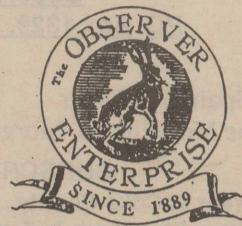


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Rehab '99 slated for Saturday

January 9, 1999. That's the date for the West Texas Rehabilitation Center's primetime telethon, Rehab '99 - the night Rehab puts its best foot forward and launches its yearly funding program with a lot of help from celebrity friends, volunteers and viewers.

And January 9th is the date volunteers in 16 Concho Valley communities, including Ballinger, Big Lake, Brady, Bronte, Christoval, Del Rio, Eden, Eldorado, Menard, Mertzon, Miles, Ozona, Paint Rock, Robert Lee, Sonora

First National slates ribbon cutting for branch

First National Bank in Bronte has announced the schedule for the grand opening of their branch bank at San Angelo. The location for the new facility is the corner of Hwy. 67 and Main in the Winn Dixie Marketplace. The schedule of activities is as follows:

Thursday, January 7, at 10 am, the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will take place. The Shrine Clowns will entertain and money from the grand Opening Ribbon will be donated to the Shrine Hospital.

Registration will begin for two \$50 and one \$100 Winn Dixie Shopping Sprees, which are being donated by the bank.

Registration will also begin and continue through January for a 1999 Ford XLT Extended Cab pickup, which is being donated by Winn Dixie Marketplace. This drawing will be held on February 6.

On Friday, January 8, there will be a performance by the Edison Junior High Band.

Saturday, January 9, promises to be a busy day. The San Angelo Outlaws Hockey Team will be there to sign autographs from 10 to 11 am. The Ballet Azteca will perform from 11 to 11:30 am. From 1 to 2 pm, the Super Squad Cheerleaders will perform. This is an independent cheerleading association in San Angelo. The Humane Society will be in front of the store with their Adopt-A-Pet program from 12 to 4 pm.

KGKL will be broadcasting in front of the store, and Cokes and sausage-on-a-stick will be available.

and Sterling City, will be manning area phone banks and soliciting donations in support of Rehab Center services for children and adults with disabilities.

Television stations across the state, including KLST-TV in San Angelo, will air this 29th annual show which originates live from the Abilene Civic Center. Major underwriters for the production are American Airlines and West Texas Utilities.

Headliners Collin Raye and the Lynns will share the stage with Peter Marshall, Bill and Susan Hayes, Anacani, Arthur Duncan, Brad Maule and Ana-Alicia Garza, a 15-year-old San Angeloan who has entertained at several Rehab events this year.

Viewers of KLST-TV will be able to see the network stage show as well as local interviews and Concho Valley phone bank updates from WTRC-San Angelo hosted by Pat Attebery, local television host and WTRC board officer.

The telecast also can be viewed nationwide via satellite: Galaxy C7, Transponder 8.

Another popular segment of the telethon is the auction which features more than 180 retail and hand-crafted items donated by businesses and individuals - ranging from airline tickets to auto tires, saddles to sirloins. Major auction items and a toll-free bidding number will be publicized prior to showtime in the San Angelo Standard-Times.

"Rehab '99 is very special for us for two reasons," said WTRC President Jim Pethis.

"As always, it launches our annual fundraising efforts, so its success is vital to our ability to meet our 1999 budget. Secondly, all that Rehab has accomplished in the past, and

FSA taking applications

The FSA office is taking LAP applications through Feb. 5, 1999. Producers are encouraged to come in and make an application as soon as possible.

There will be NO LATE FILED applications. Feb. 5, 1999 is the very last day.

Producers with questions can call the office at (915) 453-2751.



Elected Coke County officials sworn in during ceremonies at Coke County Courthouse January 1st included (from left) David Rawlings, Commissioner Precinct 4; Wayne McCutchen, Commissioner, Precinct 2; Mary Grim, County/District Clerk; Joan Davis, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1; Jackie Walker, County Judge; and Jack G. Moore, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2.

all we hope to do in the future is possible because of the support this organization receives from others volunteers like those working on area phone banks and people like those who respond in support of Telethon and for all these friends, we're truly grateful."

Runnels Baptist Assoc. to meet

The regular meeting of the Runnels Baptist Association will be held Monday, January 18 at Seventh Street Baptist Church in Ballinger.

The Executive Board and WMU will meet at 5:30 pm. The evening meal will be served at 6:15 pm.

The program will be held at 7 pm. The program will be on *Praise and Worship*. Eddie Tingle, Moderator, is in charge of the program.

The public is invited to attend.

