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## Nueces Canyon HS Girls Basketball vs. Mason

By: Coach, Brandy Sweeten

Friday, December 3rd, the Prowling Panthers saw more play-off caliber basketball in Mason as they squared off with the Cowgirls for an early contest. From tip-off, the game took on a fast pace as both clubs ran the floor on full throttle. The only problem for N.C., was that Mason ran faster and better as they finished their buckets in transition, while the Panthers failed to capitalize on numerous wide-open lay-ups. In addition, the Cowgirls went stronger to the hole while the Panthers found themselves reeling on their heels with lack-luster defense. As a result, the team in purple went into half time up 29 – 13 after completing an 8 - 0 run.

The second half was a repeat of the first. A positive for the Panthers was their ball handling in transition and against Mason's press. N.C. took better care of the ball as this game proved to be a good test for N.C.'s guards. Even still, the Canyon was left grasping for patience as they continue to try to get to another level of play. The Cowgirls proved to N.C. they still have several steps to go as Mason capped off a 52 – 31 victory. Scoring for the Panthers were: high point Paulette Williams with 13; Abbey Falcon showed some moves underneath with 8 points; Danielle Irwin finished with 5 points; and Alyssa Ramirez, Sharina Alston, and Nikki Milliorn each chipped in a bucket.

## NC Robotics Team on their way to State Competition

By: Tena Taylor

On Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, three Robotics Teams from Nueces Canyon traveled to San Angelo to compete in the Texas Computer Education Association's 3rd Annual Area Robotics Competition. The Region 15 Education Service Center's training facility was filled to the brim with junior high and high school students in a competitive frenzy of activity. Nueces Canyon teams almost swept the event and has one team on their way to State Competition in April.

First Place and State Qualifying Team:

NC2 - Justin Wills, Cheyenne Walker, & Jacob Hicks;

Second Place and State Qualifying Team: from Early ISD,

Third Place Team:

NC1 - Sabrina Falcon, Brittany Cox, Jessica Rollison, & Jesse Ritthaler;

Fourth Place Team:

NC3 - Dylan Cummins, Joana Hicks, & J.T. Morey.

NC teams are made up of students that are self motivated and have to take the initiative to learn the programming and master the mechanical engineering portions of the competition on their own. The students come in before school, and squeeze in time during school where they can. They are very dedicated students. This dedication continues to bring success to Nueces Canyon Robotics.. Mr. Louis Webb is the Robotics sponsor.



## NCJH Girls Basketball vs. Knippa

By: Coach Toby Kramer

Nueces Canyon JH Girls basketball team hosted the Knippa on November 29th. The Panthers started the game off strong ending the first half with a 5 point lead. However, in the second half of the game the Rockcrushers proved to be a tough opponent determined not to go down without a fight. Late in the third quarter and on into the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter the Panthers ran into foul trouble losing their lead and battling the Rockcrushers point

for point. In the last 4 seconds of the game the Panthers just missed getting the final shot off before the buzzer sounded ending in a one point loss to the Rockcrushers. The final score was 29-30. Scoring for the Panthers were Emily Carnes with 2 points, Ozzie Watters with 4 points, Natalie Vargulish with 5 points, Nik Ramirez with 8 points, and Hailey Luce with 10 Points.



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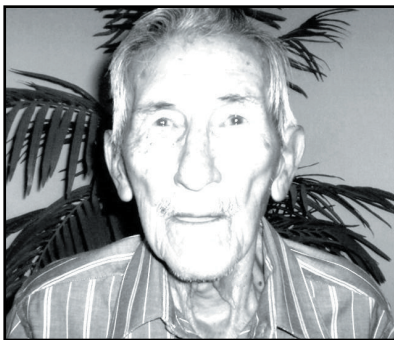
## ***Maxine Modell Routh Sweeten***

(March 4, 1922 - November 30, 2010)

