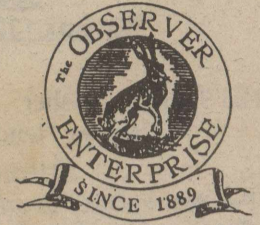


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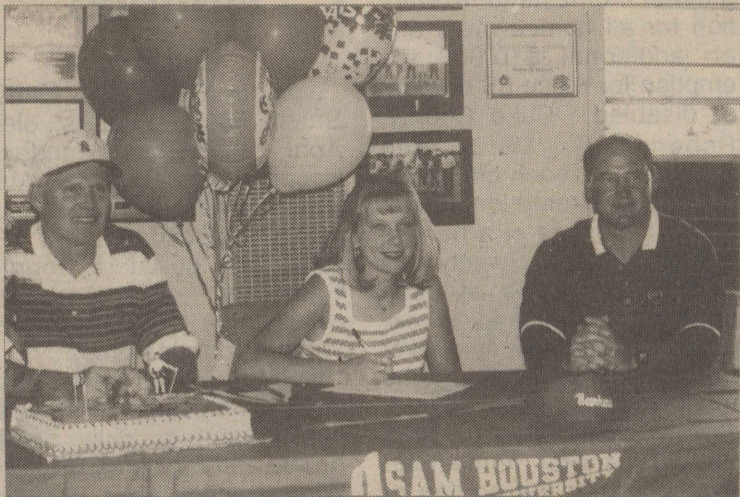


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Melissa Smith (center), a senior at Robert Lee High School, signed a letter of intent to play golf for Sam Houston State University at Huntsville, Texas. Helping Melissa celebrate is Robert Lee High School Principal Cliff Gardner (left) and Coach Mike Ritchey.

## Smith signs with SHSU

Melissa Smith, a senior at Robert Lee High School, signed a letter of intent Saturday, April 11, 1998. She will be playing golf for Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. SHSU is a Division I NCAA college in the Southland Conference.

Melissa is the daughter of Tony and Debbie Smith and has been a member of North Texas PGA since 1993 and is also a current member of AJGA. She began playing golf at the age of 4 and started lessons under a professional at 7. She has been first

## Pageant Assn. to meet

The Coke County Pageant Association will meet Monday, April 20th, 7 pm at the Robert Lee City Hall.

All interested area residents are encouraged to attend.



Cumbie Ivey, Jr.

medalist and won numerous tournaments in her career. In 1997, Melissa was 1st medalist in UIL District, Regional and State competition and was a member of the 1997 Class A State Championship Golf team.

## Longtime RL business leader dies

Longtime Robert Lee business leader L. C. "Cumbie" Ivey, Jr., died Thursday, April 9, 1998, in Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo.

Services were held on Monday, April 13, at Robert Lee Baptist Church, with interment at Fairview Cemetery in Bronte.

Born in Bronte in 1925, Cumbie Jr. attended school at San Angelo, graduating high school, and also receiving a degree from North Texas State University at Denton.

Upon his father's retirement in 1966, Cumbie Jr. took over Ivey Motor Company, the county's largest retail business, owning and managing the outstanding Ford dealership until his death. In 1990, he received the highest award for customer satisfaction that is given by Ford Motor Company.

He was also very active in the community, serving as mayor of Robert Lee and as president of the park board that planned and established the County Park in Robert Lee. In addition, he played a large role in the establishment of Mountain Creek Golf Course.

## Rawlings, McCutchen get nod in runoff

The Democratic slate of candidates for the November general election in Coke County is now in place, following Tuesday's runoff election. Both commissioner posts on the east side of the county, primarily, were involved in close runoff elections. In the runoff election for commissioner of Precinct 4, local rancher David Rawlings got the nod over Sheriff's Deputy Rick Styles by a 97 to 72 margin. Regarding the Precinct 2

commissioner spot, Sheriff's Deputy Wayne McCutchen defeated local businessman Sid McGinnis by a narrow margin of 110 to 99. As with most runoff elections, numbers of voters were down about one-third from the primary election.

Barring a successful write-in campaign during the general election in November, the new commissioners will take office in January of 1999. Both of the candidates are

new to politics, and both expressed that they were tired of campaigning and anxious to meet the challenges of the new position.

In the county Republican runoff election, voters agreed with the rest of the state and gave their blessing to John Cornyn over Barry Williamson in the race for state attorney general. Cornyn will face perennial politician Jim Mattox in the November general election.

## Early voting begins for local elections

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. Early voting began April 15 and will continue through April 28, 1998.

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 re-election 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 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) and Andra Arrott have filed for these seats.