Coke County Livestock show begins next week

Next week will be the 59th edition of the Coke County Junior Livestock Show held at the Sterling Lindsey Memorial exhibition building in Robert Lee. This year's show will feature more than 220 animals in the Market Lamb, Market Goat, Market Swine and Market Steer shows, but more importantly will involve more

than 80 youth exhibitors from around the county.

The county stock show offers the youth of Coke County an opportunity to exhibit their livestock projects which they have worked with for more than 11 months in several cases. Besides being a worthwhile educational activity for our youth in teaching them responsibility, working with others and numerous lifeskills, it is an important economic endeavor when you consider the animals purchased from county producers, feed purchased locally and the premium sale monies that come in from county and other areas. The total amounts of monies generated by these exhibitors amounts to over \$120,000 per year that is circulated in the county.

The show will begin Friday, January 15, beginning at 5:30 pm with the Market Lamb show followed by the Market Goat show. These will be judged by Chad Colburn, Sterling County Extension Agent. Saturday, January 16, the Market Swine show gets underway at 8:30 am, judged by Russ Baize, swine producer from Stamford, followed by the Market Steer show at 11 am, judged by Greg Gruben, Scurry County Extension Agent.

The Buyers Appreciation BBQ will be served at 12, and as always the BBQ will be pre-

pared by Wayland Drennan, Gaylon Pitcock, Roy Tinkler, Tommy Sisemore and company. Following the BBQ, the premium sale will be held at 2 pm to honor the prize winning animals and exhibitors. Persons wishing to donate to the Coke County Livestock Show can contact either the County Extension office in the courthouse or one of the Livestock Association Directors that include: Sharon Kelton, Shane Webb, Wayne Coalson, Kendall Gibbs, Todd Harrell, Rick Howell, David Jackson, Jerry T. Parker, David Scott, Joe Sefcik, Robert Wink, Jeff Eubanks, Tommy Hendry, Mike McCabe, Teddy Millican, Wibby Millican, Joel Percifull, Darrel Pitcock, Mark Riley, or Ernest Ybarra.

The directors of the Coke County Junior Livestock Show would like to invite everyone to come participate in this year's County Livestock Show and support the youth of our county for their hard work and dedication.

Fire Marshall appointed

Robert Lee City Council accepted resignation from Fire Marshall, Robert Wink. Robert has served as Fire Marshall for the City of Robert Lee since 1984. Rowland "Bud" Thompson was appointed to fill this position effective January 1, 1999.

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Death Notices

Abalos

Lupe Abalos, 52, of Winnie, died December 31, 1998, at her residence.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Saturday, January 2, 1999, at St. Louis Catholic Church under the direction of Broussard's Mortuary in Winnie. Burial was Monday, January 4, in Robert Lee Cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, Selso Abalos of Winnie; sons, Gregory Abalos of Angleton, Joe Abalos of Lumberton, and Jarrod Abalos of Winnie; stepson, Joyn Carraway of Oceanside, California; brother, Pete Tijerina of Robert Lee; and four grandchildren.

Brasuell

Aaron Lee "Speedy" Brasuell, 80, of Robert Lee died Thursday, December 31, 1998, in a San Angelo hospital.

Graveside services were held on Saturday, January 2, 1999, in the Robert Lee Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include one son, Carl Lee Brasuell of Houston, Texas.

Denman

J.W. Denman, 74, of Robert Lee, died on Sunday, January 3, 1999, at his residence.

Graveside services will be held at 10 am on Thursday, January 7, 1999, at the Robert Lee Cemetery with services under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include one son, Mike Denman of Tuscola; two brothers, O.E. Denman of Tyler and M.L. Denman of Corpus Christi; and two grandchildren, Kevin and Braden Denman of Tuscola.

Edwards

Gary O. Edwards, 96, of Early, Texas, and formerly of San Angelo and Bronte, died December 31, 1998 in Austin.

Services were held Monday, January 4, 1999, officiated by Reverend John Beckling. Interment was at Bee House Cemetery in Coryell County.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Beulah Mae Tabbor.

He is survived by his children, Melba Rogers of Ft. Worth; Maola Rainey of Ripley, MS; Alene Easley and Dottie Edwards, both of Taylor, TX; William Edwards of Seattle, WA; Joyce Jones, Jill Hale and Jack Edwards, all of Austin; Gary O. Edwards, Jr. of San Angelo, and Judy Williams of Early. He is also survived by 29 grandchildren; 42 great grandchildren; and 11 great great grandchildren.