Maxine Modell Routh Sweeten of Uvalde passed away on November 30, 2010 in Uvalde Memorial Hospital at the age of 88. She was born on March 4, 1922 in Vance, Texas to George Hansell and Zulla Cox Routh. She married Clifton Lewis Sweeten in Uvalde, Texas on August 16, 1941. She is survived by three sons; Darwin Lewis Sweeten of Bandera, Texas; Randall Levon Sweeten and wife, Debra Kay of Carrizo Springs, Texas; and Charles Gaylon George Sweeten of Uvalde, Texas; one brother; Winn Harvel Routh and wife, Judy of Uvalde, Texas; two sister-in-laws; Ruth Rawlings of Uvalde, Texas and Pat Sweeten of Campwood, Texas; one brother-in-law; C.A. Sweeten of Bastrop, Texas; five grandchildren; Jocylyn Schelske of Santa Clarita, CA; Roger Damon Lewis Sweeten and Priscilla Sweeten both of San Antonio, Texas; Sara Maxine Sweeten and Clifton Weldon Sweeten both of Carrizo Springs, Texas; nine great grandchildren; Dillon, Dustin, and Gavin Schelske; Ashley Sweeten; Jaelyn, Janae and Jianna Thomas; Brylee Mae and Blake Lewis Sweeten; one great-great grandchild; numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Clifton Lewis Sweeten; brother; Hansel Wayne Routh and wife Imogene; half sister; Dimple Routh Dalton Speck. Graveside services were held on Saturday December 4, 2010 at 2:00 PM in Hillcrest Cemetery.

## ***Esiquio (Chico) Galindo Sr.***

(November 23, 1921-November 28, 2010)



Esiquio (Chico) Galindo Sr., age 89, passed away November 28, 2010, in Abilene, Texas. He was born November 23, 1921, on Rancho de San Rafael de las Tortillas in Tamaulipas, Mexico to Esiquio and Domitila (Rendon) Galindo.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Esiquio and

Domitila Galindo; daughter, Suszie Gomez; son, Alfredo Galindo; granddaughter, Belinda Galindo; brother, Jesus Galindo; sisters, Rebecca Rendon, and Domitila Lozano. Esiquio is survived by his sons, Esiquio C. Galindo Jr. and wife, Nelie, of Rocksprings, Texas, Errbey Galindo Sr. and wife, Grace, of Sweetwater, Texas, Genero Galindo and wife, Carmen, of Belton, Texas; daughters, Elsa Gunter and husband, James, of Sweetwater, Texas, Domitila Garza and husband, Rey, of Sonora, Texas; 22 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren. Pallbearers include Errbey Galindo Jr., Joshua Galindo, Joey Galindo, J.R. Gomez, Esiquio Galindo III, Larry Galindo, Michael Galindo, James Gunter, and Nathan Gunter. Funeral services will held at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, December 1, 2010 at Nelson Funeral Chapel in Rocksprings, TX., with Father Tu Nguyen officiating. Interment will followed in the Rocksprings Cemetery. The family invites you to send condolences at [www.nelsonfuneralhomes.net](http://www.nelsonfuneralhomes.net).

Arrangements under the care of Nelson Funeral Home of Rocksprings, Texas.

## ***Clayton B Crider***

(October 14, 1926-December 3, 2010)



Clayton B Crider, 84, of Leakey, Texas passed away on December 3, 2010, in Uvalde, Texas.

He was born on October 14, 1926, in Hunt, Texas to Byron and Velma (Parks) Crider. Clayton and Bonnie were married on January 3, 1982 in Leakey, Texas. Clayton served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He worked and owned the Leakey Mercantile for over 30 years. He enjoyed many things in life, including ranching, refereeing of basketball games, helping kids in 4-H, and being a avid supporter of the children.

Clayton was a member and a Deacon of Church In The Valley. He was preceded in death by his parents, Byron and Velma Crider; brother, Doyle Crider; and step-son, Corky Frazier. Clayton is survived by his wife, Bonnie Crider of Leakey; step-daughter, Jill Farnsworth and husband, Jim, of Leakey; step-son, Kirk Frazier and wife, Elaine, of Leakey; four step-grandchildren; four step-great grandchildren; sister, Feleta Chisum and husband, Carl, of Rio Frio; numerous nieces, nephews and many friends.

Honorary Pallbearers include Carl Chisum, Billy Joe Brice, J.C. Gurley, Jimmy Albarado, Carl Hutchinson, John Schulze, Larry Joe Chisum, Kirk Frazier, Frank Saverline, Mark Longenbaugh, Bobby Blazek, Dudley Henderson, Gus Evers and Darryl Perry. Pallbearers include Mark Crider, Jim Farnsworth, Lanny Leinweber, Sonny Sansom, Elmer Herndon, Shane Alexander, Nito Guajardo and John Seymour.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, December 6, 2010, at the Church In The Valley in Leakey, Texas, with Brother Ray Miller officiating. Interment followed in the Rio Frio Cemetery in Rio Frio, Texas.

