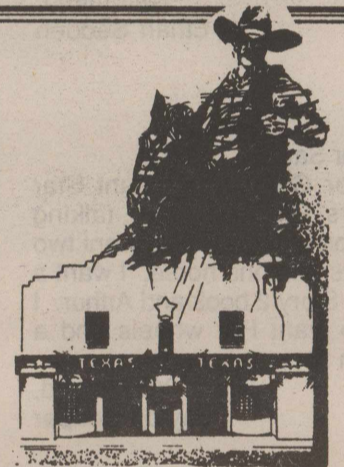
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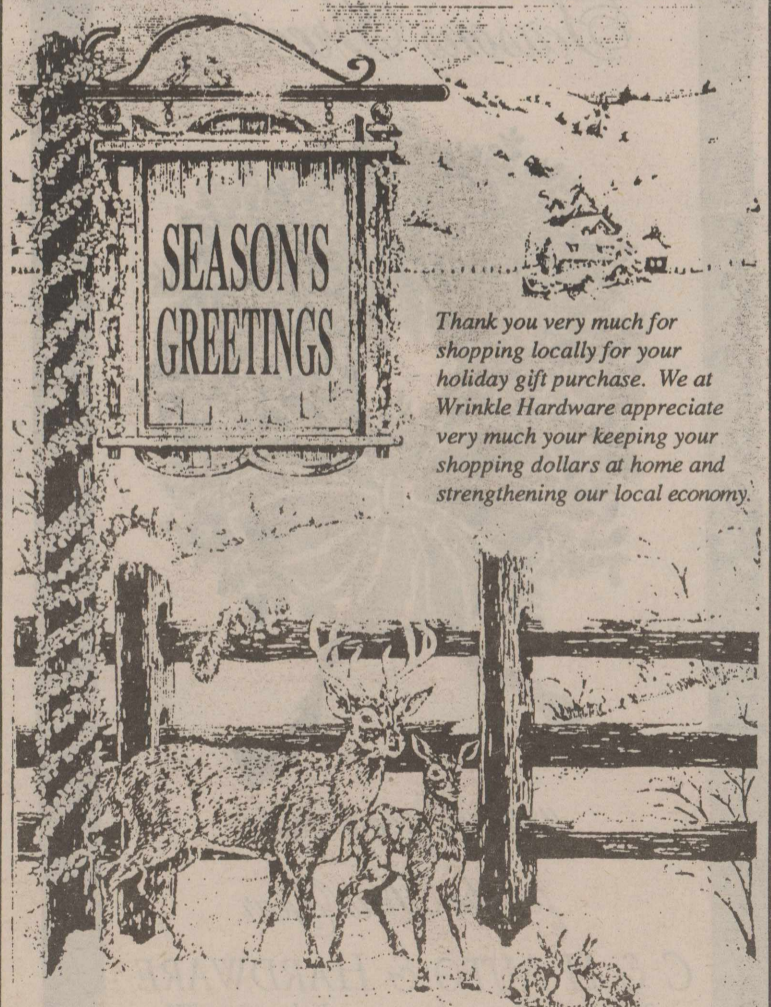
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To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa,
I want a computer and a skateboard doll. I would also like a CD player and a stroller. I want a diaper bag, and a dollhouse. My baby sister Mariah wants a Barbie house and a racecar. She wants a baby doll. I want wipies and diapers and a baby doll.
Your friend,
Paige Royall

Dear Santa,
I hope you will come to my house this year. For Christmas I would like a PoKe'MoN toy, a hand held fishing game and Deer Hunting Game, Nintendo 64, Action Figures, Buzz Lightyear and Woody. Also a big gorilla, a red TeleTubbie named Poe, a Go Cart and a watch. Please bring me clothes just my size. My sister kelsey would like a doll.
Thank you for all my toys. have a nice trip back to the north pole.

I Love You Santa!
Your friend,
Ethan Sedden

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want Star Wars Electronic 12" talking action figures. I also want two cows and one horse. I want a Toy Story 2 book and Arthur. I also want Hot wheels and a train set.
Your friend,
Jayton Cooper

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I want a doll for Christmas. I want an art easel set. I want a kid's computer. I want a McDonald's play set. I want a Micky Mouse telephone.
Your friend,
Lyndsay Hargrave

Dear Santa,
I would like race cars, little brear, farm aniamls, Dump truck, one trator, one video game, and Santa I will leave you cookies and Milk and leave Rudoff some celery.
Your friend,
Clint Head

Dear Santa,
I want a diamond ring, a barbie suitcase, and a barbe. Jewelry box, a barbie watch, a butterfuy watch, 2 necklaces, a barbie dresser, 2 pairs of earrings. I will levae milk out for you! I have been good this year.
Your friend,
Elizabeth Shultz

Dear Santa,
I want these 10 things,
1. 4x4 raido controll Barbie.
2. Walking talking barbie stroller.
3. brean time barbie music box.
4. Barbie digatal camara.
5. Butter fly watch.
6. My size angel Barbie.
8. Barbie telephone.
9. Make up kit.
10. Gold Key necklace
Your friend,
Jael Williams

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want PoK'emon Game boy, a Star Wars Micro Machine fun house, a Star Wars plane, Christmas ornaments, Hershey's Candy dispenser, electronic guitar, Scooby Doo Poster, and a singing Santa Claus.
Your friend,
Mason Blane Hoyt

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a Barbie Computer, a pilot Barbie with a Plane, a Kindegarden Baby, a Barbie Sports Car, a Pilot Barbie by itself, a Pizza or an ice cream maker, some porcelain Dolls, and a barbie lap top with a Barbie Disc CD player.
Your Friend,
Brenda Pena

Dear Santa,
How are you and your raindeer? I would like a lego system, Johnny Thunder, Hot Wheels Power Express Train set, Hot Wheels super electronic City center, Radica Rider Electronic Snow Boarding game and a Hand held Electronic games.
Your friend,
Stetsen Emfinger

Dear Santa,
I wanta 6v Radio control tantrun Battery moter cycle that I can Drive. I have been a very good boy. Please Bring these to me. I am leaving signs in my yard So you know where to come.
Your friend,
Thoren Charles

Dear Santa,
For Chiristmas I want a Scooby-Doo lunch box, wrapping paper, Pokemon game boy, I also would like a flexo photo frame, a bob-it, a big christmas tree, a Star wars plan, M &M's, and christmas cards.
Your friend,
Erika Hargrave

Dear Santa,
I want baby dolls with a carseat, with food, and with a skateboard. I want movies: Pinocchio, Peter Pan, and Hercules. I want Mr. 'Tato HEAd. I have 2 Mr. Tato Heads, but I wanta different one. I want a bus and a barbie house. I want an animal house.
Your friend,
Michelle Rhodes

Dear Santa,
I would like flight control Buzz and robot Buzz and the rest of the Toy Story 2 stuff and knex32 model and Buzz shoes and a romote control fire truck and a ten car gift set and a power ranger shoes and power ranger and anfl football and I have been really , very good boy and i'll give you cookies and milk.
Your friend,
Jonathan Moore

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To Santa, With Love

Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I want a sleeping bag and a football helmet. That is all. Baily wants a walking dog and a doll. I like Rudolph because he has a lighted nose that glows. I like my Christmas tree so bright. I like the Christmas Spirit.