In the RLISD election, Cathy Hendry, Darrel Pitcock and Teddy Millican will be up for re-election. 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: 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 re-election. Since there are only two people running for the three seats, the board will appoint someone to the vacant seat following the election. Since there are no contested races, the hospital district election has been cancelled.

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.

## Free clinic

A free blood pressure and blood sugar health clinic will be held Friday, April 17, at the Tennyson Post Office. The clinic will be held from 8:30 am until 9:30 am and is sponsored by the North Runnels Home Health Agency. A similar clinic is held the third Friday of every month. It is free to anyone regardless of age or income.



Mason Hoyt got a big hug from the Easter Bunny at the Easter Egg Hunt held in Bronte last Saturday. Mason is the son of Danny and Micah Hoyt of Bronte.

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The Easter Bunny arrived in Bronte Saturday and left lots of goodies for the children...plus bunches of hugs and kisses!

## Obituaries

### Ivey

L.C. "Cumbie" Ivey Jr., 72, of Robert Lee died Thursday, April 9, 1998, in Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo.

Services were held at 2 pm Monday, April 13, at the Robert Lee Baptist Church with the Rev. Jim McWilliams of the First Methodist Church officiating. Interment followed at the Fairview Cemetery in Bronte. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Cumbie was born September 29, 1925, in Bronte. He was a graduate of San Angelo High School and North Texas State. He joined the Air Force, and after graduating from O.C.S., he became an O.S.I. agent stationed at Barksdale Air Force Base. He moved his family to Robert Lee in 1953 to become involved in the family Ford business. Cumbie served as mayor of Robert Lee and as president of the park board that planned and established the County Park in Robert Lee. He also was quite active in helping establish the Robert Lee golf course.

Upon his father's retirement in 1966, Cumbie took over Ivey Motor Company and through the years won many, many Ford Motor Company awards and won Ford trips all over the world. The dealership won the North American Customer Excellence National Award for 27 years in a row. In 1990, he received The Chairman's Award, Ford Motor Company's highest award for customer satisfaction which is given to only 3 percent of all Ford dealers.

Cumbie was an avid hunter and had collected trophies from Africa, Alaska and the Yukon Territory.

Survivors include his wife,

Patricia Pruitt Ivey of Robert Lee; one daughter, Patti Lynn Ivey Petersen and her husband, Terry A. Petersen, of Dallas; his parents, Cumbie and Mary Ivey of Robert Lee; and his beloved dog, Sparky, of the home.

Pallbearers were Billy Wayne Roe, Jerry Mayberry, Ray Aldridge, Tony Smith, Mike Fluhmann, Stanley Daulong, James Kendall, Ivan Conner and Royce Smith.

Honorary pallbearers were Jim Ridge, Charles Rainey, Wayne Chandler, Wilson Rink, Houston H. Harte, Bill Allen, Ivey Eubanks and Dale Brown.

The family requests that any memorials be made to the American Heart Association, the American Diabetes Foundation or a favorite charity.

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### Singing Winds schedules tournament

The Singing Winds Golf Course in Bronte has scheduled the Noel Percifull Memorial Tournament for April 25, 1998. The tournament will be a 27-hole, two person scramble. For more information, please call the course at 473-2156.

Make plans for the 9-hole scramble held every Tuesday evening. Signup is 5:30 pm with tee off beginning at 6:00 pm.

### CC retired teachers to meet

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, April 20, 1998. The noon luncheon meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church in Bronte.

### Homestead exemptions reduce tax

Homeowners can reduce their property tax bills by taking advantage of homestead exemptions. Application forms are available at the Coke County Appraisal District office. Chief Appraiser, Patsy Dunn, informs homeowners that Texas law allows them to file a one-time application that reduces the taxable value of the home. A fee is not required to file for a homestead exemption. Property owners who have never received the general homestead exemption on their homes in which they were living on January 1, 1998, those who turn 65, and those who became disabled during 1997, must apply this year to receive exemptions in 1998. The deadline for filing applications is April 30th.

The school tax exemption for those 65 or older provides a special property tax "ceiling" for school taxes. Tax rates may change, but the tax will not be higher than the first year of qualification unless improvements are made to the homestead. Senior citizens may now transfer their tax ceilings to a new home.

If the homestead is located in a taxing unit that overlaps into two or more counties, the homeowner need only apply at one county appraisal district. That district will inform any other appraisal districts about the application.