Personal

Santa and his reindeer stopped in Norton, Texas, on December 24th at the home of Barbara Brock where family and friends were enjoying a "Chinese Christmas Exchange." Those attending were Doyle, Mary Joe, and Tracie Thompson of Arlington; Billy Ren and Becky Lee of Ft. Worth; Turner, Evy, John, Jeff, Kim and Kolby Lee of Bronte; Brent and Debra Thompson and Michael and Brittney Peables of Bronte; Sandra, Crissy, Jennifer and Kayla Scaramuzzo of Clyde; David Knight of Bronte; Weldon and JoMay Allen of Bedford; Jody, Sammy, Matthew and Mark Collins of Boyd; and Jennifer and Rachel Wilson of Mansfield.

Ragsdale

Drexel Lee Ragsdale, 92, of Bronte, died on Sunday, January 3, 1999 in the Bronte Nursing Home.

Graveside services were held on Tuesday, January 5, 1999, at the Hylton Cemetery with services under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Drexel was born January 27, 1906 in Decatur, Texas to Robert L. and Dora Turney Hall. She married Charles Ragsdale in 1926. They lived in Blackwell before moving to Bronte in 1963. She was a lifetime member and a past Matron of the Eastern Star at Blackwell, Chapter No. 786, and she also joined the Bronte Chapter, No. 1048, when they moved to Bronte.

Before her health declined, Drexel was very dedicated to church and family. She was a member of the United Methodist Church of Blackwell and Bronte, the United Methodist Women, Diversity Study Club, Home Extension Club of Bronte, and the Euterpean Club of Blackwell.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles, in 1994; her father, Robert Lee Hall; her mother, Dora Turney Hall; and one brother, Joseph Turney Hall.

Survivors include one son, Robert T. Ragsdale and wife, Beverly of Bronte; two grandchildren, Joe Bob Ragsdale and wife, Paige of Sonora and Jana Brisbin and husband, Jeff of Robert Lee; and four great grandchildren, Lacy and Ashley Ragsdale of Sonora, and Briana and Dawson Brisbin of Robert Lee.

Pallbearers were Jerry McShan, Arbrey Miller, Gerald Sandusky, John Magee, Jake McClure and David Key.

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Obituaries

Royall

Melba Dean Royall, 58, of Robert Lee went to be with the Lord on January 4, 1999.

A Memorial Service was held Thursday, January 7th, at Robert Lee Baptist Church with graveside services provided by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Melba Dean Royall was born July 28, 1940 in Boles, Arkansas to Claud and Beulah House. She previously worked for MHMR as house supervisor up until the last few years. Melba was a devoted Christian who loved the Lord. Melba met James "Bud" Royall and they later married in Oklahoma on December 15, 1958.

Survivors include her husband James Royall of Robert Lee; father, Claud House of Boles, Arkansas; a wonderful mother-in-law Eura Royall of Coleman; one daughter, Brenda Skinner and husband Jimmy of Robert Lee; and one son, Ricky Royall and wife Tammy of Bronte. She is also survived by grandchildren Rebecca Ann, Kasie and James Zachary Skinner of Robert Lee; Ashley, Paige and Moriah Jane Royall of Bronte; sisters Nita Mays of Bronte, Helen Townsend of Belton, and May Woodard of Boles, Arkansas; brothers Johnny House of Dunsmere, California, Troy House of Boles, Arkansas; and sister and brother-in-law Wayne and Goldie Barnett of Houston.

A devoted wife, loving mother, nanny, sister and friend will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved her.

*I Said A Prayer
For You Today*

*I said a prayer for you today
and know God must have
heard - I felt the answer in my*

*heart although He spoke
no word. I didn't ask for wealth
or fame, I knew you wouldn't
mind. I asked Him to send
treasures of a far more lasting
kind. I asked that He'd be
near you at the start of each
new day, to grant you health
and blessings and friends to
share your way. I asked for
happiness for you in all things
great and small, but it was for
His loving care I prayed
the most of all.*

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The East Coke County Ambulance Service reports the following contributions received in December, 1998.

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Mrs. Brent McClellan

Gower-McClellan exchange vows

Christa Gower and Brent McClellan exchanged marriage vows Saturday, January 2nd at Logsdon Chapel, Hardin-Simmons University.

Christa is the daughter of Eddie Gower and Darlene Gower of Ballinger, and the granddaughter of Bessie Brice of Robert Lee and Jerry Dixon of San Angelo. She graduated from Ballinger High School and attended Cisco Junior College. Christa is a Commercial Insurance Specialist with Abilene Diagnostic Clinic.

Brent is the son of Tommy McClellan of Ava, Missouri and Rita McClellan of Abilene. He attended the University of Texas in Arlington and received his bachelor's degree in Biology from Abilene Christian University. He is currently pursuing his master's degree in Environmental Management from Hardin-Simmons University. Brent is a Microbiologist with Hendrick Medical Center.