Love,
Logan McGlothlin

Dear Santa,
I want a toy cop car. I want a punching bag with Darth Maul on it.

I love you Santa,
Sam Bullard

Dear Santa,
I want a game rhymin and the game Donkey Kong. I want a Power Ranger Lost Galaxy. I want Tarzan. I want the monster game.

I like Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer. I want a dog thats a toy.

Love,
Jonathan Reyes

Dear Santa,
You have the goodest reindeer. I want a Pooh Bear telephone, that has a cord with it. I want animals tape with a radio. My mom wants a little Barbie House. I want new crayons. Kinlee wants a Christmas Longhorn toy. Chase wants a little reindeer toy. My dad wants a new workbook and a telephone in his room. I hope you give us the best Christmas.

I love you Santa with the presents.

Haylee Hoyt

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie for christmas. I need buttons to hang my clothes. I want a washing machine and dryer. Carlos wants a teletubby. Jr wants a Power Ranger toy for Christmas. I want a SPrinkle Horse that has wings. I want an animal tape for christmas.

I love you Santa,
Maria Fuentez

Dear Santa,
I want an airplane that opens up with Barbies inside it. I want a blue bike. We have reindeers in our classroom. My sister wants a Barbie Airplane too. I have learned my ABCs. Do you have a calender? I saw you at the mall.

I love you,
Sara Lara

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. I like your helpers. I always want a Buz Lightyear. I want my Grandmaw to build me a guitar, like my dad's. I want a remote control car. I wanta sword. Madison wants a doll. My brother wants a sword too. My brother wants a plastic army knife.

I love you Santa,
Jordan Rowan

Dear Santa,
I want a tweety bird kite to fly. I need a new set of butterfly earrings and some kind of pin that goes on your shirt. I want a big desk to play school.

Madelyn Tounget

Dear Santa,
I need a dirt bike I really want a bow and arrow and a helmet for my dirt bike because it is going to go 40 mph. I also wanta apop gun to pretend it is a real one. I love Santa.

Mitchell Butler

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control car and a new computer. I would like a new puzzle. I love you.

Brent Kelly

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and Star Wars toys. I want a gold star. I love Santa,

Jaylon Seales

Dear Santa,
I love you. I want some fliip-flops. I want a new barbie and strings with beads.

Ashley Reyes

Dear Santa,
I love Santa. I want to take a picture with you. I like your reindeer. I want a walking horse toy. I like the horse that you push his nose. I like Santa,

Kaitlin Moore

Dear Santa,
I want a pizza- maker and a barbie. I want the dog with something with it. Merry Christmas Santa. I want a ice-cream maker and a play set where you can make food.

Mackenzie Gibbs

Dear Santa,
I want a new nintendo. I want a new calendar for my room. Have a good trip.

Creed Coalson

Dear Santa,
I wanta horse and a toy cat. I want a hat and a little axe.

Rani Parks

Dear Santa,
I want a painting set and a Pokemon camera and now I wanta blue's Clues, I want a stereo. I think I want a bike too. I wanta really puppy. Merry Christmas.

Kimberly Lee

Dear Santa,
I like Santa. I want two transformers. I want to get my baby brotehr a playpen at my grandmother's.

Randon Eubanks

Dear Santa,
I love you. I wanta computer barbie and a bicycle. I'm going to give you a card and a reindeer hat. Bring me a barbie puzzle and a movie. I want a Teddie Bear. Merry Christmas.

Leticia Pena

Dear Santa,
I love you, Santa. I want a rabbit and a barbie doll. I wanta new swing. I love the reindeer.

Amy Godinez

Dear Santa,
I would like a lazer guy that fights and soots. Mighty Ducks has an airplane and car and a motorcycle and another flying Vehicle that shoots out bullets. I would really like one of these. One more thing I would like is spiderman and you can get a cool motorcycle with the red button to go with him. The last hitng I would like to ask for is a soldier who has weapons. This would really be fun to play with.

Vaughn Stillely

Dear Santa,
I wanta bunny rabbit and a gerbil. I want my cousin to come see me on Christmas. For christmas I want to get my ears pierced. I like Christmas. I like calenders. Hi rudolf. I want a bonker. Hi to everybody at the Northpole.

Katie Austin

Dear Santa,
I want to ask you if you could send me a toy dragon. I would love playing with it all the time. I have a feeling my brothers Callan and Reid would also like toy dragons for christmas then we could all play dragons. Santa, I'm so excited about Christmas Eve, I can't wait for it to get here. Have a safe trip, Santa. I bet the elves are making lots of toys in your shop.

Conner Clark



Dear Santa,
First of all I would like a bow and arrow for Christmas. A knife tht is camouflaged would really be great too that way if I drop my knife the deer can't see it. My sister, Chloe could really use a bow and arrow too, so she can go hunting with me and dad. Santa, a net to catch fish in would be a great present too. A long time I broke my lunchbox because I was standing on it, so I need a new one that has the Iron Giant flying on it. Please leave me something cool in my stocking.

Beau Grigg

Dear Santa,
I want a weinie dog to play with and a brown deer to kill. I wanta Christmas tree for my room. I need one hundred new books bevcause I read all my other ones. I wanta computer to get on the Internet. I also want Scooby Doo cards or PoKemon trading cards. I need a chalkboard and marker board. I wanta dog brush to get my weinie dog clean and that's all.

Austin Mertz

Dear Santa,
I want toys. I woud like a big red truck with a remote that I can play with. I need ive rottweilers dogs to feed and a momma and dad cat. I need a new t.v. for my room and n ew couches forthe living room and a new radio that goes loud. We also need a new phone. I want some shirts shoes and pants. Merry Christmas, Santa. I wanta sleigh and reindeer that can fly and a new rocking chair.

Mark Guajardo

Season's Greetings

All the best wishes of the Christmas season to you and your family.

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To Santa, With Love

First Grade

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my Tigr. I like first grade. Please bring a bike, a cd and a hamster. I am back in bronte.

Your Friend,
Tori Acevedo

Dear Santa,
Thank you for seeing me. I take quzza. Please bring me a shotgun and a horse, and hamster. How are all the reindeer?

Your friend,
Terron Charles

Dear Santa,
Thank you for presnt Santa. Please bring me a horse. a hamsr and a rabbit . Rudolf fine at the North Pole?

Your friend,
Reid Clark

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my present. Santa I am in First grade. Please bring Furby and a picture frame.

Your friend,
Taylor Michelle Cooper
Hartman

Dear Santa,
Thank yo ufor my presents. The Tanantub is good. The turtle is good. The snake is shedding. Please bring me a Bike, Beaniebaby, Nintendo 64. How are all your reindeer?

Your friend,
Peyton K. Eubanks

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the pogostik. that you brot last year. Please bring me a go cort, a new house, and a hamster. I will bring you cookies and milk.

