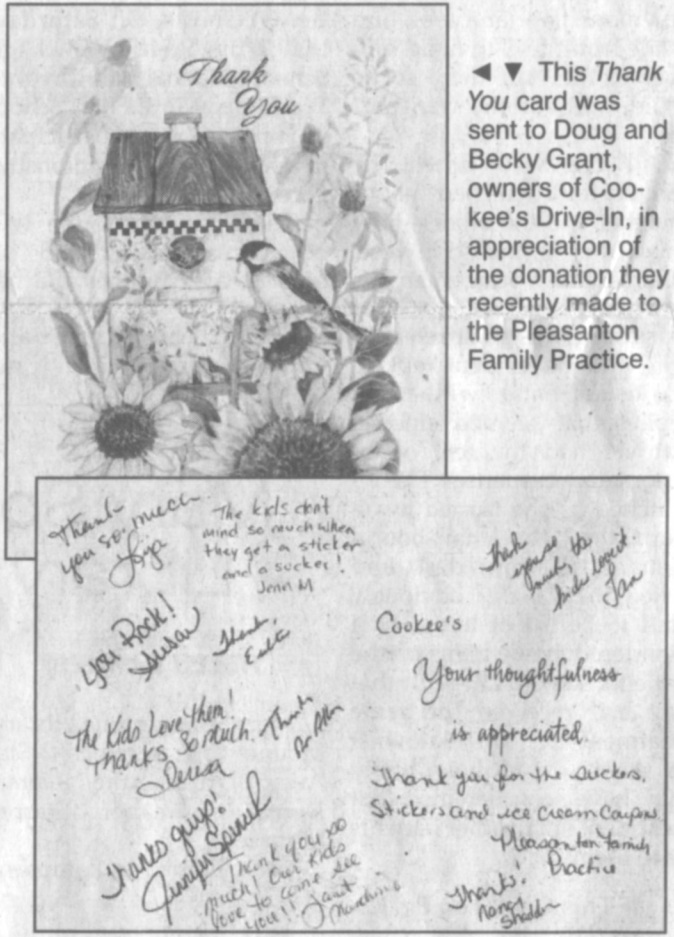

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Cookee's donation makes doctor visit nicer for brave kids

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LINN COUNTY – In months past, Cookee's Drive-In had a regular customer in the Pleasanton Family Practice who would periodically buy bunches of gift certificates for ice cream cones that they would then give away to young patients, brave children, as a reward for their bravery.

As time passed Cookee's owners Doug and Becky Grant realized the clinic hadn't been in to buy certificates for awhile.

"They usually ordered 50 ice cream cone gift certificates, said Becky Grant.

"And they paid for these each time," added Doug.

The Grants then found out that the clinic simply did not have the funding right now to order the certificates – they were a luxury the doctor's office could not afford.

"Not only were they no longer able to order the ice cream certificates, but they were no longer able to buy the lollipops or the stickers they always gave the children," said Doug.

"Becky and I both said to each other that we should just give them the ice cream certificates for free, until they come out of their financial struggle," added Doug.

"Once I had produced the certificates, we talked about stocking them up on everything," he continued, "and we took a trip to Fort Scott and basically wiped out their shelves of lollipops and stickers."

"The staff was extremely shocked to receive the donations! We also received a wonderful card, signed by all the staff, saying thanks for our thoughtfulness," Doug concluded.