The bride, escorted by her father, wore a white, Italian satin wedding gown adorned with pearls and sequins. The dress was a Princess style gown with chapel length train and heart bodice. Her veil was chapel length and was topped with a pearl tiara. She carried a bouquet of white roses, and wore a pearl necklace and earrings. Christa and her father entered the Chapel to the traditional song "Bridal Chorus" played by organist Sharon Leyerle of Abilene.

During the double ring ceremony the bride and groom lit their unity candle to the song, "I do" by Paul Brandt. The

groom, dressed in a matte silver tuxedo, and bride left the Chapel to the song "Wedding March" also played by organist Sharon Leyerle.

Maid of honor was Stacie Allison of San Marcos, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Tonya McClellan of Farmington, Connecticut and Jennifer Humphrey of Abilene. Flower girl was Sarah Kay Gandy of Wall, cousin of the bride.

Best man was Mark McClellan of Farmington, Connecticut, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Barry Piland of Abilene and Brad Wilkins of Dallas. Ushers were Mark Horn and Kevin Smotherman of Abilene and Ryan Greaves of Lubbock. Candlelighter was Troy McCorquodale of Abilene and Ring bearer was Sean McKee also of Abilene.

The couple's colors were silver and midnight blue. The Chapel was decorated with 100 candles and tulle bows.

Following the wedding, Christa and Brent, along with their guests, danced and ate at the reception that was held at the Civic Center in Abilene. The bridal cake was white and covered in white roses, the groom's cake was shaped as a baseball field. Hostesses included Christie Piland and Brooke Horn, both of Abilene, at the bridal table, and Karen Cluck and Tracy McKee, also of Abilene, at the groom's table. At the reception the couple danced their first dance as husband and wife to the song "Love of My Life" by Sammy Kershaw.

The couple will reside in

Abilene following a five day honeymoon at the Blue Bay Village Resort in Cancun, Mexico.

CCJJCC Volunteers stay busy

The Coke County Juvenile Justice Community Council was busy the month of December. Christmas sacks were put together by Janet and Elmer Hurley, Edith and Leslie Rolls, Eula Verne Lee, and Mary Percifull. Christmas turkeys were carved by Louis Charles, R.T. Caperton, George Snapp, Leslie Rolls, Billy Joe Luckett and Gerald Sandusky. 100 sacks were delivered to the Coke County Juvenile Justice Center.

For the last three years volunteers have supplied birthday cakes on the third Friday of each month to celebrate birthdays. Because the Center is in the process of enlarging to eight dorms, we thought it might be impossible to supply eight cakes each month. So beginning in January we are going to do cupcakes and ice cream. The Council will furnish the ice cream and volunteers will furnish the cupcakes, two per person. We have enough volunteers for January and February but by March we will have all 200 boys at the Center. If you would care to make cupcakes, please call Janet Hurley and offer your help.

If you haven't renewed your membership for this year and would like to do so, contact R.T. Caperton.

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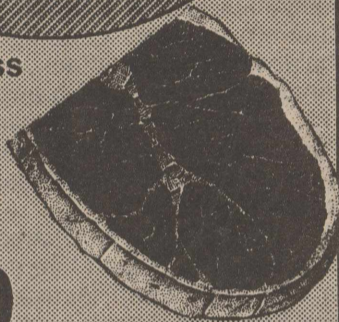
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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

Steers see holiday basketball action

The Robert Lee Steers participated in the Sterling City Basketball Tournament Dec. 29-31. In first round action the Steers lost to Miles by a score of 60-45. Joel Gallegos led scoring with 17 points followed by Matthew Pitcock with 10, Andrew McCabe with 9, Beau Blair had 5, Deric Brothers 3, and James Gallegos had 1.

In the second round, the Steers used a strong second-half defense to come from behind and beat Forsan, 53-46. The Steers limited the Buffaloes to only 4 points in the 4th quarter. Leading a balanced scoring attack was Andrew with 14, Joel threw in 12, BJ Bessent had 10, and Matthew had 9. James Gallegos and Beau Boxell both contributed 4.

In the Consolation Championship game, Robert Lee met a very solid Eden team and the Steers gave their best effort of the year only to come up a little short, losing 48-46. Andrew again led scorers with 16, Joel had 8, BJ, Beau

Boxell and Matthew all had 6 points, and James had 4.

On Saturday, the Steers were outmanned by an impressive Wall squad, 68-41. Joel led the locals with 12, James and Andrew threw in 9 each, Matthew had 5, Beau Boxell 4, and Beau Blair had 2.