Your friend,
Nathan Fidler

Dear Santa,
Thank you for our present. Santa I am in first grade. Please bring me donkey Kong, Nintendo, Power Rangers. I like you red suit.

Your friend,
Benny Fuentes

Dear Santa,
Thank you for a Bat man far a present. Santa you are Best. Please bring me a radio Teddy Bear and a fake gun. I left cookies and milk.

You friend,
Joshou Hargrave

Dear Santa,
Thank you for seeing me at the mall Santa. I mis you. Please bring me a radio, spice girl barbiea T.V.. How is Rudof?

Your friend,
Brittani Harris

Dear Santa,
Thank you for letting everyone have a present. I'm on the third grade reading level. Please bring me a Beanie Baby, a Nintendo 64, and guinea pig. How is Comet? is he finè?

Your friend,
Chase Harris

Dear Santa,
Thak you for or present. Santa I can read. Please bring me c.d. Britney Spears, Roller Skates, Trmpoline Tent. How Rudolf the reindeer?

Love,
Cheyenne Hunter

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my present last year. Santa I am seven yeahrs old. Please bring me a babe doll. Shoes, and clothes. I will leave you cookies and milk.

Love,
Meagan Martin

Dear Santa,
Thank you for mi present last year. Santa I am in first grade. Please bring me a trainset,, a 22 chickenmuckgun and a horse, How are your elves doing,

Your friend,
Arlis McMullan

Thank you for our presents last year. Santa im in first grade now. Please bring me a BeBe gun, a remote control truck, and a dump truch what you ride. How is Rudolf doing? How is all the reindeer doing at the North Pole? How is Prancer doing? How is Mrs. Claus doing? How is Santa doing

Your friend,
Dakota Rawls

Dear Santa,
Thank you for cing me. I am in first grade now. Please bring me a b b gun, Buycicel, and CD playen I will giv you cookies and milk.

Your Friend,
Kerwin Rawls

Dear Santa,
Thank you fur our presents Santa. I'm am in First grade now. Please bring me Nintendo 64 with Poke'mon snap, small foot ball, and a socce goal with a soccer ball. How is rudolf doing? How is Mrs. Claus doing?

Your friend,
Heath Richey

Dear Santa,
Thank you for mi presents. I go to my grandmas. please. bring me mickey mouse movie, and a cute outfit. I like when Rudolfs nose blinks.

Your friend,
Justin Saldana

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my presents last your. Santa I am seven years old. plase blring me a tv, a robe and a hamster. Haw is Rudoff?I will leev you sum milk and sum cookies.


Love your friend,
Kelsey Sedden

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my presns last year. Santa whity is back please bring me knexs, small soilder and play station. How is Rudof? How is Prancer. How is do you mack toys? How is Mrs Claus?

Your friend,
Nicholas Shults

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presenes last year. I am buildinga house please bring me a bike and a playstation.


You friend,
Dustin Brown



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Phelan Wrinkle

To Santa, With Love

Second Grade

Dear Santa,

How are you doing I lik my toes. How are yore elves. I want my toy. ARE you ok. I want a bonke koneley. and pokemon snape. and a CD-Rom. I love you santa. I had a baby. Is it cold up there. And have a merry christmas. I want best nore and a powre pang lostin gale.

Love boyd,
Zachary Boyd

Dear Santa,

How have you been? I was hoping to tell you thank you four the gvah ahd the wach and i was hoping four a puppy and a tiger halk.

Love,
Austin Clayton

Dear Santa,

how have you been? Have the elves been working at the toy shop. Thank you for the bike and ocomputer from last Christmas. This year I was hoping for a baby doll and a rill bog named Emily. I have been very good this year.

Love,
Samantha Coffey

Dear Santa,

How have you been? Have you been helping the elves at the toy shop? thank you for the mario 64 and the dump truck las christmas. this year I was hoping for a mario 64 and a coputer I have been good this year.

Love,
Skyler

Dear Santa,

How have you been? I have missed you. Are you helping the elves in the toy store? How is mis claus doing? santa I wunt a baby femele chihuahah! I wunt a CD player, a backstreet boys CD, N'sync cD, Thank you very much!

Love,
Ashley Fisher

Dear Santa,

How have you been? Have you been helping the elves at the toy shop? thank you for the apple and a friend named Ali last christmas. I am hoping for a stuffed elephant and a rill dog named dotty from Rhonda Moor and Kristl Moore. I have been very good this year.

Love,
Emily Fiveash

Dear Santa,

How have you been? How is mrs. clus? have you been helping the elves at the toy shop? thank you for the jewelry box and the basketball last christmas. This year I was hoping for a piloet barbe and a bop it. I have been very good this year. I hope you will have a great christmas.

Love,
Kasey Glover

Dear Santa,

How have you and Mrs. clas been? How is rudelph and the rest? Thank you for all the things that you gave me last year. Thak you for the roler skats and the skate board. This year I was hoping for a tiger Hawls and a magatron. Have you been helping the elves at the toy shop. I was hoping you can bring me a drom set. I was hoping for a bike with Trick pedels.

Love,
Chloe Grigg.

Dear Santa,

haw have you been this year? Have you been helping the elves? Thank you for the things form last year. This year I want a remote control motersicle Pokemon trading cards and motersicel computer game.

Love,
Crawford James

Dear Santa,

How have you been? Have you been helping at the toy shop? Thank you for the toy horses last Christmas. I want a computer, purse, tedebear, horses, for this year. I have been very good this year.

Love,
Emilie Jimenez

Dear Santa,

how have you been? how are your elves? I love you verry much and I love the elves. Tank you for the doll and the earrings and the orange and the candy cane. this year i want some earrings and I want a boy dog

Love,
Dannie Angel Murtinez

Dear Santa,

How are you deer doing? I will leave you a coke and cookies. Thank you for the remote control car last year. I've been good this year. My brothers and sissters were good to. i want a drum set. If you can't geti t it's okay I want a new bike to. I want a gocart to.

Love,
Louie Martinez

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. How is it in the north pole? how is miss claus? its it cold out there? For christmas I would like a bitg toy motorcycle I can ride and a deluxe toy.

Love,
Denver Mccollough

Dear Santa,

I am good are you? well i hope you are. how are the elves. are you giveing kids toys? How is miss Santa. I want a Volchron toy. My frineds rilly want a toy.

Love,
Jackson Rowan

Dear Santa,

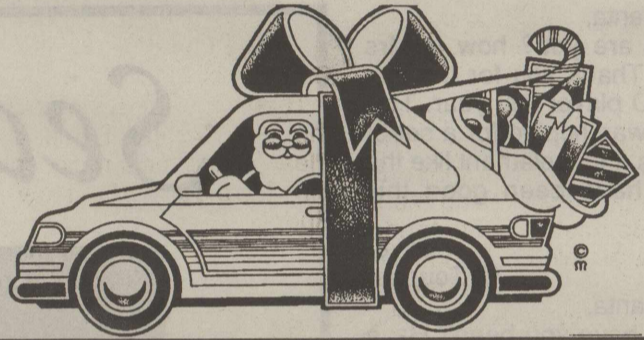
How have you been? I have been good. Is your beard dig? I have been helping my mom and dad. I believe in you alot. I love you Sunta. How is your wuf. I wut a dig trampoline. I wut a new bike. I wut a new puppy dog. A real puppy dog. Please.

