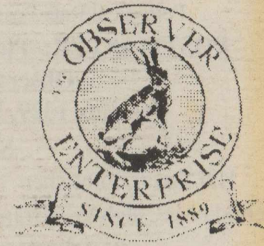


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## Restless Heart to help the West Texas Rehabilitation Center

Citizens of Robert Lee and Bronte and the popular musical group Restless Heart have something special in common: They will all have circled January 19 as the date they'll help West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Bronte residents will have a mail campaign or they can contact Pat Martindale to make a donation. Robert Lee will also have a mail campaign and the '64 Study Club will be taking and making calls at Ivey Motors on January 19, asking residents to make donations to Rehab Telethon 2008. "We hope our phones will ring non-stop during the telethon," said Ava Lou Davis, Robert Lee phone bank coordinator "because the Rehab Center makes such a difference every day in the lives of so many Coke County area residents."

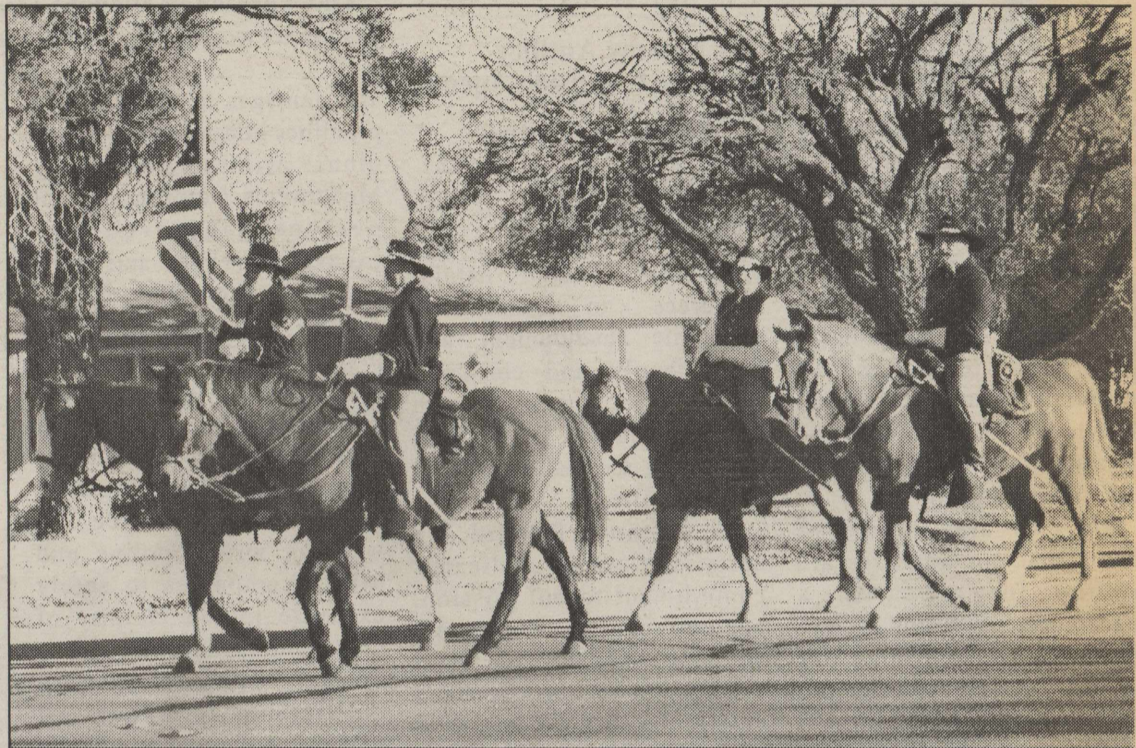
Restless Heart members will be singing on stage at the Abilene Civic Center during Rehab's 38th annual telethon and will be carried live on 10 television stations across Texas and can be viewed on satellite at Galaxy 24/14c.

In addition to entertainment, the telethon features an auction of more than 400 items ranging from

furniture to travel and agriculture items to electronic equipment, which have been donated by businesses and individuals. Items can be seen and bids placed from now until midnight on January 19 in the San Angelo Standard Times.

Joining Restless Heart on stage during Rehab 2008 will be telethon hosts Charlie Chase and Red Steagall, as well as entertainers Bill and Susan Hayes, Anacani, Brad Maule, Twyla Foreman and the Rehab 2008 Orchestra. Other "stars" of the telethon are three businesses which have made significant commitments to help defray production costs: Area-Wide Phone Book, NTS Communications and American Airlines/American Eagle.

"We have a great show in store for viewers and hope Rehab friends across the state will enjoy it, have fun bidding on great auction items and, of course, pick up the phone and make a pledge to help us provide top-quality outpatient physical rehabilitation care to more than 23,000 children and adults who'll enter our doors in 2008," said West Texas Rehabilitation



**Christmas Parade!** Members of the Fort Chadbourne Cavalry helped the community of Bronte celebrate the Christmas holiday during the Christmas parade on Thursday, December 20.

Center president Woody Gilliland.

