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# Candidates file for local elected positions

Elections for Bronte Independent School District, Robert Lee Independent School District, West Coke County Hospital District, East Coke County Hospital District, and both the cities of Bronte and Robert Lee will be held May 2, 1998. The last day to file for a place on the ballot was March 18, 1998, and today (March 27) is the last day to withdraw a name from the ballot.

#### **Election** slated for April 14

A runoff election has been called in Coke County for Tuesday, April 14. Only voting precincts 2, 4, 5 and 10 will cast ballots in the Democratic runoff election to decide precinct commissioners of #2 and #4. Either Wayne McCutchen or Sid McGinnis will be elected Coke County Commissioner of Precinct 2. Rick Styles and David Rawlings are vying for commissioner of Precinct 4.

Polling sites for the Democratic runoff election are Bronte City Hall, Precinct 2; Tennyson, Precinct 4; Old Depot, Precinct 5; and Robert Lee Southside Church of Christ, Precinct 10. Polls will remain open from 7 am until 7

Although there will be no Democratic runoff election in the west Coke County precincts 1, 3, and 9, one polling site will be open for Republicans who have some statewide races to be decided by runoffs. The Republican runoff election will be in the Coke County courthouse, 7 am-7 pm, on April 14. Early voting for both parties will begin in the district and county clerk's office in the courthouse on Monday, April 6. Voters may cast ballots during regular office hours ending Thursday, April 9, due to the courthouse being closed on April 10 for the Good Friday holiday. County Clerk Ettie Hubbard will be available in Bronte on Wednesday, April 8, from 9 am-1 pm at the Bronte City Hall for early voting in both Democratic and Republican runoff elections. Those voters who early vote by mail must complete their applications by April 7, according to Mrs. Hubbard.

Voters will have to choose a mayor and three city council members in the Bronte election. James Lammers is not seeking re-election. Martha Ratliff and Leslie Rolls have filed to retain their seat and George Snapp has thrown his hat into the ring for councilman. Mayor Martin Lee has filed for re-election.

In the City of Robert Lee election, the terms of Mayor Kelly Nichols and council members, John Conley, Donnie Devoll, and Kenneth Green expire. For the 2 two year terms on the council, Donnie Devoll has filed for reelection and he will be joined on the ballot by Frank Casey. Nita Stovall-Duncan has filed for the one unexpired term available. Kelly Nichols will have to face Jim Naico in the mayor's race.

The terms of Kendall Gibbs and Steve Kelton are expiring on the Bronte Independent School District Board of Directors. Kendall Gibbs (I)

#### Republican Committee to meet

The Coke County Republican Executive Committee will meet in the conference room of the County Courthouse at 12:45 p.m. on Saturday, March 28, 1998, for the purpose of nominating a Republican candidate for placement on the general election ballot in November, 1998, for the office of Constable, Precinct 2, unexpired term. The nomination is a result of the resignation of Mr. Keith Fletcher.

and Andra Arrott have filed for these seats.

In the RLISD election, Cathy Hendry, Darrel Pitcock and Teddy Millican will be up for reelection. They will be joined by Jim Gray and Mike Bagwell in the hunt for the 2 three year terms available. Three people have filed for the 1 two year term available: Lonnie Bloodworth, Dallas Johnson, and Mark Riley.

Bill Casey's, Linda Burns', and Joe Walker's terms are expiring on the West Coke County Hospital District Board. Bill Casey and Linda Burns have filed for reelection. Since there are only two people running for the three seats, the board will appoint someone to the vacant seat following the election. It is anticipated that the Board will cancel the election since there are no contested races.

For East Coke County Hospital District, six candidates are vying for three seats. Incumbents Bob Lasswell, Ed Cumbie, and Royce Fancher have filed for. re-election. These men will be facing newcomers Jerry Davis, Billie Sue Helm, and Leatrice Joy Ehl.

#### **Rabies** Clinic slated

will host the annual rabies



Cousins B. J. Hall (right) of Bronte and Troy Hall of Clyde brought down these huge cow elk March 8th on a hunting trip near Chama, New Mexico. These large animals averaged between 600 and 700 pounds live-weight and were taken during a special spring season for cow elk only. Joining the boys on the hunt were Kerry, Donna, and Bryan Hall of Bronte.

The meat will be used for the annual B & K/Bronte The Coke County 4-H club Chamber of Commerce Barbeque on opening

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## New facilities

#### opening soon

According to Bronte Housing Authority Director, Brenda Tidwell, construction should be completed soon on the Authority's new community center, laundry, and playground. Plans are for the facilities to be open within two to three weeks.

The community center will be available for rental by the public for family reunions, parties, etc. The laundry will also be open to the general public.

For more information, contact Mrs. Tidwell at 473-3541.

vaccination clinic this coming Saturday, March 28, from 2-4 p.m. in the south end of the Sterling Lindsey Memorial Exhibit Building. Dr. Ross Dutton from Arden Road Vet Clinic will be in charge of the vaccinations. All pets 4 months of age or older should be immunized for rabies each year. Dr. Ross will also offer worming and other shots.

## Singing slated for Sunday

singing of all A denominations has been scheduled at the West Texas Ranch for Christ Sunday, March 29th, from 1 pm until 4:30 pm. The ranch is located north of Blackwell. Bring your lawn chair. For further directions and information, call J. D. Taylor, (915) 282-2756.

weekend of deer season.

## **Blackwell** parent workshop set

The Blackwell Consolidated Independent School District will hold a parent workshop in the Blackwell School Cafeteria March 30, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Childcare and snacks will be provided. Vicki Rabino from the Region 14 Education Service Center will be speaking on subjects children succeed in today's schools.

Parents from Blackwell, Sweetwater, Roscoe, and Highland are invited to attend.

#### **Convention** set The Republican County convention will be held on Saturday, March 28, 1998, at 1:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Coke County Courthouse.