Love,
Ashley Royall

Have The Best Christmas On Wheels!

Our thoughts and thanks go with you this season and throughout the year.

THE BEST CONNECTION The Drennan Family



IN THE SPIRIT OF GIVING...

We're extending our very best wishes to you and yours for a holiday filled with good friends and cheer.

We're proud to be a part of this fine community and are grateful for the opportunity to serve you.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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THE HALL FAMILY



Blessings

...for a holiday season filled with happiness and good cheer!

SKINNER'S
Grocery & Station
Jim & Geanette Skinner

Santa,

cont'd.

Dear Santa,
How have you been? have you been helping The elves at the toy shop thank you for the tint and bardie cor last christmas. This year I was hoping for a bardie plan and Kasey cart wheel. I have been very good this year.

Love,
Krista Moore

Dear Santa,
how have you been? How is Rudolph and the rest? Thank you for all the things you gave me last year. Thank you for the rolor skates and the skateboard. This year I was hoping for a tiger hawk and a megatron. Have you been helping the evles at the toy shop. Thank you for the drumset. Thank you for the bike. thank you for the movie.

Love,
Tyler Riney

Dear Santa,
How are you? how is Mrs Clus? Thank you for the lion and CD player last year. This year I was hoping for a set of earrings and a elathant like the lion I have been good this year.

Love,
Ali Tounget

Dear Santa,
How have you been? Have you been helping the elves at the toy shop? Thank you for the bick arehr last christmas. This year I was hoping for a trvo man and a mochin chror nrdr Sich L and a indthingdo 64. I have been very good this year.

Love,
Haydan White

Dear Santa,
How are you raindeer? How is mrs santa? I would like automobile car, a gameboy,bike and a game gangper.

Love,
Kemberly Womack

Yes, Virginia

Editor's Note: The following editorial, among the most famous ever written, appeared in The New York Sun in 1897 and remains appropriate for this holiday season a century later.

by Francis Church Is There a Santa Claus?

We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

Dear Editor!

I am 8 years old.

Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.

Papa says, "If you see it in The Sun it's so." Please tell me the truth: Is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon.

115 West Ninety-Fifth Street.

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can

be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias.

There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal life with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas

Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove?

Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernatural beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real?

Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten

times then thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Legend of The Candy Cane

The Candy Cane, a Gift of Love:

It had to be special to be a gift for the King of Kings, thought the humble candy maker from Indiana. Not just any piece of candy would do. It had to be hard candy because the church is built on solid rock and God's promises are a firm foundation. It would be formed in the shape of the Good Shepherd's staff. A "J" that would also stand for the precious name of Jesus. But it had to say more. White stripes would symbolize the virgin birth and sinless nature of Christ. Three small red stripes would represent the scourging Jesus suffered on his way to the cross. One large red stripe would remind those with the eyes to see and ears to hear of the blood Jesus shed as payment for our sins. It would be a gift of love that would tell His story—the greatest story ever told.

Season's Greetings



We count all our fine customers
among our very special assets!

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Stephen J. Myers
James Clendennen
Wayne McCabe
Peggy Davis
D'Ann Eubanks
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Bonnie Cearley
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Debbie Wilkes
Peggy Davis
Misti Hayes
Loan Dept:
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Happy Holidays!



During this special
time, always remember
He's the reason for the
season.

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1516 Washington
Robert Lee

Reflections of the Past

Brenda Hines typed the following story from an 80 year old Robert Lee Observer dated Nov. 7, 1919. It is about my grandfather John Eddie Roberts from Robert Lee. He left the old railroad depot, as a young man, to serve his country in World War I. He was in the navy and trained in San Pedro, CA. That base is no longer in use. The family has photos taken while on his duties in California, and of early day sites in Alaska, of whales, and sites in the Aleutian Islands, and many letters.

Mr. Roberts only remaining child, Wilma Roberts Scott, resides in Bronte.

S.S. Unalga fights thrilling battle

When the influenza struck Unalaska in the far north wireless calls for aid resulted in the formation of a party of doctors and nurses to bring medical aid and food to the stricken communities. The writer of the following article, Miss Bertha Perry Warden, was one of the nurses of the expedition.

SOS. Never was there a more urgent and hopeless cry for help radioed across space from the far north than that from the flu stricken inhabitants of Unalaska, which was picked up by the U. S. Revenue Cutter Unalga wireless, as she plied her way north, one of Uncle Sam's silent watchers of the coast.

Far north, near the tail end of the 88, "Land that God got" lays the little village of Unalaska, one of the Aleutian groups. Just a narrow strip of coast line, some half mile in length shows all there is of the village, composed of a few modern buildings the remainder being "barasabas" or native huts; the population a few hands full of white, mostly government employees, the rest of the 360 habitants being Aleuts.

Such a peaceful, snug, little community out there on the "edge of the beyond" till one day in early May, like a bolt from the sky, more fearful and overwhelming than an avalanche from their own snow covered mountains

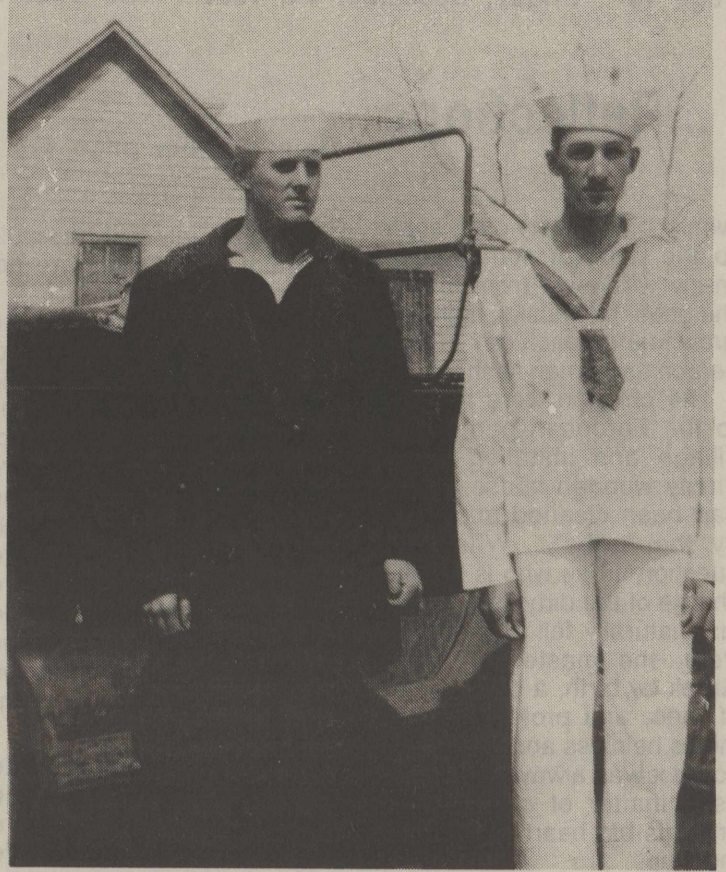
descended upon them the dread plague influenza, with such suddenness that for the first few days they did not realize what had befallen them.