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# RESPECT by Bonnie Lovince

Today in church service, my father approached two young girls, teenagers, whispering amongst themselves while the choir performed their Christmas Cantata. If you know my father, you know he has a high demand for the behaviors he believes young people should possess, people in general for that matter

Sometimes my father can come across as brash or irrational, this is no surprise to anyone in my family, especially him. I am not sure how the young girls took his delivery or how, for that matter he delivered what he had to say. Some may consider it inappropriate that he approached children who were not his own and "corrected" what he saw was wrong.

I am familiar, as I was raised by that man, with the feeling of frustration for being told "how I should be." It was not a terrible thing that he did, and I hope the young girls understood where he was coming from. It wasn't about anything self sought or self satisfying, but was about calling to attention the need to show respect.

Respect is important. The men and women who were standing in front of congregation singing songs had spent hours and hours preparing. They gathered late in the evenings giving up

their personal time, making preparations and practicing. They had smiles on their faces and joy in their hearts. More than that though, they had hope.

Hope that the words they were singing would carry a message to someone. That is why they do what they do. For faith in what can be done in our lives. So many efforts went in to making the Cantata a wonderful event and it really was.

A lot of people worked very hard to present something special. It is not expected that every person comprehends the collaborative efforts that led up to that final presentation nor is that something one should be faulted for not knowing. Regardless of what one knows of the preparations, they can still offer respect. It speaks volumes of one's character.

To give respect exercises a style of grace and in the grand scheme of things, enhances quality. I know I've said it before, but I really believe it; The actions we take impact life, not just ours but life altogether. To give respect improves not just your own character but contributes to the quality in life. Be it the person who witnesses you being respectful, the person who receives your respect, or even you, change happens. A simple effort, to sit up and show interest, can have a

greater impact than you can imagine. By offering respect, you open yourself up to greater things as well.

There is a lot that can be learned, a lot to be gained. By being truly present, you give yourself an opportunity to grow in ways that would never be possible without making that effort. It's the little things in life that can make some of the biggest differences.

Truly, I myself recently had a lesson in Respect as well. I had been back from San Antonio for just a few weeks and was attending Sunday service. With a previous job I had grown accustomed to sitting at my desk in a big office chair crossing my legs and swinging the bottom leg under myself to be almost sitting on it. It was more comfortable for me that way.

So when I sat in the pew that Sunday morning that is precisely what I did. Legs crossed, my bottom leg was pulled up from the floor and rested on the pew. Scott Kolb walked over to me and jested "Here I am trying to get these young 'uns to keep their feet off the pews and there ya go! How am I going to get them to listen?" He said it with a smile and followed it with something to the effect of "I'm just razzing you." My immediate thought after I lowered my foot back to the floor was "It's just more comfortable that way," (and

truthfully there may have even been a "Geez..." in there"). All the same, I kept my feet on the floor.

It wasn't until a few weeks later when I was helping at Vacation Bible School that I understood a little better. All the children were in the sanctuary, ready for the praise and worship. It was a western theme and there were lots of little boots and cowboy hats. There was to be a prayer and Mr. Kolb was walking up and down the aisles. He had removed his hat and was holding it against his chest, over his heart. He said, "Let's take off our hats, and let's keep your boots off the pews. Remember...it's a form of respect." When I heard those words I got it. 'It's a form of respect', it sank deep in me as it did hopefully for those children as well.

He planted a little seed, RESPECT. It takes practice and effort to show respect. There is a particular thoughtfulness in offering someone/ or some many's respect. In its own way, it's encouragement, showing consideration. At 26 I got a lesson in respect that took it beyond holding the door open for someone. Mr. Kolb helped me understand that we can carry that effort into many other parts in our life. It presents us with the opportunity to step outside of

ourselves. I was grateful for his willingness to try to carry that message, and the manner in which he did it was very soft spoken and kind.

Respect is important. It offers so much to life, among the top, as previously mentioned, Quality. We live in such a compromised world. So much uncertainty. We have little control over so many things, but what we do have control over is what we can contribute to society. So much of our morals have dwindled down and slipped away.

Even myself and that foot on the pew. It wasn't even a consideration that I was being disrespectful until someone wiser than I helped remind me of that. My father was not trying to be judgemental or mean, he was just trying to preserve something important.