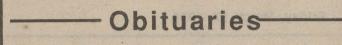
## **RLVFD** auxiliary to meet

The Robert Lee Fire Department ladies auxiliary will have a meeting at 6:00 p.m., March 31, 1998 at the fire station. Anyone wishing to attend the meeting or join the auxiliary may do so. For more information call Lorrie Martin at 453-4500.

## Longhorn Band concert set

The Longhorn Band will be in concert Tuesday, March 31st, for the Bronte PTA meeting which begins at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend the meeting and hear the three selections selected for the UIL Concert Band Festival to be held in Hamlin, Texas, April 15th.

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#### Barnes

Bryan Barnes, 65, of Blackwell died Thursday, March 19, 1998, in a Big Spring hospital.

Graveside services were Saturday, March 21, 1998, at the Blackwell Cemetery under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

He was born January 3, 1933, in Blackwell, Texas, to Mallory and Maggie Barnes. He was raised in Blackwell and

## Master's Commission

arrives

By Anolagay Barefoot The Master's Commission has arrived in Bronte with their awesome displays of brick breaking and bat busting. Watch for them this weekend in Bronte. A POWER demonstration is tentatively scheduled for the Gazebo in Bronte Friday night, March 27th, at 6:30 pm. Free hotdogs and drinks will be served (bring your lawn chairs and blankets). There will be an open assembly at Bronte High School auditorium Saturday evening, March 28th, at 7 pm. The Master's Commission team will be ministering again Sunday morning at 10:30 am at the River of Life Church (the old Texas Theater). Call 473-5901 for more information.

spent most of his life there. After his marriage to Zona Romine on May 21, 1954, in Clovis, New Mexico, they made their home in Amarillo and he was employed as a They returned to driller. Blackwell in 1971 and retired in 1988. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Zona Barnes of Blackwell; one son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Melody Barnes of Robert Lee; two daughters, Lora Barnes of Midland and Tammy Barnes of Elgin; one brother, M.L. Barnes of Roscoe; one sister, LuLu Belle Walton of Sweetwater; and three grandchildren, Shawn, Timothy, and Joshua Barnes of Robert Lee.

#### "Born To S.H.O.P" set for April 18

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Central Baptist Church has scheduled their 2nd annual Ladies Retreat. The theme this year will be "Born to Shop." This will be a time of renewal to learn "how to better Serve-Honor-Obey & Praise Our Awesome God." The date is Saturday, April 18th, from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm and all ladies in the community are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Georgia at 473-4811.

hospital. Services were held Sunday, March 22, 1998, at the First United Methodist Church with burial at Paint Creek Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

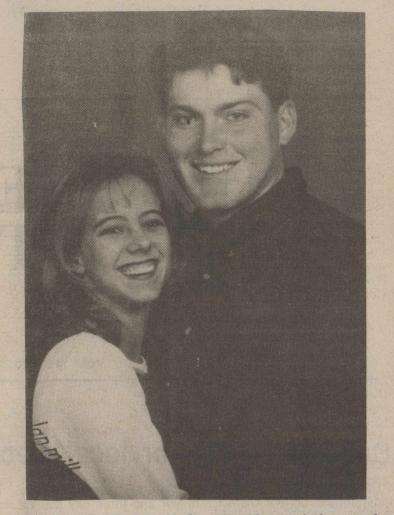
awana M. Perry of Carlsbad. Thetford J.T. Thetford, 92, of Robert ee, died Monday, March 16, 1998, in a San Angelo

Mr. Thetford is survived by one son, Jack Elwood Thetford of Orlando, Florida; one brother, W.W. "Bud" Thetford of Robert Lee; two sisters, Opal Vest of Hatch, New Mexico, and Mae Hurley of Robert Lee; three grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

#### **BNH** Auxiliary News

The Bronte Nursing Home Auxiliary will have their next meeting in the conference room at the Nursing Home April 16 at 7 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting. If you have any questions, call George Snapp, or Phebe President, Heffernan, Treasurer.

The following memorials were reported for March, 1998



Lindsay L. Lippert of San Angelo, and Jayson L. Treadaway of Bronte will be married May 23, 1998, at Holy Angels Catholic Church.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Trojack of San Angelo. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. Stephen Treadaway of San Angelo and Mrs. Linda Arrott of Bronte.

Miss Lippert is a 1994 graduate of San Angelo Central High School. She is a candidate for May graduation from Angelo State University, with a bachelor's degree in early childhood education.

Her fiance is a 1993 graduate of Water Valley High School and attended Angelo State University. He is self-employed.

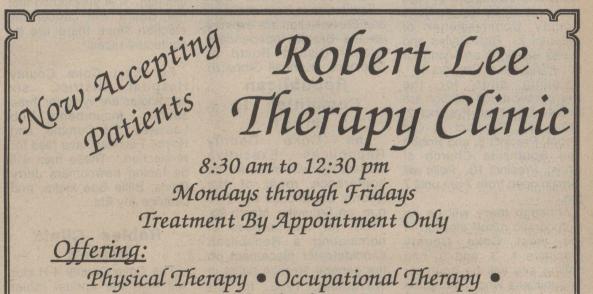
Nathalee Ensor LeDrew and Bobbie Arrott

Virginia Boatright **Bill and Glenda Fletcher** 

#### **Margaret Brunson**

LeDrew and Bobbie Arrott, Senior Citizen Group, Frances Kemp, George and Jimmie

Snapp, Edith Hipp, Billy Hipp, Robert Lasswell, Mildred Thomason, Charles and Doris Sonnenberg, Mike and Jaylon Saunders, First National Bank, Bobby and Marlene Vaughn, Jimmy and Marifrances Mackey, Helen Kirkland, and Bill and Glenda Fletcher.





run-off election. I promise to bring honesty & common sense to this office & to represent the best interests of all the people of Precinct 2.

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## "Garage Sale Saturday" slated

It's time to do your spring cleaning and clear out your garage, storage building, and closets for Garage Sale Saturday. This Bronte event is slated for May 2nd. Citizens scheduling garage sales on this day need to sign up at the City Hall by April 24th. Suggested hours for the sale are 9 am to 4 pm. Maps will be available at the Bank Parking Lot the day of the sale. This event is sponsored by the Bronte Chamber of Commerce.