By the third or fourth day more than half the population were stricken and a feeling of helplessness akin to terror settle upon them as they pictured themselves a mere handful of souls alone in the relentless grip of the dreaded foe of the twentieth century.

There they were 2,000 miles from civilization, their only doctor, one of the first flu victims, the few white women too ill in bed to fulfill a woman's mission of ministering angel, the babies and children uncared for. Their loneliness and remoteness increased the sense of disaster as each day brought fresh victims and more deaths.

Uncivilized, dirty in their habits and bodies, underfed from lack of fresh food, the natives offered little resistance to the disease and their plight grew more pitiful every hour.

Urgent indeed was their message for help further north they knew whole villages had to be wiped out by flu for need of skilled aid. No sooner was the



Eddie (left) and Lee Roberts.

message read by the Unalga's Captain Dodge that the engines throbbed out their reply to the order for full speed for Unalaska and across the Bering Sea.

So fraught with treacherous passages and sudden fogs, raced the game little cutter, every man from captain to the cabin boy preparing for the grim fight ahead.

On arrival at Unalaska they found the entire population of some 360 souls stricken with the flu and only very inade-

quate help at hand into the fray, organizing their forces in order to give the maximum aid in the shortest time.

In a very few hours the ship's surgeon had attended the worst cases, established a local hospital, stationed "gobs" at the various houses where the inmates needed nursing and issued orders for the burial of the dead.

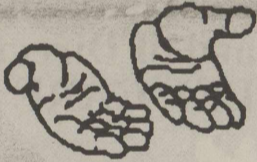
Officers and men alike regardless of rank, working night and day to dispose as soon as possible of the accumulated dead, some very dead, and half eaten by the malamute dogs. Coffins were built, roughly and quickly, and back on the side of a snow clad hill the remains of the flu victims were laid to rest as one of the officers read a simple service at the gravesite.

With the care of the sick well under control the next problem was what to do with the children, many of them orphans and quiet uncared for. A thorough inspection of the barabaras brought to light some 50 kiddies of all ages, down to babies of a few

(cont'd. next page)

Through good and bad, the Christmas Season comes each year with renewed hope. The birth of Jesus was so marvelous and his death on the cross for us so unbelievable, we can't help but renew our faith.

My challenge to you for the new year...



"If you are called to help others, do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies, SO THAT GOD WILL BE GLORIFIED THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR
Coke County Judge
Jackie Walker

What better time to thank all our friends and customers for their valued business in the past year.

Happy Holidays

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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

A Seasonal Greeting to all of our wonderful friends. We want to wish you the very best.

Hometown Hardware
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We will be closed December 25 and January 1st.

A Holiday Wish to One and All!
May you enjoy a glad and glorious Yule.
Thanks for your valued business.

BEN BESSENT CHEVROLET

Glory To
The Newborn
King

Best wishes from all of us.

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...Reflections

(cont'd. from page 17)

weeks old, all very dirty, some to the point of starving and many wild-eyed from fear of the dogs, half husky, half wolf, grown fierce each day in their search for human flesh.

The children were brought to the European part of the village and installed in an empty wooden house, which had been cleaned and aired by the "gobs". When the question arose who is to take charge of the dirty little imps it just naturally fell to the lot of Pete, the master of arms, Greek by birth, a born fighter of men, and protector of all things helpless and small. On board it was always Pete who as a matter of course took unto his big heart the pets of the ship.

So Pete it was to whom fell the responsibilities of caring for the orphans of the "USS UNALGA ORPHANS HOME." With the aid of some "gobs" he took them in turn and bathed and clothed them. Those children who had no clothing were laid flat on the bolt of material and their outline penciled.

The garment was then cut out and sewn together and if not the latest fashion was surely a perfect fit.

When it came to bathing the babies Pete scratched his head and wondered how, finally he decided that the art of bathing the dogs and babies must be the same so taking each howling infant in turn he held it with one hand firmly by the scruff of the neck and scrubbed it down with warm water and soap with the other hand.

When the native women were convalescent enough to walk down to see the children they almost had a relapse on hearing of Pete's nautical bathing performances,

declaring loudly that he would kill them, the natives are not fond of water.

With the sick people and children properly taken care of the next task was the cleaning up the native barabaras. They were built for the most part of earth. Very often they are dugouts on the side of the hill. They are for the most part unspeakably dirty, and alive with vermin, so in cases where inhabitants had all succumbed to the flu the contents of the barabaras were burned as the only sure means of disinfecting them.

When Unalaska was convalescent and the survivors from the flu were getting down to normal life again, the Unalga continued her mission of mercy some 600 miles further up the Alaskan coast, at the entrance of the Nushagat River.

Here they found the natives practically wiped out by the flu and their work was chiefly a matter of inspecting the various native villages along the banks of the river burning the barabaras and burying the dead.

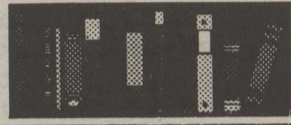
Some of the bodies had been lying there for weeks and many were eaten entirely by the dogs. The dogs had become very savage and it was necessary to send shooting parties ashore to kill them before the burial parties could land. In one barabaras was found a native who had made his own coffin and nailed it to the wall, some six feet from the floor like a bunk in a ship. Evidently when he fell sick he had crawled in there and died for here was his body, found unharmed by the dogs but in advanced state of decay.

As sailors the boys on the

Unalga were heroic, but as flu fighters they were Christ like, for they were fighting a grim foe for which ninety-nine percent of them were not equipped with even the necessary knowledge for self protection.

(Editors Note: Eddie Roberts passed away in 1946.)