It is the holiday season, and we are often reminded it is the time to give, so try something new this year, if you haven't been doing it already, find a way to give respect. Regardless of your financial state this season, you do possess the power to offer this gift. It's an honorable gift, worth every ounce of investment, and it gives beyond a measurable capacity. So give, give give away.

Merry Christmas!



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# Water News

By Lee Sweeten

Wouldn't it be nice to wake up to find a headline that said "Area Receives Torrential Rains"? Unfortunately, it has not happened in a long time and is not likely to happen in the near future. It is no secret that we are in another prolonged dry period. While 2010 started out with nice rains and the river levels came up for a while, it sure is going out on a dry note. The November 30<sup>th</sup> "US Drought Monitor for Texas" shows a large area including Edwards and Real

County to be in "Severe Drought" conditions and it further shows that the northern half of Edwards County and a significant portion of Northern Real County to be in an "Extreme Drought." River flow levels on both the Frio and Nueces have dropped significantly since October. These flows are posted on our webpage at [www.recrd.org](http://www.recrd.org) and if you would like to view the US Drought Monitor for Texas it can be found at <http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm/>

[DM\\_state.htm?TX,S](http://www.recrd.org)  
It should be pointed out that a portion of the drop in the measured flow of the Nueces River at McDonalds Crossing is due to Real County working on the crossing both above and below the concrete slab. While the work was needed to alleviate potential problems, it created a significant underflow at the site where water that was flowing thru the pipes now flows under the gravel and is not measurable.

The District will

continue to monitor the conditions closely and with no relief in sight, it is likely that within the next week or so, that a Stage IV Condition (Extreme Drought) will be declared. For now, it is very important that we all "Do Our Part and be Water Smart"

In other news, the District's Draft Rules are posted on our website at [www.recrd.org](http://www.recrd.org) for your review and comments. There are many revisions in this rule package and if you would like to

make comments they must be received in our office no later than 5:00 PM on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Copies of the rules are also available for review at the local public libraries in Camp Wood, Leakey, and Rocksprings as well as in our office in Camp Wood. The District will hold a public hearing regarding the draft rules at 6:00 PM on December 15<sup>th</sup> at our office on East Fourth Street in Camp Wood.

It is a busy time of year with the Holidays upon

# NOT MY KID!

-Elaine Padgett Carnegie

If you are a parent, you have experienced this emotion! We all do, rather we act on it or not, we all "feel" it. It is our protective instinct kicking in when anything threatens our children. There is so much in our world today threatening our kids, like "synthetic marijuana" and "blackout in a can".

An herbal concoction is sold as incense and most have a warning that says not for human consumption...but the kids are smoking it anyway! The new way to get high, a hot, new craze in suburban areas that was becoming increasingly

popular, synthetic marijuana. The product consists of plant material coated with research chemicals that mimic THC, the active ingredient in marijuana. The Drug Enforcement Agency has stopped the sale of the "fake pot". It is marketed under different names, K-2, Spice, Blaze, Red X Dawn and Genie; the herbal blends were perfectly "legal." Well, until last week. The DEA has a "temporary control" on them until studies can be done to see if the substance should be legally controlled.

The list of alleged

side effects is hallucinations, delusions, severe agitation, elevated heart rate and blood pressure, vomiting, tremors, and seizures. There have been a few cases where individuals suffered blackouts that lasted for several hours or developed catalepsy, a nervous condition causing a fixed body posture. Some of the symptoms such as increased agitation and elevated blood pressure and heart rates, do not match up with any symptoms associated with marijuana. The chemicals have not been tested on humans so little is known about any side

effects, dangerous or not. ABC News reported this week that over 500 hundred teens were poisoned by the drug last year alone and many ended up in the hospital.

Then there is caffeinated alcohol or "Blackout in a Can". It's a fruity caffeinated drink that comes in a can, is laced with alcohol, and is called "Four Loko". The container is 23.5 oz, but has the alcohol of four to six beers and as much caffeine as a cup and a half of coffee. Teens call it "Blackout in a can" because it's a cheap, fast way to get drunk and party

all night.

The medical profession warns that the combo of alcohol plus caffeine is dangerous. In the past year more than a dozen teens have been hospitalized and at least one death was attributed to the drink. Four Loko has been banned on some college campuses and the FDA is calling for a ban against the product.