### Reservations for County Rec Halls in process

The Coke County Judge's Office began the process of renting the Large Recreation Hall Buildings and Senior Citizen Buildings and Pavilions in Robert Lee and Bronte on Wednesday, January 2, 2008, at 7 am, in the Judge's office in the Coke County Courthouse. If you have any questions, please

call Lorrie Martin or Roy Blair at 325-453-2641.

**Windbreak Seedlings available**  
Seedlings for conservation windbreaks are available through the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District. Order your seedlings now through Monday, January 28, 2008. Delivery is set for February 7, 2008.

For more information and availability, contact the SWCD office at 453-2623, ext. 3 or come by 214 E. 7th Street in Robert Lee.

### Red Hat Meeting set for Monday

The bird has been eaten. The gifts are all gone. The ornaments are boxed and the tree has been thrown. 2008 arrived with a "bang" and La Salsa is expecting the "Red Hat Gang". Meeting date is Monday, January 7, at 11 am in Bronte at La Salsa. Come with an appetite and a joke, poem, tongue twister, song, dance or other type of entertainment.

Bring a friend to share in the fun.

### Coke County dance slated

Come and help start the year out right! The monthly dance for Coke County will be held from 7 pm to 10 pm, Tuesday,

January 8, at the Robert Lee Rec Hall. Everyone is invited to take this opportunity for some fun.

There is a break from dancing around 8 pm for a little snacking. After the good finger foods, it will be time to get out and dance once again, and burn off some of those calories.

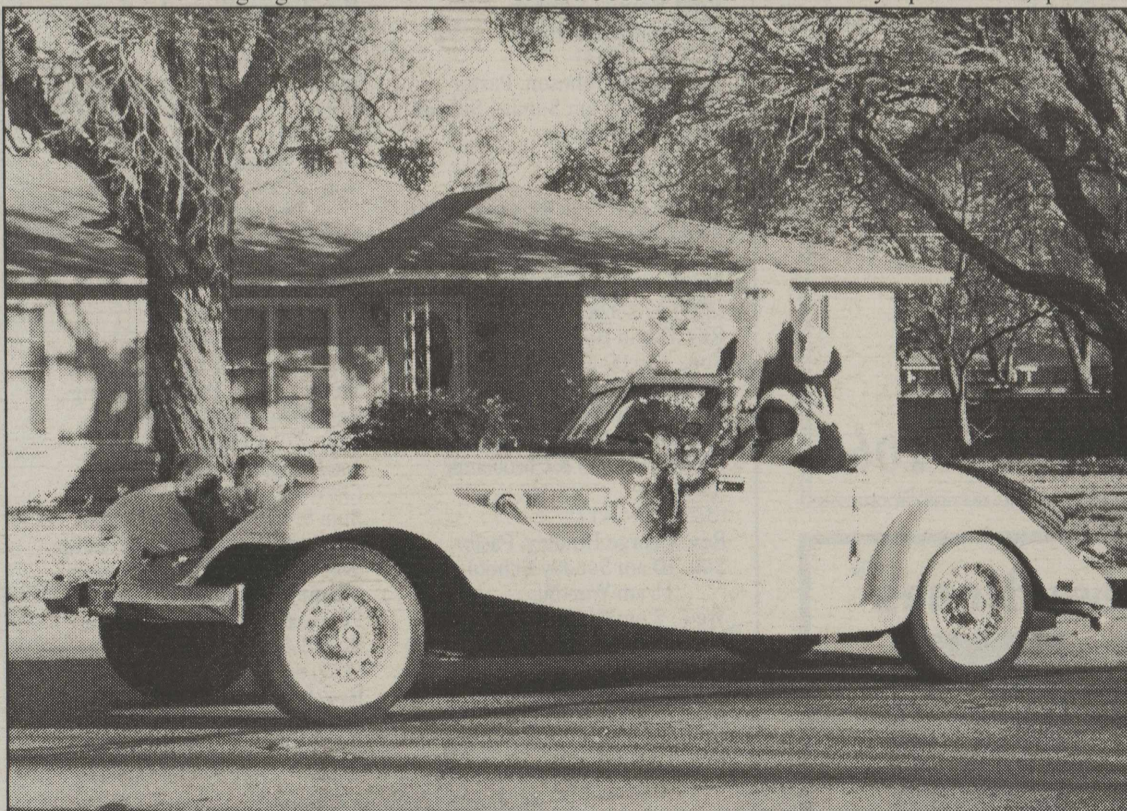
The turnouts have been fairly good, but it would be nice to have a few more pairs and/or spares to make it a really fun evening. It is a great time for a little socializing, a little snacking, and a lot of dancing!

### Sid and Bernice Evans Scholarship to be awarded

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

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

Applications must be returned to the City Hall by January 11, 2008. The Scholarship recipient will be announced on January 16.



**Santa & Mrs. Claus!** Santa and Mrs. Claus ride in style during the Bronte Community Christmas Parade on Thursday, December 20. After the parade, local children were invited to visit with Santa and fill him in on what they wanted for Christmas. To see some of the children Santa spoke with, see page 8 of this issue of the Observer/Enterprise.