SCHOOL MENU



Bronte Public School Breakfast

Monday, Jan. 3
Cereal, Apple Sauce, Pop Tart, Milk

Tuesday, Jan. 4
Sausage, Apple Juice, Pancake, Milk

Wednesday, Jan. 5
French Toast Stix, Mixed Fruit, Blueberry Muffins, Milk

Thursday, Jan. 6
Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns, Toast, Milk

Friday, Jan. 7
Breakfast Burrito, Grape Juice, Biscuit, Milk

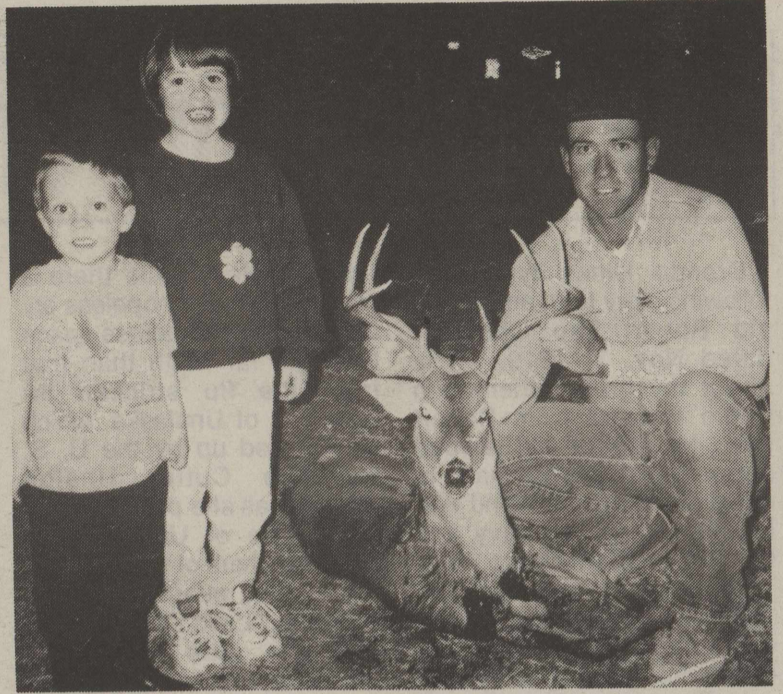
Lunch
Monday, Jan. 3
Chicken Strips w/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Apple Sauce, Rolls, Milk

Tuesday, Jan. 4
Corn Dogs, Macaroni & Cheese, Tator Tots, Sliced Peaches, Blueberry Cake, Milk

Wednesday, Jan. 5
Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Beef & Vegetable Soup, Carrot Sticks, Corn Bread, Jello, Milk

Thursday, Jan. 6
Nachos, Refried Beans, Tossed Salad, Nacho Chips, Pink Panther Cake, Milk

Friday, Jan. 7
Cheese Burgers, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, French Fries, Bun, Sugar Cookies, Milk



Douglas Roberts of Robert Lee took this nice 8 point deer sporting a 16 3/4" spread on the Bobby Roberts Ranch near Robert Lee November 27, 1999. He is shown with his son and daughter, James and Kacey Roberts.

Ho! Ho! Ho!
Merry Christmas
from the
Residents, Employees,
& Board of Directors of the
ROBERT LEE CARE CENTER

*Christmas Blessings
to you and yours.*



Joan Davis



*May the magic of
Christmas stay with
you always.
Happy holiday to all
our friends.*

**Judy & Waldon
Ashlee & Lance
Millican**

Warm Wishes

Hearts are warmed, and spirits revive;
When good friends get together,
Love and peace will abide.
It's Christmas!

**SHAFFER FUNERAL HOME
& MONUMENT CO.**



Cora Allen (from left), Velma Smith, Ruth Brown, Brookie Bozarth, and Hank Baker were the Robert Lee Care Center residents honored at the November Birthday Party, sponsored by the 64 Study Club.

West Texas Tumbleweed Christmas

by Irma Torres Almager, Midland

(Article taken from A Texas Christmas)

As migrants, my family spent holidays in different parts of the state. We traveled around the areas of West Texas following the harvest, so we would usually end up in cotton country for Christmas, always a joyful time for my family.

The connections my father had with the cotton gin owner helped our family of eight take residence in an office building that was too old to use anymore. Somehow, my mother made it a home. It was in this old office building, made out of tin, that we spent one of my most memorable Christmases.

That Christmas I was seven, and my father, as a result of a terrible ginning accident, had been hospitalized for what seemed like an eternity to us kids. With my father in the hospital, we had to be very conservative. Christmas was near and worries of Santa Claus not coming were abundant. Because basic needs always took precedence over holidays, my mother found

ways to compensate for what she could not buy. This year was special to me because she chose me to help her locate a Christmas tree.

The empty field across the street from our residence was filled with hundreds of cotton trailers all lined up in rows. We went out and chose the best tumbleweed out of the hundreds that were trapped under the cotton trailers. Mom made choosing one a very special occasion. Once chosen, the tumbleweed was trimmed, cleaned, and taken inside. My mother's fingers bled from the cuts she got while trimming our tree. Then, we watched her decorate it. The next morning our special tumbleweed tree stood on a small table sparkling beautifully. There were no gifts to accompany the tree, but just having it made the day

extremely special. Because my dad was ill, it was my mom, my five brothers and sisters and I against the cruelty that life sometimes brings. In my mind, at age seven, we overcame that cruelty together, as a family.

Hotline established to answer children's insurance questions

State Representative Robert Junell (D-San Angelo) reports that the Texas Health and Human Services Commission has established a toll-free hotline to accept inquiries about the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and other insurance options for children.

By calling the hotline, families of uninsured children can access information about health coverage through Medicaid and the Texas

Healthy Kids Corporation. They can also leave their name and address so that a joint application for CHIP, Texas Healthy Kids and Medicaid can be mailed to them as soon as it becomes available.

"Getting information about access to quality health insurance out to parents of uninsured children in our area is vital," Junell said, "and the hotline provides a centralized place for them to get information about all of the options which may be available."

Representative Junell helped spearhead the effort to enact CHIP legislation which provides health insurance to children of working parents who earn too little to afford the cost of private health insurance. The program is expected to be fully operational by May 1, 2000.

"There are so many children

falling through the cracks when it comes to health insurance and the CHIP helps to fill this gap and provide them the quality health care services they need and deserve," said Junell.

The number for the toll-free hotline is 800-647-6558. Rep. Junell encourages families to call the hotline with any questions they may have.

EMS elect officers

The EMS recently elected officers for January 1, 2000.

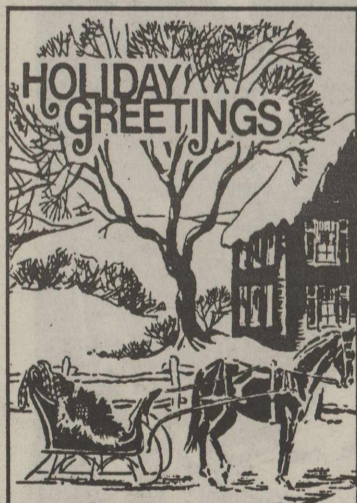
President Director is Mary Bessent, Vice President is Dennis Ross, Secretary Treasurer is Jeanette Jacobe, Liaison is Johnny Elam, Service Representatives are Joan Burns and Kathy Underwood.

The EMS has a new board member. It is Jim Reeves. Welcome to the board.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

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!

COKE COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE
Stover, Jerita, & Sheryl



To all our
Coke County
Friends
**BLOODWORTH
HEREFORDS**
Allen & Frances
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Glad Tidings

With many good wishes for the Holidays and the coming New Year. We enjoy doing business with you.

Bell Auto Body Shop
453-2640
Doug, Jason, Daryl, & Families

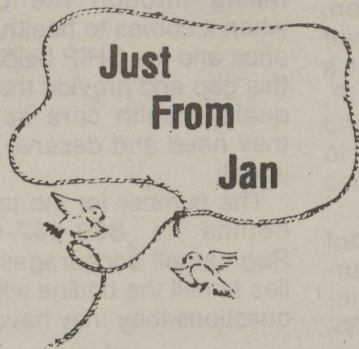
HOLIDAY GREETINGS

We're delighted to have you as our customers. May your holidays be filled with all the Season's joys.