Texas law provides several

types of exemptions for homeowners. For school tax purposes, there is a \$15,000 general homestead exemption for all homeowners and an additional \$10,000 exemption for those 65 or older or disabled. Coke County, Robert Lee I.S.D., and Bronte I.S.D. each offer a local-option exemption based on a percentage of a home's appraised value. Twenty percent of the value of each qualified homestead is exempted. The dollar amount of this exemption for any home must equal at least \$5,000. Coke County also gives a \$3,000 general homestead exemption on the portion of the county tax levied for farm-to-market roads or flood control. East Coke County Hospital District grants an optional exemption on the homesteads of elderly or disabled residents in the amount of \$10,000 off the appraised value.

For more information, homeowners may contact the Coke County Appraisal District at the Courthouse, 2nd Floor West, in Robert Lee, Texas, or call 453-4528.

### Abilene ELC slated to begin June 30

The City of Bronte has been notified that Extended Local Calling to Abilene will be implemented on or before June 30, 1998. There will be no additional monthly fee for this service.

## Death Notices

### Smith

Virginia "Ginny" Lou Pilmer Smith, 55, of Winters, died April 13, 1998 at Hendrick Hospice Care Center in Abilene. Services were held at 5 pm, Wednesday, April 15, 1998 with burial in Counts Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Winters Funeral Home.

She is survived by her husband, Jimmy Smith of Winters; her daughters, Sally Smith Arnold and husband, Brent of Winters, and Jamie "Rabbit" Smith of College Station; her mother, Opal Pilmer of San Angelo; two brothers, Gordon Pilmer and wife, Debbie and son Jonathan of Houston, Texas, and John Pilmer of San Antonio; one sister-in-law, Gayle Pilmer and children Amy and Jody of San Angelo. Ginny was preceded in death by one brother, Joe Pilmer.

### ACT schedules play

The Angelo Civic Theatre has begun taking ticket orders for "Smoke on the Mountain" a popular musical performed by Eldorado's Way Off Broadway Players. The play is scheduled April 24 and 25th at 8 pm and April 26th at 2 pm.

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Candidate for County Commissioner, Pct. 4

Pd. Pol. Adv. by David Rawlings

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**Richards - Palmer**  
wed

Miss Tamara JoAnn Richards and Steven Nicholas Palmer were united in marriage on Saturday, January 10, 1998 at 7 pm at University Height Baptist Church in Huntsville, Texas. The double ring ceremony was performed by Brother Collins. A reception followed at Woodward Country Club in Huntsville.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents on the eve of the wedding at Woodward Country Club in Huntsville.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Paramore of Houston and Mr. and Mrs. Willie Freeman of Longview. She is the granddaughter of the late Ervin and DeLois Elam, great-granddaughter of the late Josie Sims of Bronte. She is the granddaughter of Lillie Freeman and the late Weaver L. Freeman of Pennington. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Steven Palmer of Houston. He is the grandson of Warner Palmer and the late Gwen Palmer of Houston, great-grandson of Lela Palmer and the late Sam Palmer of Houston.

Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, the bride wore an off-the-shoulder gown of white satin with lace overlays and a cathedral-length train. Her veil of silk illusion was caught by a headpiece of roses, beads, and pearls. She carried white roses and gardenias and her great-grandmother's Bible.

Miss Kelly Freeman, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Miss Amanda Cloud and Mrs. Desiree Paxton. Junior bridesmaids were Misses Katy and Lacy Showers, twin cousins of the bride, and the flower girl was Miss Samantha Humphrey. The attendants wore floor length gowns of black velvet and carried red roses.

Serving as best man was Mr. Sean Martin, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Mr. Rob Zimelman and Mr. Brian Paxton. Master Travis Paxton and Master Ryder Paramore served as ring bearers, and Master Justin Humphrey lit the candles before the ceremony. Mr. Ricky Sato and Mr. Albert McClaren were ushers.

Mrs. Melissa Cazness, friend of the bride sang "The Lord's Prayer," "Evergreen" and "We've Only Just Begun." She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Martha Mericle.

Following the wedding, the guests enjoyed a buffet and dancing. The bride's cake, a four-tiered confection, was adorned with white pearls and fresh gardenias. The groom's cake was German chocolate, decorated with strawberries and topped with a heart-shaped cake inscribed with "Tamara and Steve."

The bride earned a degree in business administration from Sam Houston State University. The groom will graduate from SHSU in May with a degree in criminal justice. Both are also graduates of Jersey Village High School in Houston. The couple spent their honeymoon in Nashville and plans to make their home in Houston.



Mrs. Steven Palmer

**News from Red Canyon Gun Club**

Sunday, April 5th, the Red Canyon Gun Club held a monthly SB silhouette pistol match which featured a scoped gun 40 shot match and an open sight 40 shot match. There were 19 shooters present.