## **Commissioner's Court** actions

By Jackie Walker The Commissioner's of Coke County held their meeting March 23, 1998. Guests in attendance were: Styles, Wayne Rick McCutchen, David Rawlings, Kristy Roe, Phelan Wrinkle, and Stover Taylor. •Correction was made

regarding previous report of March 9th meeting where it was stated the County Extension Agent asked for a full time secretary. This was the County Attorney's office, not the Extension office.

•Meeting was called to order with pledge to the flag and prayer led by Ettie Hubbard.

•Minutes of the previous meeting were approved with corrections.

•Under open forum, Kristy Roe reported that ballot box for Pct. 2 had to be opened to remove needed papers from the box. It in no way affected the election or the count.

•Ms. Hubbard said that she planned to have early voting at Bronte again.

•Treasurer's affidavit was approved as of February 28, 1998. Cash, \$912,445.93; Cash prior year, \$998,576.84; Other assets, \$780,177.40; Other assests prior year, \$566,396.00.

 Trapper funding was tabled as committee is to meet with Court.

•GTE's request for construction of communication lines was approved.

 Contract between 32nd Judicial District Board and Coke County was approved for Regional Juvenile Detention overflow.

 On recommendation of the Robert Lee seniors and approval of the Court, Ms. Annice Walker was chosen to be the Senior Director and van driver for the Robert Lee Senior Center. Resignations of John Driggers, Judy Driggers, and Janie Munoz from the Coke County Child Welfare Board was accepted and the following approved to serve in their place, Donna Hall, and Jeanna Lee, and Neva Austin. •The County Agents report



Doug and Winnie McPeek of Robert Lee are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Wendy Jo, to Shon Michael Garrison. Shon is the son of Mike and Betty Garrison and Sherry and William Seago of Orange, Texas.

Wendy is a May graduate candidate at Angelo State University. Shon is attending Lamar University in Beaumont. A May wedding is planned.

was presented.

•Sheriff's report was given by Wayne McCutchen as Sheriff Harris was on a call. The department made ten arrests last month with five still in custody.

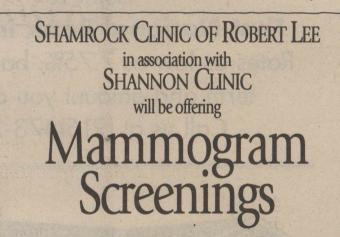
•The Court decided against the county wide burn ban and want to encourage everyone to use common sense about burning due to grass conditions.

•No private road work requests were presented.

•Bills were paid and meeting recessed until 2:30 p.m.

•Meeting was called back to order at 2:30 for discussion with James Jonas and Ron Jackson of Wackenhut regarding the expansion of the Bronte facility. Concern regarding changing the mission is still under discussion. The possibility of expanding on up to two hundred beds is better if the facility is changed to a boys' facility. Mr. Jonas is to have Wackenhut get back to Coke County with the figures on pay out, etc.

•Meeting adjourned.





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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

#### BHS track team competes at Robert Lee

The Bronte High School Boys Track team competed in the Robert Lee Track Meet. The placings are as follows.

In the 3200 meter run, Courtney Beam placed third with a time of 12:17 and Chad Barton placed fourth with a time of 12:59.

In the 400 meter relay, Jerrod McClure, Chris Keller, Wes Howell, and Michael Sallee placed second with a time of 47.54.

In the 110 meter hurdles, Dustin Holland was awarded second place with a time of 16.5. Zeb Speary placed fifth with a time of 19.5 and Harley Hall, with a time of 19.58, placed sixth.



Breakfast Monday, Mar. 30 Cereal, Sliced Peaches, Teddy Grahams, Milk Tuesday, Mar. 31 Sausage, Orange Juice, Pancakes, Milk Wednesday, April 1 French Toast Stix, Grape Juice, Blueberry Muffins, Milk Thursday, April 2 Pancake & Sausage on a Stick, Hash Browns, Apple Juice, Milk Friday, April 3 Breakfast Burrito, Apple Juice, Banana Nut Muffins, Milk

#### Lunch Monday, Mar. 30

Fish Sticks, Macaroni & Cheese, Sweet Corn, Fresh Fruit Salad, Rolls, Milk, Brownies

Tuesday, Mar. 31 Pigs in a Blanket, Tator Tots, Pinto Beans, Milk, Cup Cakes Wednesday, April 1 Ham & Cheese Submarine Sandwiches, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Sliced Orange, Bun, Chips, Milk, Apple Crisp

Thursday, April 2 Chicken Fried Steak w/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Milk, Jello Josh Schoenfield placed third in the 800 meter dash with a time of 2:15.

**BJH** tracksters

compete at RL

Boys' Track team competed

Friday, March 13, at the

Robert Lee Tri-Meet. The

Shorthorns gave it their all and

their scores and placings are

In the 2400 meter run, Coby

Carper placed first with a time

of 9:19. Third place went to

Gene Butts with a 10:17 and

fourth place was awarded to

Jonathan Tomes with a time of

In the 400 meter relay,

Lorenzo DeLaGarza, Steve

Eldred, Cody Sedden, and

Dalton Graves placed second

ond place went to Cody

Sedden with a time of 2:34

and fourth place went to

fifth with a time of 13.5 in the

the 400 meter dash with a

time of 1:06 while Sampson

Booker placed 4th with a time

tory with a time of 47.6, earn-

ing him first place in the 300

Giving their best in the 200

meter dash were fourth place

winner, Jeremy Sanchez with

a time of 28.6, and sixth place

Steve Eldred hurdled to vic-

Lorenzo DeLaGarza placed

Coby Carper placed 3rd in

James Graves with 2:49.

In the 800 meter dash, sec-

with a time of 52.4.