KEY FEED STORE

Joe David, Teri,
Jessica, Jason & Sarah
David & Alene

We will be closed Friday, December 24,
Saturday, December 25, & Saturday,
January 1, 2000.



by Jan Yanez
Coke County
Ext. Agent

Make Holiday time a safe time

With lots of cooking and entertaining at holiday time, it's easy to get caught up in the excitement and to overlook some basic safety precautions. Even cooks with decades of experience are susceptible to kitchen mishaps.

A safe kitchen begins with a clean, clutter-free environment. If things are put away in their proper place, there is less chance of accidents. Cuts and burns are just two of the possible injuries. Others include slips, sprains, falls, strains, bruises, electric shock and poisonings.

Fire and hot utensils are the most obvious dangers. The basic rule for stove safety is never leave cooking unattended. Turn pot handles so they do not hang over the front of the stove where they can be bumped or pulled down by a curious child. When lifting a pot lid, tilt it so it directs the steam away from face and hands. Use dry potholders to remove hot dishes from the oven or stove.

Oil and grease present special hazards. Water and hot oil do not mix; instead, they create dangerous splatters. Food should be free of water and ice when it's lowered gently into hot oil. Grease that is smoking is too hot. Smoke indicates that the grease can easily ignite. If a grease fire starts, never try to put it out with water. Extinguish it by turning off the burner and sliding a lid over the pan or using a dry-chemical fire extinguisher.

When cooking, wear short or roll-up sleeves, rather than loose, flowing garments. If clothing does catch fire, drop to the floor and roll back and forth to smother the flame. If the burns are severe, call for medical help. If minor, rinse with cool water for at least five minutes. Never treat a burn with grease, butter or ointment. They will trap the heat and make the injury worse.

Knives are another kitchen hazard. Knives should be kept sharp, as a dull knife requires extra pressure, which increases the possibility that the blade, hand or cutting board will slip. Use knives only for cutting and not for tasks like chopping ice or prying open a container. Never soak a dirty knife in the sink - feeling around for a knife in soapy water is courting an accident. Wash, dry and put knives away immediately after use. When not in use, knives should be stored in a special slotted rack or wood block or in a separate drawer with blades pointing to the rear.

Even the general kitchen

piece of equipment in every kitchen. Store it where it is easily and quickly accessible.

Childproof the kitchen. Children are curious all year long, but at holiday time they are more excited than usual...and the adults around them are more distracted than usual. If there are small children underfoot, it's particularly important to childproof the kitchen.

Keep things inaccessible. This means to use door locks on cabinets containing medicines, cleaning supplies, lighter fluid and pesticides; tightly close garbage to keep children out; and install gates at entrances to kitchens with steps. Stove shields, which detach easily for cooking, prevent children's access to burner and oven controls. These control knobs can also be removed when not in use.

Install childproof plugs in unused electrical outlets and cover the garbage disposal switch with a dome-type outlet plate. Most important of all: never leave a child unattended in the kitchen.

environment can be hazardous. A cabinet door left open can result in a bumped head. Worn flooring or food spills left on the floor increase the chance of slipping. Frayed extension and appliance cords increase the chance of shock or fire. Poor lighting means poor visibility, which increases the possibility of an accident. Check all these things carefully.

Test smoke detectors regularly. Many people find it easier to remember to do this at the same time they change their clocks. Keep a first aid kit handy. A fire extinguisher that is capable of putting out both grease and electrical fires should be an essential



Michelle Dunn (left) and Brenda Williams recently graduated from American Commercial College in San Angelo. Pictured with them is Michelle's son, Shelby Davis (bottom center).

Mother and Daughter graduate from A.C.C.

Brenda Williams and Michelle Garrett Dunn received their diplomas from American Commercial College

on November 23, 1999.

Brenda received her diploma as a Medical Record Transcriptionist and Michelle received her diploma as a Computerized Administrative Assistant.

Their family is very proud of them both.

Magic and Merriment

Wishing you a memorable and merry Christmas. Thanks for the opportunity to know and serve you.

**COKE COUNTY
ABSTRACT COMPANY**

Mike, Kathy, April, James & Betty

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Dear New & Old Friends,
We're not mailing Christmas greetings this year.
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Wilson Bryan Family




Robert Lee 4th grader Chase Roe decorates a Robert Lee Care Center resident's door when the RLES 4th and 5th grade classes, in conjunction with AON Service Club, spread Christmas cheer during a recent visit.



This gorgeous poinsettia, belonging to Dora Gallaway of Bronte, is rare in that this is the second year for it to bloom.

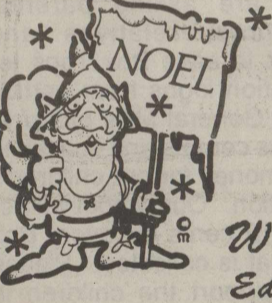


Robert Lee Elementary School 4th and 5th graders visit with Alta Bilbo during their visit to the Robert Lee Care Center recently.



May the
Good News of the
Christmas Season
abide with you
now and throughout
the coming year.

John & Pat Stephens



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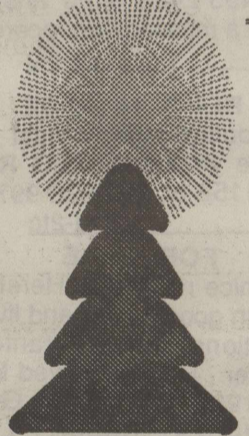
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Kinsey**



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OUR FAMILY WOULD
like to express our heartfelt
appreciation to the whole
community for all the acts of
kindness shown during the
sickness and loss of our
mother, Ruby Jackson. We
sincerely thank the staff of the
Robert Lee Care Center for
their unselfish caring of
mother, to Shaffer Funeral
Home for such caring
services, to Robert Lee
Baptist Church for the meal
and church facilities. Such
love was shown to our family
through prayers, food, cards,
flowers, calls, and just loving
friendship. We thank you.

Betty Taft
Janie & Oscar Fanning
Sarah & Bob Green
22-1tp

THANKS, SANTA.
Charlie Belle Bagwell
22b-1tc

NOTICES

ORDINANCE #326
An Ordinance amending
ordinance #177 by changing
the direction of stop signs
located at a certain
intersection.

Be it ordained by the City
Council of Bronte, Texas, that
Section 8, Schedule I of
Ordinance #177 is amended
by changing the direction of
STOP signs thereto the
following intersection:

FROM:
S. E. Railroad at West Holmes,
Facing North & South

TO:
S. E. Railroad at West Holmes,
Facing East & West
Because of the emergency
nature of said Ordinance, said
matter was passed at the first
reading.