In the scoped pistol match, Doug Randel, of Big Spring, set the pace by shooting a perfect score on chickens and pigs. Richard Johnson, Robert Lee, and Angie Kowalik of San Antonio, tied for 2nd and Suzie Kowalik, of San Antonio, took 3rd place. High over-all was Doug Randel from Big Spring.

A shoot off was necessary after a tie score in the AA match. Class winners were 1st, Earl Williams, Kerrville; 2nd, Ken Green, Robert Lee; 3rd, Cecil Hogg, Junction.

Class A winners were 1st, "Chub" Green of Robert Lee; 2nd, Richard Seals of Sterling City; 3rd, Danny Ammons of Sterling City.

Class AAA shooters competed with Angie Kowalik taking 1st place honors, Suzie Kowalik, 2nd place, and Jim Brisbin of Sonora winning 3rd.

In the Master Class, Robert Lee's own Richard Johnson, placed 1st. In the B Class shooters, 1st place went to Billy Luxton of Big Spring, 2nd, Rose Edwards of Sterling City.

High Junior shooter with a good first time score of 15 hits was Shane Wojtek of Robert Lee.

Pins were earned by Ken

Green for 5 in a row on chickens; "Chub" Green, 5 in a row on chickens and pigs; Billy Luxton, 5 in a row on pigs; and Doug Randel, 10 in a row on chickens and pigs.

In the open sight match, Richard Johnson got revenge on Doug Randel and took the trophy by 1 hit. Both shooters were tied after the 40 shot match and went into a tie breaker shoot. High over-all went to Richard Johnson, 2nd over-all to Doug Randel, 3rd over-all Ken Green, 4th over-all to Angie Kowalik, and 5th over-all to Richard Seals.

**ECCHD Board meeting detailed**

The Board of Directors of East Coke County Hospital District met in regular session on Monday, April 13.

Following approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, the monthly financial report and monthly bills were considered and accepted. It was noted that considerable progress has been made toward reducing indebtedness.

The administrator's report, given by Nancy Dewbre, contained an update on internal operations, social and therapeutic activation, and discussion on the need for some policy charges. No action was taken.

It was agreed to get prices on a steam table for the kitchen as recommended by the dietary consultant.

Following adoption of a resolution authorizing name changes for bank signatures, the meeting was adjourned.

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# ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

## RLJH track news

The Robert Lee Junior High girls and boys track teams competed April 9, 1998 at the district meet in Bronte.

Third place with 102 points were the junior high girls. Shanna Wojtek won the triple jump with a leap of 31' 1 1/2". Second place went to Rachelle Mills, with a 29' jump.

Three girls, Shanna Wojtek, Krystal Soliz, and Christina Middleton, tied for 4th place in the high jump with 4'2".

First, second and third places went to Bobbie Sparks, 29'2", Melissa Landeros, 26'11", and Whitney Millican, 26'3" in the shot put.

Long jump competition placed Mia Lopez, 2nd, with 13'9 3/4"; Kizre Matthews, 4th, with 13'7"; and Rachelle Mills, 6th, with 13' 4 3/4".

Whitney Millican won the discus with a throw of 90'3" with teammates Melissa Landeros placing 5th with 71'4", and Bobbie Sparks, 6th, throwing 69'3".

The girls' 400 relay team won 6th with 59.63. Team members were Kizre Matthews, Rachelle Mills, Mia Lopez, Shanna Wojtek.

Jamie Chesshir placed 6th timed at 2:55.60 in the 800 meter run.

Third place went to Misti Brothers in the 100 meter hurdles, posting a time of 18.78.

The 100 meter dash time of 14.25 placed Mia Lopez 6th.

The 800 meter relay team of Kizre Matthews, Rachelle Mills, Mia Lopez, and Shanna Wojtek placed 2nd with a time of 1:58.57.

Shanna Wojtek, Jamie Chesshir, Whitney Millican, and Rachelle Mills won 2nd in the 1600 meter relay with 4:38.32.

In the girls "B" division, Trichelle Gray placed 6th in the discus with a throw of 65'7".

The boys "A" group placed three in the high jump. Second place went to Colby Eubanks with a jump of 5'2"; 3rd to Stewart Millican, 5'; and 6th to Taylor Clendennen, 4'10". Adam Cates threw the shot 36' 7 3/4" to place second.

Stewart Millican won pole vaulting with his 10' leap, Taylor Clendennen earned 2nd with 9'; and Casey Eubanks took 5th with 8'.

Triple jumps of 33'5" from Colby Eubanks and 32'1" from Stewart Millican earned 2nd and 6th respectively.

Samuel Minjarez placed 5th in the 2400 run posting a time of 10:00.37.