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**COUNTRY AGENTS  
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By Tommy Antilley  
Cooperative Extension Agent

**New Family Brand to Identify Texas  
Cooperative Extension and Texas  
Agricultural Experiment Station**

Within the Texas A&M University System, Texas Cooperative Extension has a close and long-standing partnership for research and knowledge transfer with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

Now, we are excited to report that our agencies are moving forward with a shared family brand and a new vision for building our capacity to serve the people of Texas and beyond.

Effective January 1, 2008, our respective agency names will be Texas AgriLife Extension Service (<http://agrilifeextension.tamu.edu/>) and Texas AgriLife Research (<http://agriliferesearch.tamu.edu/>).

With this re-branding, we look forward to gaining broader recognition and understanding of our work. These agency names, unified by the AgriLife brand, will enable us to better communicate the life-sustaining and life-changing impacts that both Extension and the Experiment Station deliver.

We in Extension feel privileged and grateful to have your support and recognition of our educational programs, their impacts, and the role of Extension educators. In the past, we have done a great job of promoting individual Extension programs and services, as well as partnering with you and others. However, focusing on programs alone without tying them to the underwriting agency produced a detrimental effect--fragmentation of the Extension brand and the collective impact that our agency has across the state and nation.

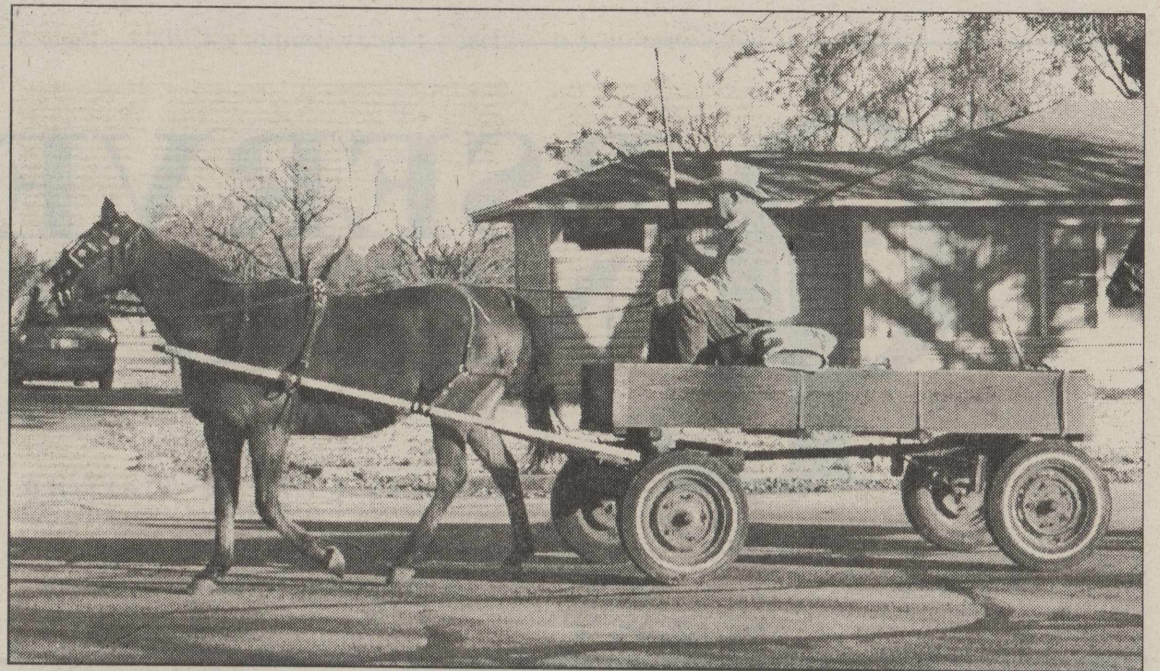
The name Texas AgriLife Extension Service will be recognizable to those who still think of us simply as the "Extension Service." The term AgriLife encompasses the breadth of Extension programming, from

agriculture and natural resources to community economic development, and from family and consumer sciences to youth development--all areas pertaining to vital aspects of everyday life.

As we move forward, we carry the same dedicated commitment to our mission, our partners, and the people we serve. And we carry great confidence in our improved ability to secure external resources that increase our capacity to work with you, enhance the impacts of our programs, and advance the prosperity of Texans through needed research and Extension education.

**Pipeline Group  
to hold Public  
Education -  
Contractor  
Awareness Program**

The Pipeline Group's annual "Public Education - Contractor Awareness Program" will be held at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, January 22, 2008, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 3636 N. Bryant Boulevard, in San Angelo, Texas. The program will be sponsored by a group of companies with a common goal of preventing accidents



**Old Fashioned Wagon!** Harold McCutchen, of Bronte, hitched his horse up to his old fashioned wagon as a part of the Bronte Christmas parade on Thursday, December 20.

and damages to underground pipelines and utilities. A free dinner will be catered by McGowen's Catering for all persons involved in excavation related activities. Following the dinner, a brief safety program will be presented which stresses the importance of accident prevention by identifying pipeline and utility rights of way, use of one-call systems, and the importance of working with pipeline and utility companies to safely excavate in the vicinity of underground facilities. The Texas law requiring notification to a one-call system before excavating will be discussed. Sponsors will provide promotional materials; including notification information for their companies, safety related brochures and other safety reminders.