100 meter dash.

meter hurdles.

of 1:08.

as follows.

10:26

The Bronte Junior High

Jerrod McClure was victorious in the 100 meter dash with a time of 11.47, earning him first place.

In the 400 meter dash, Chris Keller earned fourth place with a time of 57.2, Dustin Scott won fifth place with a time of 57.3, and sixth place went to Wes Howell with a time of 57.4.

In the 300 meter hurdles, Dustin Holland placed third with a time of 49.1, Zeb Speary was fourth with a time of 49.3, and Ryan McCorkle was sixth with a time of 51.5.

Jerrod McClure again crossed the finish line in first place, this time to win the 200 meter dash with a time of 24.06. Michael Sallee, with a time of 25.6, placed fifth.

Chad Barton earned fifth place in the 1600 meter run with a time of 6:00, while Jesse McClure earned sixth place with a time of 6:03.

Wes Howell, Chris Keller, Courtney Beam, and Dustin Scott earned second in the 1600 meter relay with a time of 3:54.

In the shot put, Blake McKee won second place with a distance of 47'4" and Michael Sallee earned third with a distance of 46'5 1/2".

In the discus, Blake and Michael did well again. Blake earned fourth place while Michael was awarded fifth.

Triple jumper Dustin Scott won third place with a distance of 38'1" and Rodney Adams placed fifth with a jump of 36'6".

Long jumper Jerrod McClure earned fifth with a jump of 15'10", while Brandon Gibbs earned sixth with a jump of 15'5".

Rodney Adams placed second in the high jump with a jump of 5'10", Dustin Scott, with a jump of 5'8", won fourth and sixth place went to Dustin Holland with a jump of 5'6".

#### Spring Chicken Affair

The 16th Annual Spring Chicken Affair has been scheduled for Sunday, April 19, 1998 from 11 am to 2 pm. This year's affair will be held behind the San Angelo National Bank (3451 Knickerbocker Road). In the winner, Dalton Graves with a time of 29.1.

Cody Sedden earned first place in the 1600 meter run with a time of 5:51, Gene Butts earned third place with a time of 6:28 and James Graves was fourth with a time of 6.42.

The 1600 meter relay team, Lorenzo DeLaGarza, Coby Carper, Dalton Graves, and Steve Eldred, were victorious with an excellent time of 4.21. In the discus, Dalton Graves placed fifth with a distance of 94'5" and Coby Carper was awarded sixth with a distance of 93'8".

In the triple jump, Cody Sedden leaped to a second place finish with a jump of 33'1" and Dalton Graves won fourth place with a jump of 30'9".

Long jumper Steve Eldred placed second with his jump of 15'8 1/2" and Lorenzo DeLaGarza won fifth with a jump of 14'10".

Steve Eldred jumped to a first place win in the high jump with a jump of 5'0" and Lorenzo DeLaGarza won sixth with a jump of 4'6".

#### Area youth jobs available

Jobs will be available for area youth again this summer through the Summer Youth Employment and Training Program operated by, the Concho Valley Council of Governments. The eightweek program will be operated from June 8, 1998 to August 7, 1998 and will allow youth to work up to thirty hours per week. Public agencies and private nonprofit organizations are used as work sites.

The purpose of the program is to provide basic work experience to better prepare the youth for the world of work, perform meaningful work in the community, and provide economic resources to enable the youth to return to school in the fall. Counseling and labor market information will be provided to each participant working this summer.

To qualify for the program, youth must be at least 14 years of age at the time of the application and meet low family income guidelines. Applications will be taken on Monday, March 30, 1998, at the Robert Lee High School Library starting at 9 a.m. Students should bring a copy of their social security card, birth certificate or resident card, and a utility bill, water bill or phone bill to show proof of address.

For more information contact Monette Molinar at 944-9666.

#### Sports Booster meeting set

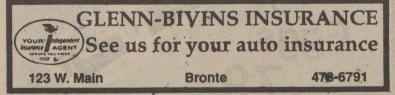
A Bronte All-Sports Booster meeting has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, March 30, 1998, in the Bronte school cafeteria. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

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#### **RLISD Board** minutes

The Robert Lee ISD school board met in regular session March 12, 1998, at 6:30 p.m. All members were present. The following business was conducted:

Bills were paid.

•A school board election was called for May 2, 1998, for one unexpired two year term and two full three year terms.

•Eula Fay Blair was appointed election judge for the May 2 election and was also appointed to count the early voting ballots.

 Approval by resolution of sale of the Coke County Appraisal District building.

•The long range Robert Lee ISD Technology Plan was accepted.

•Participation in the HEB camp by the fourth grade was given final approval.

•April 23, 1998, was set



**Breakfast** Monday, March 30 Orange juice, muffins, cold cereal, milk. Tuesday, March 31 Orange juice, breakfast pizza, milk. Wednesday, April 1 Orange juice, donut, cold cereal, milk. Thursday, April 2 Orange juice, blueberry pancake wrap around sausage, cold cereal, milk. Friday, April 3 Orange juice, cinnamon rolls, cold cereal, milk. Lunch Monday, March 30 Barbecue wieners, cheesy potatoes, corn, rolls, pears,

milk. Tuesday, March 31 Baked potato, chili con carne, broccoli and cheese, crackers, fruit cocktail, milk. Wednesday, April 1 Ham, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, pineapple tidbits, milk.

Thursday, April 2

Mexican casserole, tossed salad, ranch style beans, crackers, chocolate pudding, milk.

Friday, April 3

Hotdogs w/chili and cheese, potato patty, fruit, apple slices, milk.

aside for the national Take RLISD according to the District's field trip policy.

•The Board voted for candidates for the ESC Board of Directors.

•A report on individual school board training hours was given.

•Early release days for the second semester was set for March 13, April 9, and May 21, at 1:00 p.m.

•The 1997-98 school calendar was amended by moving the bad weather day from Friday, April 17, to Monday, May 4.

•A salary proposal was distributed for the Board's study and review.

 New textbook adoptions were certified by the Board.