Second place 400 meter relay team, comprised of Clendennen, Millican, Casey Eubanks, and Ballew posted a time of 51.37.

Winning first in the 800 run was Colby Eubanks with 2:31.72.

Casey Eubanks gained second place honors in the 110 hurdles with a time of 20.44 while teammates Jesse Cerritos won 3rd with 21.00 and Samuel Minjarez, 6th, with 21.15.

Fourth place honors went to Taylor Clendennen in the 100 meter run by posting a time of 13.00.

Colby Eubanks placed 5th in the 300 meter hurdles with his time of 51.81.

Bret Ballew ran the 200 meter run in 27.56 to place 6th.

The "B" boys competed hard at the track meet and teammates Cooper Riley and Sean Edging placed 2nd and 4th in the shot put with their throws of 32'6 1/4" and 31' 2 1/2". Cooper Riley placed 4th in the discus with his throw of 95'4".

Travis Pitcock jumped 4'4" to place 6th in the high jump and leaped 7' to win the pole vault.

400 meter relay team members Williams, Gardner, Riley, and Lott placed third with their time of 58.91.

Jaziel Gallegos won 6th in the 800 meter run with 2:50.28.

Winning the 110 meter hurdles was Anson Lott, posting a time of 21:00.

Travis Pitcock placed 6th in the 400 meter run with his time of 73.53.

1600 meter relay team of Riley, Gardner, Pitcock, and Gallegos won 4th place.

## Head Start pre-registration

Wednesday, April 29th, has been set for pre-registration for Coke County Head Start in Robert Lee. Registration will begin at 12:30 pm and continue until 4 pm across the street from C&W in Robert Lee. Head Start is a program for three, four and five year olds that is based on your

family income. Children must be 3 years old before September 1st, to be eligible. For more information please call Cynthia Hill at 453-2536 or come by 820 Commerce in Robert Lee.

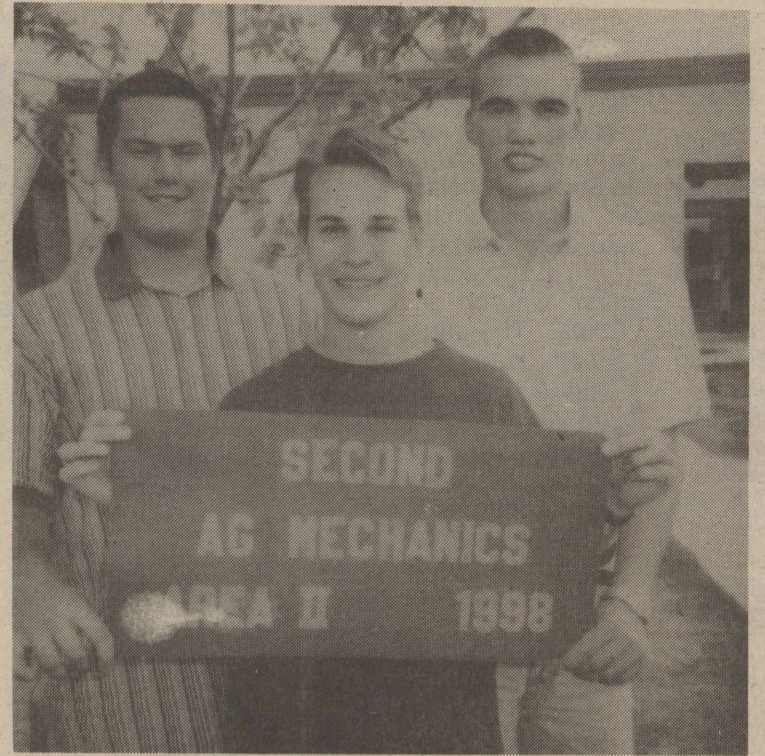
## Robert Lee FFA teams receive honors

Robert Lee's Ag mechanics team recently competed at the Texas Tech contest. Ross Schultz was 11th overall, Justin Kendall 22nd and Matthew Millican, 29th overall. The team placed 2nd in their Area II competition which advances them to state competition April 25th at College Station.

Livestock and horse judging teams recently competed at West Texas where the livestock team placed 49th. Matthew Pitcock placed 22nd overall. The horse judging team placed 17th and Chris Torres was 21st overall.

At the Clarendon competition, the livestock judging team placed 44th and horse judging placed 21. Whitney Montgomery was 17th overall in the horse judging.

Texas Tech hosted a large competition where the livestock team placed 63rd and the horse judging team ended 17th overall which placed them 6th in the area.