**PASSED AND APPROVED
THIS 6TH DAY OF
DECEMBER, 1999.**

APPROVED: Martin Lee
Mayor

ATTEST: Pat Martindale
City Secretary
22b-1tc

**Science Spectrum
set for April and May**

This year, Robert Lee
Elementary is offering a
unique experience for their
students. In April and May,
the school will be bringing the
Science Spectrum of
Lubbock, Texas on campus
for four fantastic days of
science exploration. The
Spectrum is a non-profit
organization which offers sci-
entific out-reach programs
that can be brought directly
on school campuses. Because
of our location, it is some-
times hard to find a variety
of field trips that are both
educational and entertaining.
The Science Spectrum fills
both of these requirements.
The school thought this
would be a marvelous ending
for the school year and a
great reward for hard work
done on TAAS.

The Spectrum offers four
types of programs covering
three areas of science:
biology, meteorology, and
astronomy. In "Insects
Incorporated" and "Reptiles
and Amphibians", living
specimens from all over the
world are brought directly
into the classroom. "Thunder
and Lightning" is a hands-on
exploration of the weather
and atmospheric conditions

surrounding us. Finally, the
"Space Bubble" is a portable
planetarium that has been to
over sixty schools educating
more than 30,000 students.
It has three sub-programs
which cover Native and Greek
celestial myths about our
nights skies and presents a
tour of our solar system.

As a lesson on economics
and goal setting, the student
body of the elementary is
raising the funds for these
programs themselves. At this
time they have collected over
\$300 in a penny drive. We
would like to remind family
members to remember our
drive everytime they clean
out their pockets or purses.
Help the kids by sending the
loose change to school with
the children.

Also, we would like to invite
the businesses of Robert Lee
to become sponsors and help
the students reach their goal.
The students have worked
very hard and have done a
great job. Even so, a little
help could go a long way.
We are not asking for a set
amount; any size donation
would be appreciated.

The students are looking
forward to this experience,
and we know each parent
would like to make it possible.
Please contact Janet Wallace
or Celeste Service at the
school if you have any
questions, and would like
more information, or would
like to become a sponsor.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,
This year, our school is
participating in a fund-raiser
that our entire community
can get involved with -
without a great deal of
effort. It's called Box
Tops for Education and it's
sponsored by General Mills.
The program helps schools
raise money to purchase
items not covered by
shrinking school budgets.

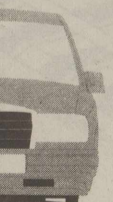
We are asking parents,
neighbors, relatives and
friends to save Box Tops
for Education logos from
participating General Mills
products such as cereals and
snacks to raise money for
our children's education.
Our school will receive 10
cents for every Box Top
that is collected. Please
help support the children
in our community by
bringing your Box Tops to
the elementary office.
Thank you!

Sincerely,
Jacque Herold

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COUNTRY AGENTS
NEWS

by Tommy Antilley
Coke County Agent

How to care for poinsettias at home Location and temperature.

The poinsettia thrives on indirect, natural daylight, and exposure to at least six hours daily is recommended. If direct sun cannot be avoided, diffuse with a light shade or sheer curtain. To prolong the bright color of the poinsettia bracts, daytime temperatures should not exceed 70 degrees Fahrenheit. Avoid placing the plants near drafts, excess heat, or the dry air from appliances, fireplaces, or ventilating ducts.

Water and Fertilizer.

Poinsettias require moderately moist soil. Water the plants thoroughly when the soil surface feels dry to the touch. Remove the plant from decorative pots or covers, and water enough to completely saturate the soil. Do not allow the poinsettia to sit in any standing water, root rot could result which could kill the plant. It is not necessary to fertilize the poinsettia when it is in bloom.

Outside Placement.

Since poinsettias are sensitive to cold weather, frost, and rain, outside placement during the winter months should be avoided. However, in mild climates, an enclosed patio or entry way may be suitable, provided the night temperatures do not drop below 55 degrees Fahrenheit. Make certain the delicate bracts are well protected from wind and cold rain.

After the Holidays.

Keep the plants in indirect sun and water regularly. Place your plants outdoors, where they can bask in the warmth of spring and summer, after outside night temperatures average 55 degrees Fahrenheit or above. When the bracts age and lose their aesthetic appeal, usually by late March or early April, cut the poinsettia back to about eight inches in height. By the end of May you should see vigorous new growth. Continue regular watering during the growth period. Fertilize every 2 to 3 weeks throughout the spring, summer, and fall months with a well-balanced, complete fertilizer. Around June 1, you may transplant your poinsettias into larger pots. Select pots no more than four inches larger than the original inner pot. A soil mix with a consid-

erable amount of organic matter, such as peat moss or leaf mold, is highly recommended. If you wish, you may transplant the poinsettias into a well-prepared garden bed. Be sure the planting bed is rich in organic matter and has good drainage. Pruning may be required during the summer to keep plants bushy and compact. Do not prune after September 1.

Re-flowering.

The poinsettia is a photo periodic plant, meaning that it sets bud and produces flowers as the autumn nights lengthen. The plants will naturally come into full bloom during November or December, depending upon the flowering response-time of the individual cultivar. Timing the bloom to coincide closely with the Christmas

holiday can be difficult without the controlled environment of a greenhouse. Stray light of any kind, such as from outside street lights or household lamps, could delay or entirely halt the re-flowering process.

Starting October 1, the plants must be kept in complete darkness for 14 continuous hours each night. Accomplish this by moving the plants to a totally dark room, or by covering them with a large box overnight. During October, November, and early December, the plants require 6 to 8 hours of bright sunlight daily, with nighttime temperatures between 60 and 70 degrees Fahrenheit. Temperatures outside this range may delay flowering. Continue the normal watering and fertilizer program.

Following this regime for 8 to 10 weeks should result in a colorful display of blooms for the holiday season.

Web Watch

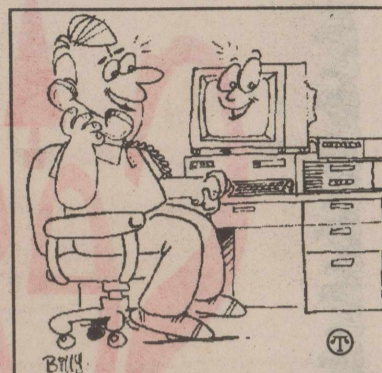
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To find out about certified automotive professionals, visit the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence web site at www.ascert.org.

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Wishing all my children a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May your Christmas be blessed with peace and happiness and your New Year filled with prosperity. Let us all remember why we have Christmas and thank Him for the many blessings he has given us. May God bless you and be a part of your life now and throughout the New Year.

I love you all.
Mother, Grandmother & GG,
(Eura Royall)

May health, happiness and success be abundantly yours and may good friends always surround you.

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Season's Greetings

Wishing all our good friends a holiday filled with love and laughter, mirth and warmth.

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Chris, Katy, Scott, Suzy, and Heidi

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Tidings Of Comfort And Joy

Merry Christmas and happy holidays from the whole flock!

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Here's wishing you a holiday decorated in love and laughter! Enjoy it all!

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Seasons Greetings



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