 Graduation procedures for AEP and vocational students who are not students at Robert Lee High School were discussed.

 Contracts for all elementary teachers were extended for the 1998-99 school year. •Contracts for all full time high teachers were extended

for the 1998-99 school year. • Principals and Superintendent each gave monthly reports.

The next regular meeting was set for April 21, and a salary workshop was set for April 1, 1998.

## **RL** graduate

## receives degree

Tiffany Jameson Smith graduated in December 1997 with a Master's degree in Counseling from Texas Tech University in Lubbock. As an intern, she is completing requirements toward being a Licensed Professional Counselor and Licensed Professional Marriage and Family Therapist. She is currently a staff therapist at a non-profit Christian counseling center in Lubbock, mainly working with couples and families. Her career interests also include teaching parenting classes and presenting marriage enrichment seminars. Her husband, Jeff, is presently in Medical School at Texas Tech and will graduate in June 1999.

Her parents are Larry and Barbara Jameson of Silver, Texas. Tiffany was a graduate of Robert Lee High School in 1990 and received a Bachelor of Arts in Communication degree from Abilene Christian University in 1994.

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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL I 

## Spring turkey season to open

Coming off a banner production year and taking into consideration prime range conditions, state wildlife officials are forecasting an excellent upcoming spring turkey season in Texas.

"Hunters should see lots of birds," offered Dr. Marcus Peterson, turkey program leader for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). Production last year was way above average, particularly in the Edwards Plateau; so there'll be lots of jakes on the ground. I would also expect a lot of mature gobblers out there, too.

Rio Grande turkey hunting season opens March 28 in South Texas and runs through May 3, and begins in the remaining counties having a spring turkey season on April 4 and runs through May 10.

In addition to possessing a valid Texas hunting license; turkey hunters are required to purchase a Special Turkey Hunting Stamp. The annual bag limit on turkey is four.

According to Ralph Suarez, a Ballinger - based TPWD bi-ologist, "We're expecting a real good hunt this spring. Things should get off to a quick start because gobblers are starting to talk already and range conditions are good.

Suarez states that during last year's hen/poult survey, a statewide field observation study which records the number of offspring accompanying hens, he was able to record the highest number of offspring produced from the past four to five years.

#### **RLVFD** donations listed

Recent contributions to the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department are reported below.

#### MEMORIALS **Eddie Derrick**

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**Ruth Beal Elton Mims** 

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Robert and Nancy Large,

Joyce and Bobby Walker **Bryan Barnes** Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rasco Lorene Fikes Baker Mrs. Teddy Pitcock **Genevieve Chesshir Bob and Jamie Boren** DONATIONS

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Jermoe Hanna, Opal Short, Robert Lee State Bank "Christmas Project"

#### 10-year-old wins writing contest

Grand prize winner of the Austin Writers' League contest for the children's mystery was ten-year-old Nathan Daniel. Nathan is the grandson of Louise Gaddy of Robert Lee.

Nathan is a 5th grader at Great Oaks Elementary School in Round Rock, Texas. His mystery story was one of more than 400 received for the contest.

## ACT plans production

Angelo Civic Theatre will present the Billy St. John comedy "Is There a Comic in the House?" beginning Thursday, April 2.

The box office opens today (March 27). Box office hours are Monday through Saturday from 12 noon to 5:30 pm or you may call 949-4400 for tickets.

**Robert Lee State Bank** 

Your hometown bank that's been around for over 60 years. Lots of things have changed over the years, both in our community and at the bank. Some of our faces you may know and others you may not. We'd like to help you get to know us a little better...

## **Bookkeeping Department**



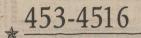
- With bank since 1992
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- Backup computer operator
- Loan file clerk

## **Kei Antilley**





Physician Assistant George Zerucha is back on duty part time following a leave of absence. Please call the clinic to schedule appointments



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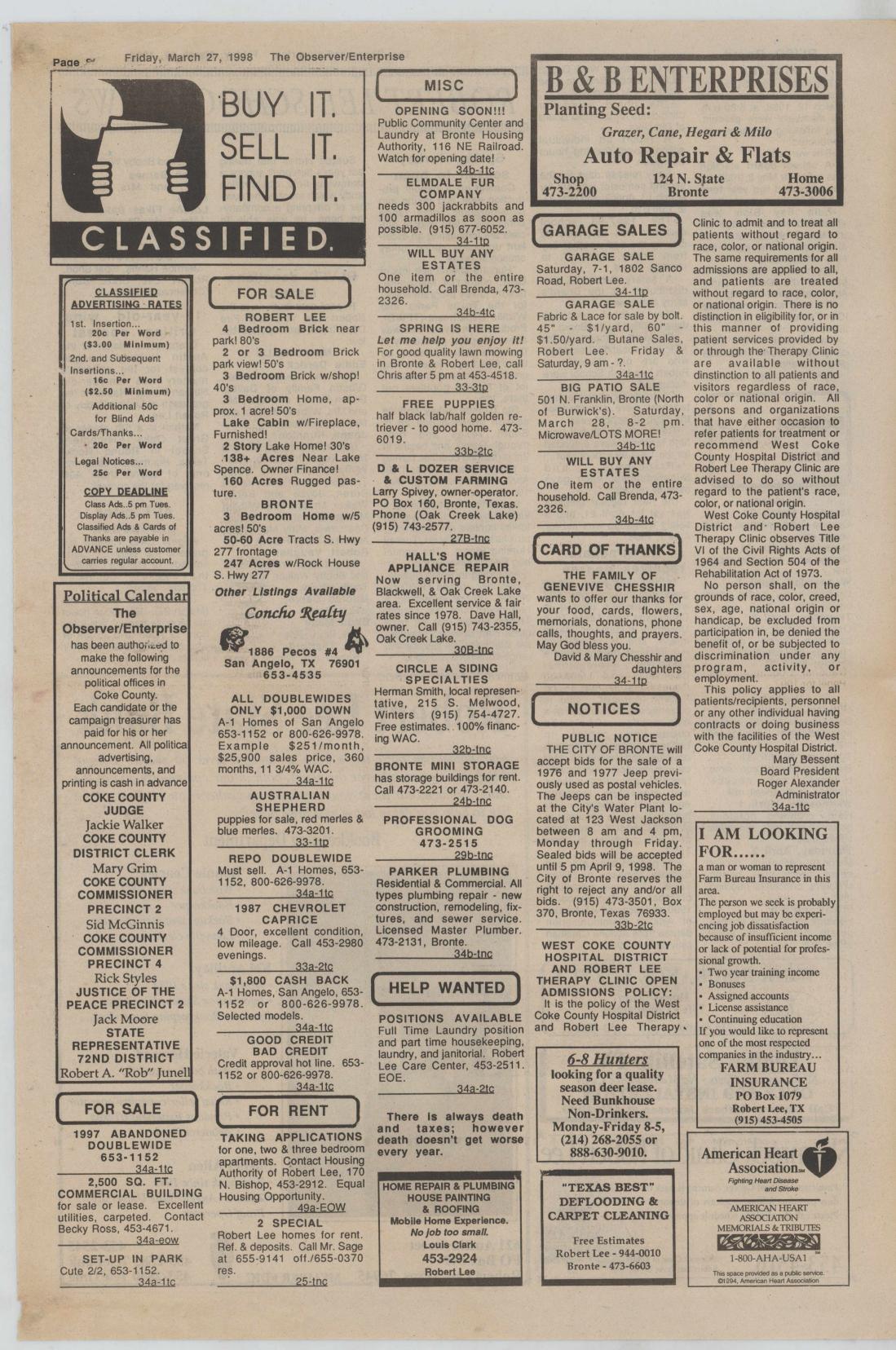
#### **Valerie Howard**