RLHS' Ag Mechanics team traveled to a contest at Texas Tech University and brought home 2nd place in Area II. This qualifies the team for state competition. Team members included (from left) Justin Kendall, Ross Schultz, and Matthew Millican.

## Jeff Wilkes family to visit

E/4 Jeffrey W. Wilkes, who is stationed in Dexheim Germany, with the U.S. Army, will be returning to Silver for a brief visit with his parents, Doug and Debbie Wilkes. Joining him will be his wife, Leticia, his two sons, Clint and Daylon, and daughter, Rainy.

They have lived in Dexheim for over 2 years now. During that time, Jeff served 9 months in Bosnia. He is scheduled to return to Bosnia on June 15th. Although they will only be home for a couple of weeks (April 26-May 10) they hope to make contact with their many Coke County friends.

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- Breakfast**
- Monday, April 20**  
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  - Tuesday, April 21**  
Orange juice, donut, cold cereal, milk.
  - Wednesday, April 22**  
Orange juice, breakfast pizza, milk.
  - Thursday, April 23**  
Orange juice, eggs, sausage, biscuits, milk.
  - Friday, April 24**  
Orange juice, cinnamom roll, cold cereal, milk.
- Lunch**
- Monday, April 20**  
Pizza, corn, applesauce, gingerbread, milk.
  - Tuesday, April 21**  
Fajitas, lettuce, tomato, onion, chili beans, cowboy cookies, milk.
  - Wednesday, April 22**  
Chicken spaghetti, carrots, rolls, fruit cocktail, milk.
  - Thursday, April 23**  
Sausage, macaroni and cheese, green beans, rolls, pears, milk.
  - Friday, April 24**  
Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions, potato wedges, banana, milk.

# 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...

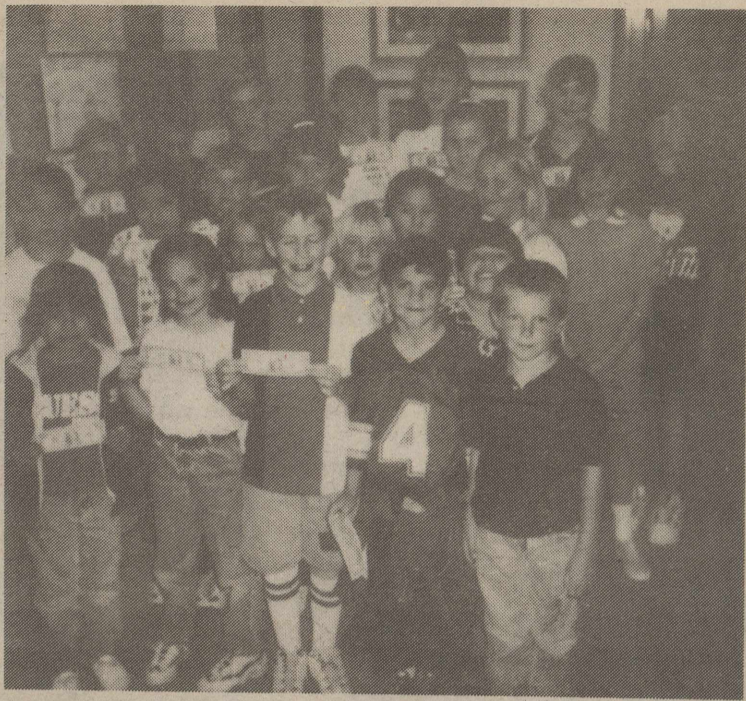
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These students were the March winners in the Robert Lee Elementary School Accelerated Reader Program.

**RL Accelerated Reading winners named**

The March winners of the Robert Lee Elementary School Accelerated Reading program include:

**First Grade**

1st. Kaden Duncan and Morgan Hill; 2nd. Jasmine Gloria and Jimmy Womack;

**Second Grade**

1st. Andrea Pineda and Kasie Skinner; 2nd. Ashley Hopson and Michael Smith;

**Third Grade**

1st. Julianne Samaniego and Becca Skinner; 2nd. Colton Cullen and Cody McCabe;

**Fourth Grade**

1st. Analy Gallegos and Raegan Ritchey; 2nd. Clayton Austin and Cassidy Wink;

**Fifth Grade**

1st. Shelby Phillips, Drew Schultz, and Jake McCabe; 2nd. Kayli Dickey, Lindsey Roe, and Ashley Womack;

**Sixth Grade**

1st. Rachel Wallace; 2nd. Shannon Honse.

**RL Elementary Honor Roll 5th Six Weeks**

**Third Grade**

Nicole Barnett, Katie Bessent, Colton Cullen, Kelsy Duncan, Dixie Johnson, Cody McCabe, Casey Marie Nesbit, Sarah Phillee, Brettanie Reed, Johnathan Watkins.