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And last but not least there is "Cloud Nine" or "White Dove" labelled as potpourri or bath salts. Law enforcement in Louisiana is calling it the worst they have ever seen! It can be smoked, snorted or injected and it is a hallucinogenic speed that can keep the user messed up for as long as six days! Narcot-

ics detectives liken it to PCP, a speed that can cause hallucinations. There is an effort to have the DEA step in yet again...and until then police are calling for a voluntary removal from convenience store shelves." This stuff is deadly, and it's dangerous," said St. Tammany District Attorney Walter Reed. "The manufacturers know it's

not a potpourri. Our kids know it's not a potpourri. And we know of two deaths that have been caused by Cloud Nine. Two suicides." Walter Reed is now on a campaign to get Cloud Nine off the streets. He hopes to have the state legislature declare it, and all similar over the counter designer drugs, illegal.

Teen drinking and substance abuse is a steadily growing problem that we can not ignore. Talk to your children and then talk some more... The one encouraging thing I read was that research also shows the reason most frequently quoted by kids for not drinking is their desire not to harm the relationship they have

with their parents. A parent's relationship with their child is the best avenue to stop or deter underage drinking and drug use. Educate yourself and stay involved and alert...and know you do make a difference!

## A WIMP FREE CHRISTMAS

Fear and Loathing in Las-Christmas

As a Church leader I am happy about the opportunity to use the Christmas season and the culture to reach people with the Good news that Christ was born. But truth be told, as an average guy I feel the same kind of feeling right before Christmas that I do right after a chili cook-off. Not that I hate Christmas, I love Christmas, I just hate my inability to do so much of the Christmas thing right. For instance, I am fearful of phrases like, "Some assembly required." As far as I am concerned, in most cases, you might as well have placed that sticker on a Jarvis mechanical heart. I know I'm not alone in this. The outside sound of slamming car doors sends terror into many hearts and signals the annual migration of the dysfunctional family

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members. People you can't believe are in your same gene pool and proof that in some cases, cousins still kiss. If there is anything I know about Christmas, it is that Christmas is not for wimps. Its always been like that.

### Holi-daze

Two thousand years ago, a young girl had to tell her fiancée that she was pregnant, it wasn't his child but not to worry because it was a "God thing". From there things went rapidly down hill for Mary setting the first precedent that Christmas season would be marked with emotional trauma. Nine months later she found her self seventy miles south in the middle eastern version of

the Mardi Gras. Bethlehem was over ran with lots of stressed out people that didn't want to be there. The houses were packed, the hotels overbooked and the traffic was horrendous. Sounds a lot like today, doesn't it? From the very beginning Christmas has not been for the faint of heart.

### Manger Danger

When you consider all the mess and stress that goes with Christmas time you might be tempted to wonder if the hassle is even worth it. That is until you catch a glimpse of the child whose birth splits time from BC to AD. I know that Christ-o-phobes would love to haul baby Jesus off like the Lindbergh kidnapper but you cant take Christ out of Christmas When you do all you have is a big mas. For those of us who are silly enough to believe in the

biblical version, Christmas time is the point on our calendars where we remind ourselves God has done what none of the rest of us could have. More than that, He did it for us.

### Mission Impossible

When none other than Gabriel himself was sent on the special mission to announce the birth of Jesus. He said a whole lot of things to little Mary but one phrase stands out that makes Christmas worth shouting about "With God nothing shall be impossible." What couldn't be pulled off had been pulled off. What couldn't be made right had been made right. That which was impossible became tangible reality and it has been that way ever since. Because Christ is born in my life, I can say what used to be impossible is no longer impossible. What couldn't be made right can be made right in an instant. Every Christian

on the planet has the capacity to live life with constant awareness that nothing is impossible. All that started in an overlooked stable a few miles south of Jerusalem nearly two thousands years ago.

### Tough enough for Christmas

So when you start to stress out I encourage you to know that it has always taken true grit to celebrate the impossible birth that hits home with us today. May you be blessed in spite of what is against you and because Christ is born, really believe that these are the days where anything is possible. On behalf of the Brewer family and the congregation of Open Door Church, we wish you a very merry and wimp free Christmas Season.

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# TEXAS Health Matters

## Fall's Prime Time for Outdoor Fun but Take Care to Avoid Animal-borne Diseases

Each fall, millions of campers and hunters flee the cities on a quest for glorious weather, clear night skies and autumn leaves in fiery sunset hues. Unfortunately, we're not the only ones out there.