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- Relief teller/computer operator • Previous Experience/Texas **Commerce Bank**

## **Shelley Allen**

- With bank since 1992
- 2 years Angelo State University
- Proof Operator





#### **Blackwell CISD** receives award

Lane Jackson, superintendent of Blackwell CISD, announced today that monetary awards for (\$500.00) were made to the Blackwell CISD as part of the Texas Successful Awards System (TSSAS). The Blackwell CISD schools are among 2,300 cash winning schools statewide receiving awards for exemplary or recognized performance and the 368 acceptable schools receiving awards based on their comparable improvement group. Cash awards ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 per school were given depending on the number of students enrolled at the school. A total of \$2.5 million is being awarded to schools this year under TSSAS.

Data from the Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) was used to determine campus eligibility for awards. The AEIS is commonly known as the state's report card. One indicator of the AEIS is the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test. The TAAS measures performance in reading, writing, and mathematics. This year's awards are based on the spring 1997 TAAS scores and the state's performance standards for dropout and attendance rates.

Schools in the exemplary category have at least 90 percent of all their students

#### Library news

The Coke County Library has received the Special Early Childhood Report from the National Education Goals Panel for 1997.

The indicators chosen by the panel which foretell success of children in school are as follows: Parental Care, Birthweight, Children's Health, Immunizations, Family-Child Reading, Other Language Activities (story telling and going to the library), and high-quality preschool settings.

The report says that regular reading to children is one of the most important activities parents can do with their children to improve readiness for school. Reading teaches children characters, plot, action, and sequence ("Once upon a time...), and helps them learn that the print means sounds and words. It is also a vocabulary builder. The report also says that fewer than 6 out of

and each student population (White, African American,

Hispanic, and Economically Disadvantaged) pass each section of the TAAS. Exemplary schools 1994-95 dropout rate was 1 percent or less for all students and each student group. In addition, their 1994-95 attendance rate was 94 percent or greater. In the recognized category, schools had at least 75 percent of all students in each group pass each section of the TAAS. Recognized campuses had a dropout rate of 3.5 percent or less for all students in each group. Their attendance rate was at least 94 percent. Additionally, for each TAAS subject area below 80 percent (all students and each group) in the recognized school, actual change of scored between 1997 and 1996 TAAS met or exceeded the change needed to reach 90 percent passing within five years.

The final TSSAS award was given to campuses with acceptable ratings that linked in the top 25 percent of their comparable improvement group on TAAS reading and math. The comparable improvement categories are based on several factors including the percent of students identified as African American, Hispanic, White, Economically Disadvantaged, Limited English Proficient. and Mobile.

#### Rehab trail ride scheduled

The Spring Trail Ride for Rehab is scheduled for Lambshead Ranch near Albany. Registration will begin April 17, after 3 p.m. and continues Saturday, April 18, beginning at 8 a.m. Volunteer Trail Ride Chairman are Kelly Gill, Mac Sayles, and Thomas Hicks.

The weekend will feature a day-long ride on Saturday and a shorter ride on Sunday morning, and three meals will be served. Saturday evening entertainment will be provided

by Jean Prescott, named Female Vocalist of the Year by the Academy of Western Artists in 1996 and 1997 and Female Entertainer of the Year by the Western Music Association. Other weekend activities will include an auction of numerous items, a raffle of spurs made by R.F. Ford, and a Sunday morning worship service.

The historic Lambshead Ranch, located north of Albany in Shackelford and Throckmorton counties, was founded in the 1870's by J.A. Matthews. The Matthews and Reynolds families settled the area in the 1850's and 1860's when Comanche Indian raids were still common. This working ranch is known worldwide for raising Hereford cattle, its emphasis on historical preservation, and for many years being the home of the legendary rancher, Watt Matthews, who recently passed away. The ranch contains some 40,000 acres along the Clear Fork of the Brazos River and was once part of the 1850's route for the Butterfield State Line which connected St. Louis

#### Two ordained at **Central Baptist**

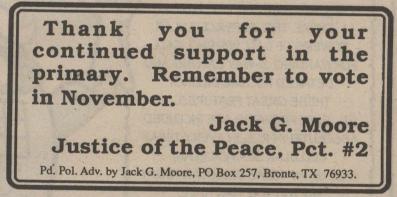
On Sunday, March 22. Central Baptist Church in Bronte ordained Shane Webb and Bobby Corder to the office of Deacon. The Presbytery consisted of Eddie Alexander, Carl Blair, Bill Labenskie, Billy McCorkle, Dale Patterson, Dwain Pruitt, Jr. Pruitt, & Randy Johnson.