**Fourth Grade**

Cara Eaton, Raegan Ritchey, Cassidy Wink.

**Fifth Grade**

Kayli Dickey, Jake McCabe, Julie Riley, Lindsey Roe.

**Sixth Grade**

Brian Abalos, Phillip Arelano, Chris Eubanks, Jennifer Fluhmann, Jessica Fluhmann, Shannon Mace, Monica Ro-

driguez, Andrea Rusgrove, Travis Taylor, Rachel Wallace.

**Perfect attendance 5th Six Weeks**

**Kindergarten**

Emily Arellano, Cole Clifton, Sarah Jones, Christopher Knox, Stetson Nesbit, Jathan Williams.

**First Grade**

Morgan Hill, Arrin Minjarez, Dustin Moreno, Joshua Robertson, Michael Rodriguez, Cody Williamson.

**Second Grade**

Cody Denton, Brody Dillard, Sterlin Ebenstein, Cameron Hodge, Craig Mayfield, Megan Percifull, Taylor Percifull, Anna Rojas, Kasie Skinner.

**Third Grade**

Kelsy Duncan, Colton Holmes, Kevin Honse, Dixie Johnson, Jessica Long, Monica Manzanares, Casey Marie Nesbit, Sarah Phillee, Brettanie Reed, Sergio Rocha, Rosa Rojas, Becca Skinner, Robin Taylor, Eleasar Vera, Johnathan Watkins, Chelle Wright.

**Fourth Grade**

Tiffany Bagwell, Cara Eaton, Shannon Martin, Olivia Martinez, Kayla Medrano, Vincent McClelland, Melissa Palmer, Brandon Soliz, Carolina Vera.

**Fifth Grade**

Veronica Cerritos, Stacey Denton, Kristina Manzanares, Cisco Moreno, Yolanda Olguin, Shelby Phillips, Robert Raney, Julie Riley, Lindsey Roe, Drew Schultz, Brittany Soliz, Ruben Torres, Ashley Womack.

**Sixth Grade**

Brian Abalos, Phillip Arelano, Jennifer Dominguez, Jennifer Fluhmann, Jessica Fluhmann, Shannon Honse, Shannon Mace, Monica Rodriguez, Valerie Sanders, R.J. Service, Travis Taylor, Tammy Townsend, Rachel Wallace.

**RL group participates in fund raiser**

Several employees from Robert Lee State Bank, along with a few others, participated Saturday, April 4, in the March of Dimes Walk America in San Angelo. They all walked six miles to raise money for healthier babies. Each member of the group collected at least \$65 for a total of \$1,074 and won first place for the most money collected by a group of 100 people or less. The Robert Lee State Bank employees also won first place for best one-color t-shirt design.

Overall, there were at least 1,700 people participating in the walk - raising a total of over \$60,000. Those participating with the Robert Lee group were Rosa Long, Frankie Hood, Teresa Millican, Bonnie Cearley, Dee Anna Harmon, Jill Creamer, Debbie Smith, Debbie Wilkes, D'Ann Eubanks, Holly Creamer, Kei Antilley, Arlea Parks, Shelley Allen, Sarah Scott and Mel Robinson.

**Look Who's New**

**McKenzie Leigh Murphy**  
McKenzie Leigh Murphy was born April 6, 1998 at Wayne Memorial Hospital in Goldsboro, North Carolina. She weighed 7 pounds 4 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long.

Proud parents are Randy and Krystal Murphy of Goldsboro, North Carolina. Randy is stationed at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base.

Proud grandparents are John and Sheila Carver and David and Kay McKelroy, all of Robert Lee.

Great-grandparents are John and Melba Heck of Robert Lee.



Walkers sponsored by Robert Lee State Bank in the March of Dimes-Walk America came home with 2 first place awards.

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praise your child for progress, and watch his or her growth. Tell your child stories about your family history. Take your child to your workplace and introduce to friends and co-workers. Hold, rock, cradle, and sing lullabies to your infants. Watch and enjoy your child taking first steps, saying first words, and more. Be there at bedtime- read books, help with baths, kiss and hug goodnight. Comfort your child when he is having problems and assure him that someone will be there for him. Have fun with your child, play ball, take him or her swimming, go to movies, take him or her on a picnic.

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**Eligible rural postal customers to receive free box**

In a move to update postal regulations to become more in line with today's customer needs, Postmaster General Marvin Runyon has announced that the U.S. Postal Service will extend no-fee post office box eligibility to "quarter-mile" customers. The change, effective immediately, marks the first step to modify the rule, which originated after Rural Free Delivery (RFD) was initiated in 1896.