According to Dr. Eric Fonken, a veterinarian at the Texas Department of State Health Services, blood-sucking, disease-bearing ticks are also big fans of fall weather. "When we're out in the woods, happily blasting through the tall grass and shrubs, the ticks are waiting for us with their front legs extended, just looking for a leg or arm to latch onto."

This instinctive behavior is called "questing." It's how ticks, using their uncanny sensitivity to movement and smell, find warm-blooded hosts like deer, rabbits, rodents — and us. Ticks are tiny critters, so they're no threat to suck us dry. The problem, Fonken said, is the nasty array of diseases they transmit: Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, Ehrlichiosis, tularemia and anaplasmosis, just to name a few.

Autumn isn't necessarily the most tick-ridden season, but it's a high-risk period because of its irresistible appeal for campers, hikers, hunters and fishermen.

"We're not trying to discourage anyone from enjoying the outdoors this time of year, but people do need to take some basic precautions like using an effective insect repellent and staying on trails and out of brush and tall grass," Fonken said. "Wearing long sleeves and pants and tucking your pantlegs under your socks or boots may help, too."

"When you get back to your camp or home, check yourself for ticks right away. If you remove one within about 24 hours your risk of getting a tick-borne disease is much less."

To remove an attached tick, use fine-tipped tweezers to grab it at the skin surface. Gently pull it off with a steady motion, taking care not to crush the tick's body or leave its head attached. When you're finished, wash

the area with soap and water. Ticks Aren't the Only Threat

Fonken urged caution not only over tick-borne diseases but also those spread by mosquitoes and direct contact with animals. Mosquitoes, Fonken said, are a potential threat at any time of the year. Even after a hard freeze all it takes is a little warm weather for them to be right back in business.

Some of the major diseases they transmit are West Nile virus, St. Louis encephalitis virus and other viruses that cause encephalitis. Your best protection, Fonken said, is effective insect repellent, covering your skin when possible and minimizing outdoor activity at dusk and dawn.

Fonken also advised hunters to take care as they're cutting or handling the carcasses of deer, feral hogs and other animals that are potential carriers of diseases such as leptospirosis, tularemia, brucellosis, anthrax, rabies and even bubonic plague. Wild hogs are among the most likely disease carriers.

"Unlike say, deer, they're into everything," Fonken explained. "They root in soil, wallow in mud and eat vegetable matter, meat or whatever else they can get. It's their lifestyle, you might say. They're just out there being pigs."

Hunters are at greatest risk of infection when handling or cutting into the carcass of a game animal. "Always wear rubber gloves, safety goggles and long sleeves when you're cutting into the carcass of an animal," Fonken said. "And of course, never touch your eyes or mouth with a finger that's been in contact with animal blood, body fluids or tissue."

Hunters also should protect themselves against hantavirus (commonly found in rodent feces) by thoroughly airing out hunting cabins or deer blinds and using a disinfectant such as diluted bleach on the floors.

"Finally — and this should be obvious but I'll say it anyway — if you find a dead animal, or even just antlers and bones, don't handle it. Anthrax spores can last more than 50 years, so just don't risk it."

# Take Care of Texas This Holiday Season

Many cultures celebrate holidays in December. This year, try following a few simple tips to help you reduce waste, save energy, and save water while you enjoy your holiday time with friends and family:

- Take reusable cloth bags for holiday shopping. Reusable bags can also be a great way to package your gifts!
- Send recycled-content or electronic greeting cards; or to add a personal touch, make your own using pieces of last year's cards.
- Use cloth napkins and reusable dishes, glasses, and silverware for your holiday party. To save both water and energy when cleaning up, make sure you wash full loads of laundry and dishes.
- Compost leftover food scraps. To learn how, check out [Mulching and Composting: A Take Care of Texas Guide](#).
- Recycle your live Christmas

tree or buy a potted Christmas tree and plant it after the holidays. Check with your city to see if they have a Christmas tree recycling program.

- If giving electronic gifts, look for Energy Star-labeled products. Buy rechargeable batteries to accompany the electronics.
- Need to replace your holiday lights? Upgrade to energy-efficient strings of light-emitting diode (LED) lights, which use 75 percent less electricity than incandescent strings.
- Donate or recycle your old computer if you get a new one as a gift. Learn how at [TexasRecyclesComputers.org](#).

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