After Dwain Pruitt introduced the candidates, Randy Johnson questioned them concerning their beliefs. Upon approval by the Presbytery, Central Baptist voted to ordain these two men. After the laying on of the hands, Dale Patterson brought the Charge.

It was a wonderful service, and Central Baptist is blessed to have such a fine body of Deacons.

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and San Francisco. The AV brand used by the Ranch was first registered in 1885. (Information courtesy of Historic Ranches of Texas by Dr. Lawrence Clayton.)

Even co-chairman Thomas Hicks said, "This is a rare opportunity to see and explore one of the most beautiful and historic ranches in Texas. We are really looking forward to the ride."

To sign up for the trail ride or for additional information, contact John Thomas (Abilene, 915-793-3508) or Eva Horton (San Angelo, 915-949-9535).

#### Moore hosts club

The Bronte home of Fredna Moore was beautifully decorated in a Texas theme when the Sorosis Study Club met March 12, 1,998.

Attending the meeting were members Celia Bowden, Jean Fancher, Mary Glenn, Diane Luckett, Fredna Moore, Doris Sims, Mildred Thomason, Janet Wommack, and her guest, Carmen Jackson of Odessa.

Vice-president Mildred Thomason, conducted the business meeting. A report on the February birthday party at Bronte Nursing Home was given. The Club expressed thanks to Stephen Tomes and Marybelle Hilliard for providing the musical program for the party.

Federation Counselor's report was given by Diane

Luckett. Celia Bowden gave a clever and entertaining program of Texas trivia on various subjects.

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After viewing a video of the February meeting with Johnny Gimble playing fiddle, delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

The next club meeting will be April 9, 1998, in the home of Mary Frances Glenn.



Bronte Menu for the Week

Monday, March 30 Turkey Sandwich w/cheese, lettuce, tomato, navy .bean soup, cornbread, grape juice, fruited gelatin.

Wednesday, April 1 Chicken and dumplings, spinach, wheat bread, pineapple chunks, ice cream. Friday, April 3

Fish wedge w/tartar sauce. baked potato, blackeyed peas, wheat bread, apricot nectar, lemon cake.

## **Health Notes**

At North Runnels Home Health our focus is providing the best care possible for patients and helping them care for themselves. We believe the more our patients know, the better care they can receive.

#### **TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE** This Week, Part 1 of 3

Test your knowledge about weight control and heart disease risk factors by taking the following true or false quiz. 1 Being overweight puts you at risk for heart disease?

2 If you are overweight, losing weight helps lower your high blood cholesterol and high blood pressure?

3. Quitting smoking leads to excessive weight gain which increases your risk for heart disease? 4. A low-sodium diet is more important than weight

reduction to lower high blood pressure? Answers:

1. True: Being overweight increases your risk for high blood cholesterol and high blood pressure, two of the major (controllable) risk factors for coronary heart disease. Even if

you do not have high blood cholesterol or high blood pressure, being overweight may increase your risk for heart disease. 2. True: If you are overweight, even moderate reductions in weight, such as 5% to 10%, can produce substantial reductions in blood pressure.

By losing weight, you may also be able to reduce your LDL-cholesterol ("bad" cholesterol) and triglycerides and increase your HDL-cholesterol ("good" cholesterol). 3. False: The average weight gain after quitting smoking is

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5 pounds. The proportion of ex-smokers who gain large amounts of weight (greater than 20 pounds) is relatively small.
4. False: Weight loss, if you are overweight, may reduce your blood pressure even if you don't reduce the amount of sodium you eat. Weight loss is recommended for all overweight people who have bigh blood pressure. overweight people who have high blood pressure.

Even if weight loss does not reduce your blood pressure to

children aged 3 to 5 were told stories regularly or visited a library on a regular basis.

The panel provides a list of sources of information on early childhood teaching for parents. One of the recommendations to parents is to talk, sing and read to their children, and to make television watching a low priority activity. Brain waves recorded of a person watching television are almost the same as brain waves recorded of a person who is sleeping. This is true of adults as well as children.

The Coke County Library has received some very generous collections of reading materials for which it is grateful. The Library has information on travel and vacations available for upcoming summer plans.

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normal, it may allow you to cut back on your blood pressure medications. Also, losing weight if you are overweight, may help you reduce your risk for or control other health problems. Check with your physician, of course, before changing your medication dosage or schedule.

Angela Minjarez, R.N. Remember, patients always have the right to choose their Home Health Agency Brought to you as a service of

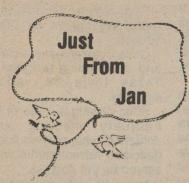
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**Dietary Supplements** 

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Dietary supplements, such as vitamins and minerals, are a hot topic! We hear about them on TV and radio and are bombarded by articles in magazines and newspapers. Can dietary supplements slow aging, stop cancer, prevent hot flashes, make your skin look younger, and prevent heart disease?

Is the vitamin and mineral hype good for our health, or is it all just a hoax? What is a vitamin?

Vitamins are the tools used by your body to process foods. Vitamins do not supply energy to the body because they contain no calories. Vitamins, however, do help release the energy contained in carbohydrates, proteins, and fat in your body. Our bodies cannot manufacture vitamins, therefore, we must obtain the energy through food. The best sources of vitamins are found in foods, not in vitamin supplements found in a The body uses bottle. vitamins better in the presence of co-factors in foods.