Each year many lives are injured or lost, plus millions of dollars in repairs and lost products are incurred due to "third party" incidents - someone digging into a pipeline. Thousands of communications, some life-threatening, may be disrupted when expensive fiber-optic cables are damaged or severed. These types of excavation can be financially devastating to the responsible party. This safety program is an attempt to help those who do excavation

work to avoid such situations.

For more information call (800) 982-8752 or visit our web site at [www.pipelinegroup.com](http://www.pipelinegroup.com).

**Fall Graduates  
Announced for  
Angelo State  
University**

Angelo State University conferred degrees upon 317 students during 2007 Fall commencement exercises December 15 in San Angelo, Texas.

Areas of undergraduate academic study at ASU lead to the following degrees: Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.), Bachelor of Science (B.S.),

Bachelor of Science Nursing (B.S.N.), Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.), and Associate in Applied Science in Nursing (A.A.S.N.).

The following graduate degrees are offered: Master of Arts (M.A.), Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.), Master of Education (M.Ed.), Master of Physical Therapy (M.P.T.), Master of Professional Accountancy (M.P.Ac.), Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.), Master of Science (M.S.), and Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.).

The 2007 Fall graduates include the following from the Bronte area: Cory G. Robinson, M.A. and Jon D. Thompson, B.I.S.

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Invite You to Worship**

**Bronte Church of Christ**  
PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson • Bronte  
(325) 473-3291  
Preacher John V. Driggers  
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

**Central Baptist Church**  
324 S. Franklin • Bronte  
(325) 473-4811

Dale Patterson, Pastor  
Sun. 10 am Sunday School  
11 am & 6 pm Worship  
Wed. 6 pm

**Emmanuel Pentecostal**  
PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy  
Robert Lee  
(325) 453-2360

Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor  
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

**First Baptist Church**  
424 S. Washington • Bronte  
(325) 473-2331

Bro. Morris Johnson, Pastor  
Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,  
10:55 am Worship,  
6 pm Youth  
and Worship  
Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting

**First United Methodist Church**  
Corner of Washington & Holmes  
Bronte  
(325) 473-3281

Rev. David Bailey, Pastor  
Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship  
5:00 Youth

**First United Methodist Church**  
PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne  
Robert Lee  
(325) 453-2417

Rev. George Bradley, Pastor  
Sun. 10 am Sunday School  
11 am Worship  
Wed. 7 pm Choir

**Iglesia Bautista Bethel**  
101 Houston • Robert Lee  
(325) 453-5003 • 453-2296

Pastor: Basilio Esquivel  
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& 6 pm, Wednesday 7 pm

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

**Southside Church of Christ**  
PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston  
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Frank J. Daniels, Preacher  
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
11 am & 6 pm, Worship  
Wed. 7 pm, Worship

**Northside Church of Christ**  
PO Box 508 • 9th & Chadbourne  
Robert Lee  
(325) 655-9784 or 453-2685

Portis Ribble, Minister  
Services: Sun. 10 am & 1:30 pm;  
Wed. 6 pm

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church**  
601 W. 10th, Robert Lee  
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Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor  
Sat. 6 pm  
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PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of  
Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy  
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Jim Dominey, Pastor  
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
11 am & 7 pm, Worship

**Robert Lee Baptist Church**  
PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th  
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Jason Martin, Pastor  
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
11 am & 6 pm, Worship  
Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

**Tennyson Baptist Church**  
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Joe Hodges, Pastor  
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Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

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Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

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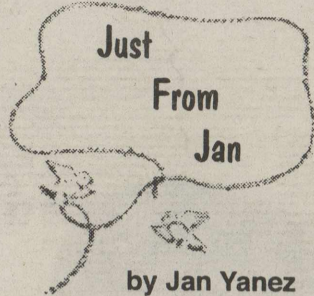
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by Jan Yanez  
Cooperative  
Extension Agent

**Healthy January Reminders**

Amidst the hustle and bustle of the holidays, it is important to slow down and think about healthy choices we want to continue making or start making in the New Year. Not only can our New Year's resolutions include important daily goals such as improved diet and exercise, they can also include making sure we are receiving our yearly checkups and exams.

Taking part in regular physical activity is one of the greatest things you can do for your health. Set a goal to engage in moderate-intensity physical activity for at least 30 minutes a day, at least five days a week. Moderate-intensity exercise means that breathing is heavier than normal, but you do not have to be sprinting, you can be briskly walking. This is the minimum recommendation from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, but exercising longer can produce even greater benefits. Are your children getting enough exercise? The American Cancer Society recommends that children and adolescents participate in moderate to vigorous physical activity at least 60 minutes a day, at least five days a week. Encourage children to spend less time in front of a television or computer screen and more time playing outside or participating in sports.