This special services reform measure will make free post office box service available to several hundred thousand customers.

"All Americans are entitled to a free form of mail service," announced Marvin Runyon.

The change now provides free post office box service to customers residing or conducting business within a quarter-mile of rural post offices, and who are ineligible for any form of carrier delivery service.

This change does not apply to customers currently paying for delivery through post office boxes as an alternative to, or in addition to, carrier delivery, or those who erected "out-of bounds" mail boxes. Out-of-bounds customers are typically rural customers who do not receive carrier delivery to their property. These customers place their mail boxes on the letter carrier's line of travel near other mail boxes. Business and residential customers who choose to use post office box service as an alternative to street delivery will continue to pay for post office box service.

The quarter-mile rule dates back more than 90 years, when America's primary mode of transportation was the horse and buggy. Among other reasons of the era, the distance was not considered a hardship for customers.

In a separate matter, the cur-

rent postal rate case calls for some post office box fees to reflect market based pricing but that issue, officials said, is not related to the decision to waive fees on the quarter-mile rule.

**Millicans honored by TCLA**


On March 2, 1998, Lance and Ashlee Millican were honored by the Texas Club Lamb Association for their hard work and dedication to qualify for the prestigious "Top Ten" awards. There are approximately 720 members of the TCLA. In the Finewood lamb division, Ashlee placed 2nd and Lance placed 5th. In the Finewood Cross division, Ashlee placed 1st and Lance placed 3rd. In the All-Around Lamb standings, Ashlee placed 2nd and Lance placed 8th. The "Top Ten" exhibitors receive an all wool letter jacket and patches in each category they place in. For being number one in the state of Texas, Ashlee was rewarded with a sterling silver Gist belt buckle especially designed for the Finewood Cross division.

The Texas Club Lamb Association also has a regional awards category. This division consists of many counties in one region. Lance and Ashlee are in region 2. There are 32 counties in this region, including Tom Green, Taylor, Midland, and El Paso, to name just a few. Lance placed first in the junior division and Ashlee placed first in the intermediate division. They both received a sterling silver Gist belt buckle which was also a special design for their region.

Lance and Ashlee are both members of the Coke County 4-H Club under the leadership of Tommy Antilley. Their parents are Waldon and Judy Millican of Robert Lee and their grandparents are Wilbern and Charlotte Millican of Robert Lee and Bernice Matthiesen of Miles.



The Texas Club Lamb Association honored Ashlee and Lance Millican for their hard work and dedication by qualifying them for the prestigious "Top Ten" awards. Members of the Coke County 4-H Club, their parents are Waldon and Judy Millican of Robert Lee.



**Sunny Notes for the Coke County Seniors**

**Wednesday, April 22**  
 BBQ beef, baked potato, whole kernel corn, dinner roll, and apple cobbler.  
**Friday, April 24**  
 Spaghetti, green beans, garlic bread, peaches and tapioca pudding.

**Dominos and Pot Luck**  
 The Senior Center will be open for dominos, Thursday, April 23, 9 am. Lunch will be served at noon. Come out and join us!

**Menu for the Week**  
**Monday, April 20**  
 Chopped steak w/brown gravy, mashed potatoes, parslid carrots, dinner roll, mandarin oranges, and orange cake.

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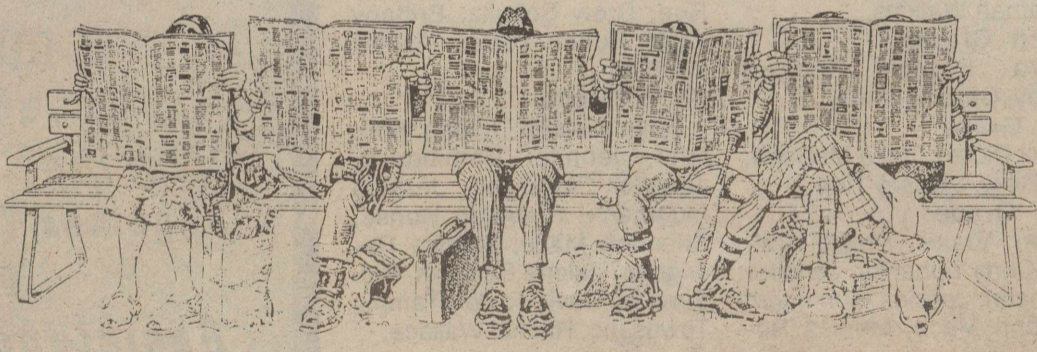
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