The Cote family would like to recognize the following businesses and individuals for their integral support in our efforts to fight Decker's autism. You are valued and appreciated and represent the true meaning of "community". Thank you for helping make "Decker's Dream" come true.

Ace Hardware of Ronan
All Creatures Mobile Clinic
All In Stitches
Arnie's Gas and Tire
Aware Wellness Center
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There's lots more...

Mountain View Art Studio
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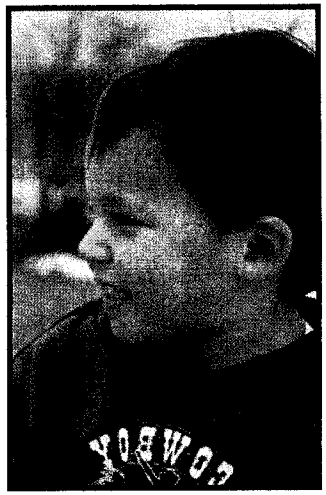
Wild Horse Art Gallery

Please patronize these businesses & thank the individuals for their continuing community support!



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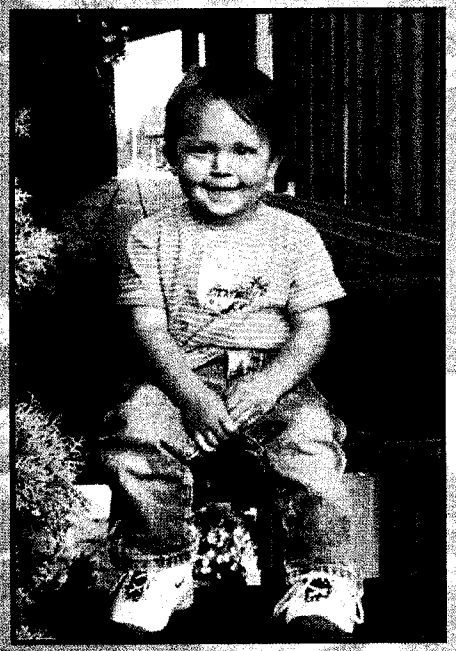

DECKER is 2 1/2 & has been diagnosed with Autism. His family is asking for your help to defray therapy expenses.

Please consider helping the Cote Family by donating to the

BENEFIT ACCOUNT AT VALLEY BANK of RONAN
or any branch office

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BENEFIT PLANS & PLANS

Decker Rivera Cote is 2 1/2 years old and is the son of Will and Charlie Cote, Ronan. His grandparents are Gary and Chris Cote and Diane and the late Tom Torres, all of Ronan.

Decker has recently been diagnosed with Autism. His parents, brother Carter and sister Timber, are embarking on a new adventure so that Decker can be provided with therapy.

Early intervention is critical for Decker, his family, his education, his future and his community.

With help from the Redwood Learning Center, Decker's team will provide 30-40 hours of intensive, expensive, home-based therapy per week.

Most financial avenues have been exhausted. This family is requesting the help of the Mission Valley. YOUR HELP IS VALUED and APPRECIATED!

Decker at Halloween '07

For more info about Decker call 676-0103 or 207-4049 or e-mail coteranch@ronan.net. For more info about Redwood Learning Center www.sdredwood.com

The Redwood Learning Center will be working with Decker's family to implement an intensive home-based **Applied Behavior Analysis Therapy Program.**

What is ABA?

In simple terms, ABA teaches complex tasks by breaking them down into "bite-sized" pieces that can be learned more easily, with each piece building on the previous.

Rewards, called "reinforcers", are given for correct responses or behaviors, while inappropriate responses or behaviors are corrected, ignored or redirected.

Precise data on each learning trial is recorded, and adjustments in the educational program are made accordingly.

Research shows that children who receive intensive behavioral treatment, preferably starting between two and five years old, not only have a chance to learn and improve, but some may even completely overcome the effects of autism!

Decker and his brother Carter

Autism is a "Spectrum Disorder"

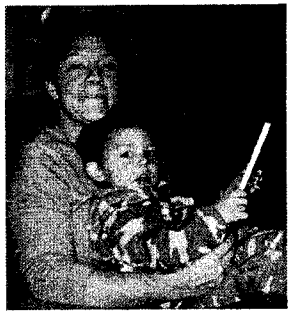
There are several developmental disorder that fall under this umbrella. Some includ Autism Spectrum, Aspergen's, Rett's an Pervasive Developmental Disorder.

Symptoms that may be present:

* impairment in social interaction, ey contact, facial expression

* delay or total lack of communication spoken language, gestures, impairment i ability to initiate or sustain conversation lack of varied, spontaneous, make-believ play.

* restricted repetitive and stereotype patterns of behavior, abnormal fascinatio and obsession and intensity, self-stimula tion, e.g. hand or finger flapping.



Decker with Mom...

and Dad

Decker with Dad, Uncle Tim, Papa Tom, Mom & Timber, Yaya Diane & Carter