There are other small things we can do every day to protect our health. Make the choice to wear a moisturizer with sunscreen every single day to protect your skin from harmful UV rays. While it is easy to remember to wear sunscreen on a hot summer day when going to the pool, it is also important to protect your skin with an SPF of 15 or greater when outside, even in the winter months. Maintaining good oral health is also another way to maintain good overall health. Recently, an increasing amount of evidence has been found that connects oral bacteria with stroke, diabetes, and preterm delivery. So, you will be getting more than a healthy looking smile by taking a few minutes each day to practice good oral hygiene. Good oral hygiene includes brushing your teeth thoroughly twice a day with a fluoride-containing toothpaste and flossing daily. With the turn of the New Year, it is also time to make sure you have been staying



**First Buck!** Shiloh Hughes, an eight year old student at Grape Creek, shot his first buck, an eight point, on the March Ranch in Coke County. He is the son of Dant and Bobbie Hughes and the grandson of Dave and Betty Hughes of Robert Lee.

up to date on all of your doctor visits. Trips to your dentist are a vital part of good oral health. The number of times you need to see a dentist each year often varies from person to person based on the recommendation of their dentist. Some people with no problems can get away with having a dental exam only once a year, while people with more complications may need to see a dentist more than the typical two times a year.

When was the last time you went to the doctor for a wellness check when you weren't sick? Depending on your age and gender, there are screening tests that are recommended by your doctor to keep you healthy. Screening tests are a valuable tool because they can help catch a disease in its earlier stages, before it becomes life threatening. Talk to your doctor about which tests are right for you. Both men and women will need to have their BMI (body mass index) checked to make sure they are not over-

weight. Everyone's blood pressure should be checked every two years. Cholesterol levels should be checked every year starting at the age of 35, or earlier for people with other risk factors for high cholesterol. Screening for colorectal cancer should be done at the age of 50 and be repeated every five or ten years depending on the test used.

All women should begin getting a pap test to screen for cervical cancer beginning at the age of 21, or three years after the beginning of intercourse, whichever comes first. Screening should be done every year; depending on your age and results of past tests, your doctor may decide you can be screened less frequently. As part of breast cancer prevention and early detection, all women should be aware of their breasts and be able to quickly report any changes they may notice to their health care provider.

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# ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

## Robert Lee High School Basketball Schedule

November 27	Winters	Here	4:00	JV & V Girls & Boys
Nov. 29-Dec. 1	Irion Co. Tourney	There	TBA	V Girls & Boys
December 1	RL JV Tourney	Here	TBA	JV Girls & Boys
December 4	Miles	There	4:00	JV & V Girls & Boys
December 6-8	Miles Tourney	There	TBA	V Girls & Boys
December 6 & 8	Sterling City JV Tourn.	There	TBA	JV Girls & Boys
December 11	Paint Rock	Here	5:00	JV Boys, V Girls & Boys
December 14	Westbrook	Here	4:00	JV & V Girls & Boys
December 18	Roby	There	4:00	JV & V Girls & Boys
December 27-29	Sterling City Tourn.	There	TBA	V Girls & Boys
January 3	Winters	There	6:00	JV & V Boys
* January 4	Water Valley	Here	6:00	JV & V Girls
January 5	Bronte JV Tourn.	There	TBA	JV Girls & Boys
* January 8	Sterling City	There	4:00	JV & V Girls & Boys
* January 11	Garden City	Here	4:00	JV & V Girls & Boys
* January 15	Blackwell	There	6:30	V Girls & Boys
* January 17	Bronte	Here	4:00	JV & V Girls & Boys
* January 22	Water Valley	There	4:00	JV & V Girls & Boys
* January 25	Sterling City	Here	4:00	JV & V Girls & Boys
* January 29	Garden City	There	4:00	JV & V Girls & Boys
* February 1	Blackwell	Here	6:30	V Girls & Boys
* February 5	Bronte	There	5:00	JV & V Girls & Boys
* February 8	Water Valley	Here	6:00	JV & V Boys

\* Denotes District Games

## Ford Motor Company, with Ivey Motor Co., Inc., continues \$1 Million Commitment to FFA

Billy Wayne Roe announced recently that Ivey Motor Co., Inc., would join Ford Motor Company in their ongoing commitment of \$1 million in annual support to the National FFA Foundation (formerly known as the