Vitamins in foods are either fat-soluble vitamins or watersoluble vitamins. Fat-soluble vitamins include vitamins A, D, E, and K. In general, these vitamins are stored by the body's fat cells. Taking large amounts of fat-soluble vitamins A and D, which are stored in the body, can lead to toxicity, serious illness, and even death. Water-soluble vitamins include B vitamins and vitamin C (ascorbic acid). These vitamins are not stored by the body. Rather, amounts not used by the body are excreted in the urine. Because unused amounts of water-soluble vitamins are excreted within a few weeks, it is essential that we consume these vitamins regularly. The B vitamins include thiamin (B1), riboflavin (B2), niacin (B3), pyridoxine (B6), cyanocobalamin (B12), folic acid, pantothenic acid, and biotin.

by Jan Yanez **Coke County** Ext. Agent

Americans are not meeting the recommended daily allowances (RDA's) for vitamins and minerals, it is important to realize that the RDA's are set high. Because the RDA's are not the "minimum standard," even if you fall 20-30% below them, you are probably getting plenty of vitamins and minerals.

If you do think you may be lacking in vitamins and minerals, however, turn to food sources rather than vitamin supplement pills.

Those who actually need a vitamin supplement include the following: Dieters who eat 1,200 calories or less per day will find it nearly impossible to meet their vitamin needs. Pregnant women and nursing mothers need more of all vitamins. In particular, they need more folic acid to build new body tissue. Many doctors provide a prenatal vitamin supplement for pregnancy and nursing. Supplements should never be self-prescribed for pregnancy. Strict vegetarians who eat no animal foods risk a deficiency in riboflavin, vitamin D, and vitamin B12. Vitamin D and riboflavin are found mainly in dairy products, while vitamin B12 is found strictly in animal foods. Thus, the strict vegetarian needs to supplement these vitamins. See your doctor or dietitian for appropriate dosages. Individuals with food allergies: When certain foods cannot be eaten due to allergic reactions, such a fruits or grains, individuals may need to compensate with vitamin supplements to avoid deficiencies. Lactose intolerant individuals: Lactose intolerance is the inability to digest the milk sugar found in dairy products. Avoiding dairy result in foods can deficiencies in riboflavin and calcium. The incidence of lactose intolerance increases with age. Individuals may need to compensate with vitamin supplements to avoid deficiencies. Aging individuals: As we age, our bodies often become less efficient at

Particularly, our need for vitamin B12 may be higher. Additionally, lack of sunshine may increase our need for vitamin D. Older adults often have restricted diets, which may also contribute to vitamin deficiencies. Thus, a doctor prescribed multi-vitamin is often needed. Still, older adults should try to eat a wide variety of foods if possible. Individuals with medical conditions: Some medical conditions and the drugs to treat them may interfere with vitamin absorption, making prescribed vitamins necessary.

## **Former NM Governor's** recovery slow

- Bruce King, former New Mexico governor, and relative to several local residents, Vivian King, Willie Eads, Alene Key and Bessie Brice, is recovering from heart surgery performed in early November, 1997.

Mr. King, now 73, retired after serving three terms as governor. "I was completely surprised," he said, after receiving all the calls, cards,

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and letters following his surgery, "I never in my wildest dreams believed there would be so much concern."

Bruce King's father, Bill King, moved to New Mexico from Texas in 1918 from the vicinity of Robert Lee. In a Model T Ford, he headed for the Estancia Valley where he traded his Ford for some land and a team of horses.

## **TPWD** looking for lease lands

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), will again be looking for lands to lease and enter into the Department's Public Dove Hunting Program. Last year TPWD was able to lease over 100 areas statewide, which provided exceptional hunting opportunities for those persons who purchased an Annual Public Hunting Permit. Under the Public Dove Hunting Program, TPWD provides payments to landowners who allow Annual Public Hunting Permit holders to dove hunt on their property. Lands are leased only for the dove season and should not interfere with deer hunting. If you are a landowner and would like to

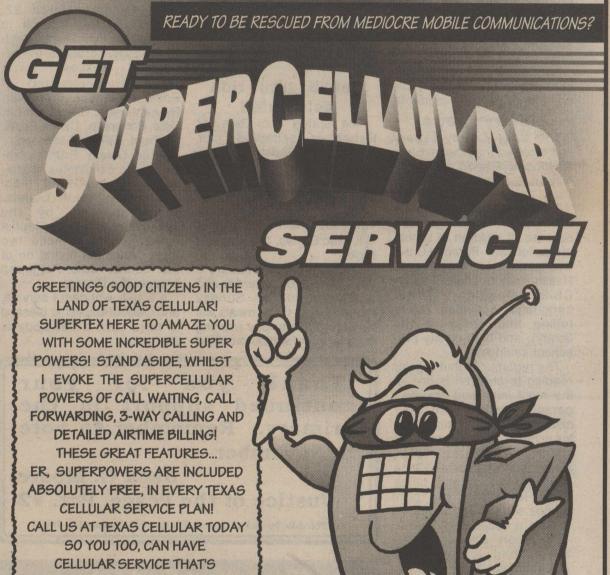
find out more about the program, call TPWD biologist, Ralph Suarez, in Ballinger at 915-365-2840.

#### Personal

Spring break guests at the home of Louise Gaddy were her daughter, Peggy Daniel and husband, Jim, and their two sons, Nathan and Evan. Peggy and her family presently reside in Austin. Louise's son, Mark Gaddy and wife, Bernadette, and their daughter, Jessica were here from Lubbock. Niece Linda Wallace and husband, Hugh and their son Jonathan, were also here from Fredericksburg, Texas.

Day trips to San Angelo, Midland Air Museum, Lake Spence and other points of interests were taken. After all the fun, everyone headed home for work and school.





Who needs vitamin and mineral supplement? Although TV, radio, news, and magazine articles often announce that the majority of absorbing various nutrients.

> To The Citizens of Robert Lee: I feel privileged to have served as your mayor for the past two years, and am seeking a second term. I would appreciate your continued support and confidence.

> > Kelly S. Nichols, Mayor Pd. Pol. Adv. by Kelly S. Nichols

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