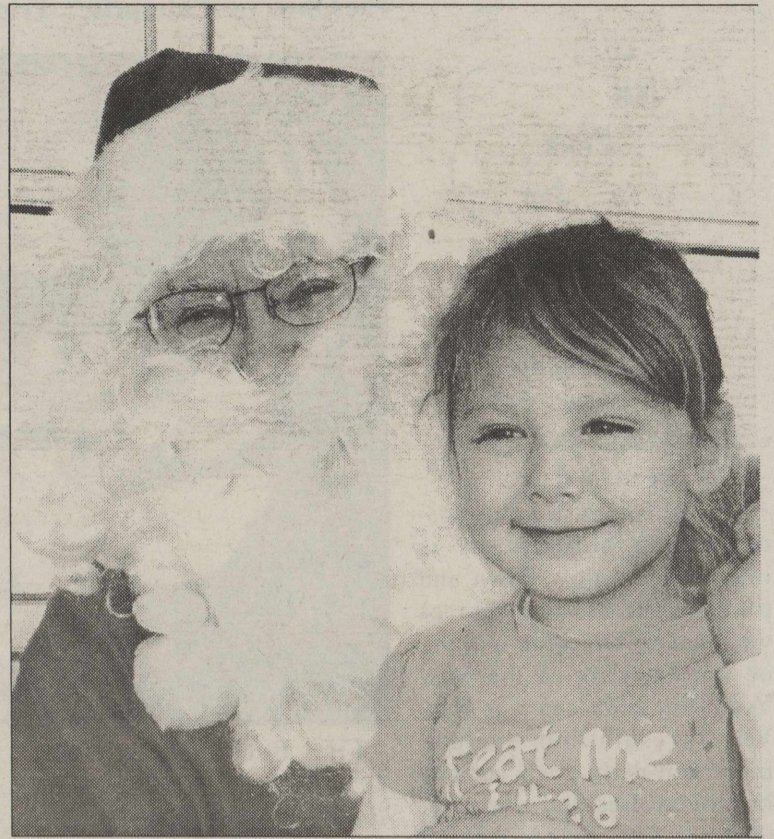
Future Farmers of America). In 2008, Ford Motor Company will provide substantial support for the 81st National FFA Convention in Indianapolis and the FFA Washington Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. In addition, Ford has committed to an eleventh year of the Built Ford Tough collegiate scholarship program, which will award up to 700 FFA members with a \$1,000 college scholarship, each co-sponsored by Ford Dealers like Ivey Motor Co., Inc.

Ford has supported the National FFA Foundation since the first F-Series truck was introduced in 1948, and has sponsored the Built Ford Tough collegiate scholarship program since 1997. The program, equally funded by Ford Motor Company and Ford dealers, has

awarded more than \$4 million in scholarships to over 3,650 FFA members.

Ivey Motor Co., Inc. is sponsoring the Built Ford Tough college scholarship program for Bronte High School, Robert Lee High School, and Sterling City High School and has been a proud supporter for 6 years. For the 2007-08 school year, they are helping 3 local student(s) attend the college of their choice.

FFA members must take their scholarship applications to Ivey Motor Co., Inc. for the dealer signature and the official dealer code to be included in the scholarship search. The applications are then sent to the National FFA for final judging and selection. As a result, the FFA members get to personally meet and thank the dealer that could possibly help fund their college



education.

"We're pleased to be able to support the local FFA, as well as Ford Motor Company's support of the National FFA Foundation," says Billy Wayne Roe. "All of the FFA scholars we have sponsored have told us how grateful they are for the support, and how the FFA experience has changed their lives."

Ford's long-standing support of the FFA has contributed to the F-Series being America's best-selling trucks for 30 years running. First, Ford Truck sales are inextricably connected to the success of the agricultural industry, which according to the FFA employs one out of five American jobs. In addition, Ford's long-standing support of the FFA and local scholarships helps foster strong, lasting relationships between these future agribusiness leaders and both the Ford brand and local dealers like Ivey Motor Co., Inc.

"Visit my local farm or the National FFA Convention, and you can see that trucks – particularly F-Series – play an integral role in the agricultural industry," says Mr. Roe. "Ultimately, a part of F-Series truck sales leadership is tied to the agriculture industry. We want to help these future leaders to succeed, and to become our customers from the start of their careers to the end – just like many of their parents and grandparents."

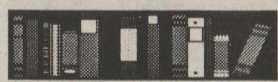
### Clay Antilley Memorial Scholarship Fund established

The Clay Antilley Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established at the San Angelo Area Foundation in memory of Clay Kennedy Antilley of Robert Lee, an avid member of 4-H and FFA, who attended as many stock shows as was possible. The San Angelo Area Foundation will be accepting scholarship applications for this fund in the spring of 2008.

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

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

### School Menu



#### Breakfast

##### Monday, Jan. 7

Pizza, juice, milk

##### Tuesday, Jan. 8

Pop tart, cereal, juice, milk

##### Wednesday, Jan. 9

Pigs in a blanket, juice, milk

##### Thursday, Jan. 10

Biscuit, cereal, juice, milk

##### Friday, Jan. 11

Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk

#### Lunch

##### Monday, Jan. 7

Burrito, salad, French fries, applesauce, graham crackers, milk

##### Tuesday, Jan. 8

Chicken spaghetti, salad, carrots, breadstick, yogurt, milk

##### Wednesday, Jan. 9

Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes, green peas, bread, peaches, milk

##### Thursday, Jan. 10

Salisbury steak, mac & cheese, green beans, roll, apricots, milk

##### Friday, Jan. 11

Hamburger, salad, pickles, baked chips, pears, milk

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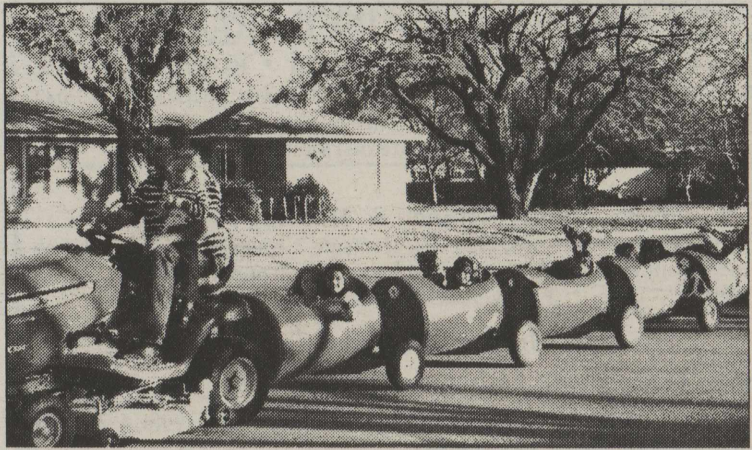
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# BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



**Christmas Parade!** Many Bronte ISD students took part in the Bronte Community Christmas Parade on Thursday, December 20. Some of the floats included a barrel train, complete with a lawn mower engine (clockwise from top left), the Bronte Senior class "Chillin' in '07", Santa's Workshop, and Reindeer in Training.



## Scholarships available to local students

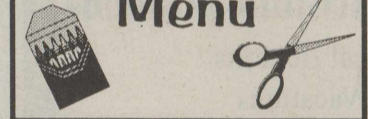
The West Texas Fair and Rodeo will grant a scholarship annually to a senior student of one of the Big Country's public high schools who has shown interest and ability in scientific study and has plans to pursue Science as a career. Applications are available on the scholarship bulletin board at Bronte High School and must be turned into the counselor's office by February 14, 2008.

The Charles, Lela and Mary Slough Foundation

Scholarship is now available to seniors who have at least a 3.0 GPA, be a U.S. citizen, and be a resident of Texas at the time of application. Applications are available on the scholarship bulletin board at Bronte High School or online at [www.midland.edu/admissions/aid/forms/slough.pdf](http://www.midland.edu/admissions/aid/forms/slough.pdf). This scholarship is managed by Midland College but a student may attend any other college or university they choose and still receive the scholarship.

The West Texas Fair and Rodeo will grant a scholarship to a graduating senior in the Big Country who has participated in activities or contests in the Livestock Department and to an individual who has participated in the Modern Living Mall Youth Department. Applications are available on the bulletin board at Bronte High School and must be submitted by March 1, 2008.

## School Menu



### Breakfast

**Monday, Jan. 7**

Cereal, apple sauce, toast, jelly, milk

**Tuesday, Jan. 8**

Blueberry muffin, toast, jelly, juice, milk

**Wednesday, Jan. 9**

Sausage, biscuit, jelly, juice, milk

**Thursday, Jan. 10**

French toast sticks, juice, milk

**Friday, Jan. 11**

Sausage roll, juice, milk

### Lunch

**Monday, Jan. 7**

Chicken nuggets, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, roll, rosie apple sauce, milk

**Tuesday, Jan. 8**

Pigs in a blanket, mac & cheese, pork & beans, peaches, milk

**Wednesday, Jan. 9**

Spaghetti, tossed salad, corn, fruit cup, garlic toast, milk

**Thursday, Jan. 10**

Taco salad, nacho chips, tomatoes, lettuce, refried beans, mixed fruit, milk

**Friday, Jan. 11**

Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, French fries, assorted fruit, sugar cookie, milk

## Attention Bronte Senior Parents

If your child is planning on attending a university, college, or technical school and will be applying for federal financial aid, both you (either parent) and your child must apply for a pin number to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online. Please visit [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov) to register for a pin number. The FAFSA will be available online beginning January 1, 2008 at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). You will need a copy of your 2007 Income Tax return in order to complete the FAFSA. If you do not have internet access at home, you are welcome to use a computer at school. If you have any questions, please

call Mrs. Timmerman, Bronte High counselor at 473-2521.

## Cutest Pet Photo Contest slated

The Texas State Chapter of Dog & Cat Lovers of America in partnership with IPOC is proud to announce that many cash and prizes are up for grabs including a \$1,000 Cash Grand Prize in the 2008 Spring Cutest Pet Photo Contest. Ten lucky entrants will also be selected to have their photo grace the cover of an internationally distributed pet book. "We refer to them as Cover Pets," states Rosa Bonheur, contest chairperson.

Pet owners from the Coke County area are welcome to win a share of the prizes. The deadline for the contest is

February 15. The contest is open to everyone and entry is free. Dog and cat photos are welcome. The photo may contain one pet or several and may include different pet types in the same photo. There is a strict limit of one photo per household to avoid disqualification. "Every pet owner has at least one photo that shows just how cute their pet is," says Bonheur, "When people learn about the contest, they get excited about the chance of winning and the potential for national

attention," continued Bonheur.

The preferred method of entry is to enter directly online at [www.CutestPetContest.com](http://www.CutestPetContest.com). You may also submit your photo by postal mail. Please send one photograph full color or black and white of any size. All photo entries must include the photographer's name and address on the back. Photographs should be sent to: Texas 2008 Spring Cutest Pet Photo Contest, P.O. Box 4470, Olathe, KS 66063. Entries must be postmarked by February 15, 2008.

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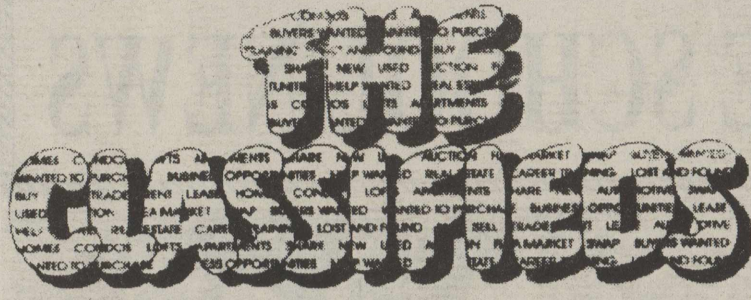
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**...January Tips**

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Women in their 20s and 30s should have a clinical breast exam roughly every three years. Beginning at age 40, yearly mammograms and clinical breast exams are recommended. Men should start being screened for prostate cancer beginning at age 50. Men with strong risk factors for prostate cancer, such as a strong family history of prostate cancer and those who are African American, are recommended to begin screening at the age of 45. Men at an even higher risk, having multiple risk factors, are recommended to begin screening at the age of 40.

Make the decision to talk to your doctor and make sure you are up to date on all of your screening tests in the New Year. Texas Cooperative Extension and the Texas Cancer Council remind you to bring in the New Year with the decision to live a healthier lifestyle by making healthy everyday choices and making sure you and your family are up to date on recommended screening practices.

**Martin graduates from Air Force basic training**

Air Force Airman Cody W. Martin has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Tony Martin of Robert Lee, Texas.

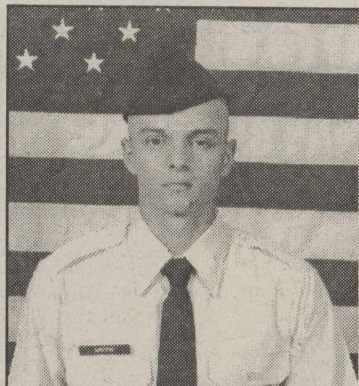
The airman is a 2006 graduate of New Braunfels High School, Texas.

**For peace and quiet, call 'Do Not Call'**

By Jason Alderman

Few things bug me more than unsolicited telemarketing calls - especially on the weekend. That's why my family registered our home and cell phone numbers with the national Do Not Call list administered by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) when it became available in 2003, joining 149 million others. As promised, the volume of annoying calls dropped significantly.

Earlier this fall, the FTC announced that millions of numbers would begin dropping off the list next year when a five-year expiration date kicks in - meaning people would have to reregister their numbers or risk being



**Cody Martin**

bombarded by telemarketer calls once again. Fortunately, Congress is working on legislation to make opting out permanent, unless you want to remove your number from the list.

If you haven't already registered, it's easy: Go to [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov), or call 1-888-382-1222. You can register all phones in your household.

The Do Not Call Website and phone number are also where you can file complaints if telemarketers violate registry rules by contacting you against your wishes. Such violators have paid millions of dollars in penalties since the list's inception.

Note that certain organizations are exempt from the Do Not Call regulations barring contact: Charities, political causes and candidates, companies conducting surveys and companies with which you've done business in the last 18 months are still allowed to contact you unless you specifically request to be removed from their lists. Also, telemarketers have up to 31 days to update their lists, so if you're not currently registered it could take that long for calls to cease.

Be aware that the FTC doesn't allow third-party companies to register people on the list, so if someone offers to act on your behalf, hang up or take their information and report it to the FTC. These crooks will try to collect a fee for this free service - or worse, steal your personal information.

Unfortunately, as anyone with a mailbox or email



**Christmas Parade!** These two floats were just two of the several decorated by Bronte Elementary students for the Bronte Christmas Parade on Thursday, December 20.

account knows, telemarketing is not the only way people are inundated with unsolicited marketing offers. In 2006, \$166.5 billion was spent on direct marketing in the U.S. alone, and close to 100 billion spam email messages are sent each day.

Here are a few things you can do to slow the flow of junk mail and email spam:

Register for the Direct Marketing Association's Mail Preference Service. For \$1, they'll remove your name from their prospect mailing lists ([www.dmchoice.org](http://www.dmchoice.org)).

Not all companies belong to DMA, so it's not 100 percent effective, but you should see a big drop-off after 30 to 90 days.

If you're overwhelmed by catalogs or other solicitations from retailers, you can either call their toll-free numbers or send in the mailing label containing your address and ask to be removed from their mailing lists.

The same DMA Website above contains instructions for getting off commercial email lists, removing deceased individuals or oth-

ers in your care from marketing lists, and precautions for preventing identity theft.

Screen your emails. Be very cautious about opening unsolicited emails and never open attachments or click on links unless you know the source. Also, make sure your Internet Service Provider's spam and virus protection software is up-to-date. Ensure your kids understand these dangers as well.

These precautions may be a minor pain, but they're well worth the effort for the peace and quiet they bring.

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