RL JV Girls participate in Sterling City Tournament

The Robert Lee JV girls played Sterling City at the Sterling City Tournament on Dec. 10th, and lost 29-35. Scoring for Robert Lee were Landeros with 8 points, Torres and Cole with 6 each, VanHuss with 5, and Hamilton and Riley with 2 each.

RL ISD board meeting

The Robert Lee ISD school board met in regular session on December 17, 1998. Board member Lonnie Bloodworth was absent. The following business was conducted.

- Minutes and bills were approved and paid.
 - Update 59 from TASB policy serve was approved.
 - The AEIS Report from 1997-98 and the annual TEA School Report Card was presented to the Board.
 - David Stone was recommended by the administration to fill the science and coaching vacancy. The board accepted the recommendation.
 - Additional compensation was approved for Coach Steve Osborn for assuming the coaching responsibilities of the boys Varsity Basketball and boys/girls golf in the Spring of 1999.
 - Research on obtaining an additional copier in the elementary school will be conducted.
 - Additional courses were weighted for GPA calculation.
 - The board committed to a building project to meet the educational needs of the elementary school such as computer lab, learning center, education classrooms.
 - The principals and superintendent gave their monthly reports.
- The next regular board meeting will be January 18, 1999. The public is invited to attend.

Financial Aid meeting for seniors & parents

A financial aid night will be held on Thursday, January 21, at 6:30 pm in Robert Lee High School's cafeteria. All seniors and their parents are encouraged to attend.

Lynn Wheeler of Angelo State University's Financial Aid Office will provide information on how to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, as well as general information about applying for financial aid at any post secondary institution.

Angel Tree Project a big success

This year 86 deserving Robert Lee area youth received Christmas presents from local community members in the Angel Tree Project, which is sponsored by the Mission Committee of Robert Lee Baptist Church. This is the third year for this project.

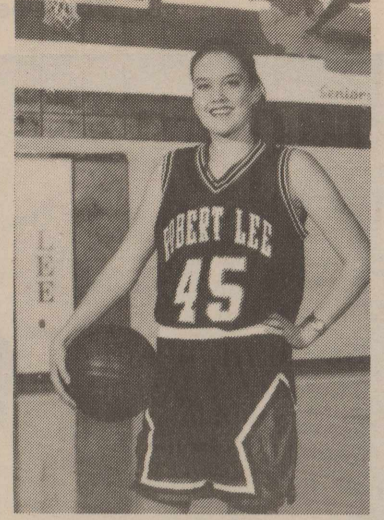
Cooperating businesses included Coke County Pharmacy, Robert Lee State Bank, Bob Wrinkle's Ace Hardware, and Molly B's.

This year's list of recipients is the largest number of children ever assisted in the Angel Tree Project.

The church and Mission Committee would like to express their appreciation to all those who supported this year's project.



Whitney Montgomery All-Tournament



Kelli Osborn All-Tournament

Lady Steers take 2nd at Sterling Tournament

The Lady Steers used a strong 4th quarter effort to defeat district rival Miles by a score of 54-53. The locals outscored the Lady Bulldogs 21-14 in the final stanza in the come from behind victory. Leading the way for Robert Lee was Kim Gloria with 16, Whitney Montgomery had 14, Kelli Osborn had 7, Whitney Millican had 6, Dixie Simpson had 4, Jodee Helwig 5, and DeShira Dickey 2.

In second round action, the Lady Steers defeated host Sterling City, 47-41. Kelli had 12 points, Whitney Montgomery 9, Jodee Helwig 8, Kim Gloria 7, Whitney Millican 6, Shanna Wojtek 3, and Macy Hill 2.

The Lady Steers met Garden City in the championship game. The Lady Steers had already met twice this year splitting those contests. The Lady Steers used their strong post play in the first half as they led 36-19 at intermission. The Lady Steers made good defensive adjustments at halftime and

came storming back outscoring Garden City 25-15 in the final two quarters. The 17 point halftime deficit proved to be too much to overcome and the locals lost 51-44. Kim led the way with 20 points hitting five 3-pointers. Kelli had four 3's and a total of 18 points. Whitney Montgomery contributed 5 points and Dixie added 1.

Whitney Montgomery and Kelli Osborn were both named to the All-Tournament team.

The Lady Steers took on the Wall Lady Hawks in a Saturday game. The locals dropped their third game of the season to the strong Wall team by a score of 44-33. Whitney Millican, Jodee Helwig, and Whitney Montgomery had 8 points each, Kelli Osborn and Kizre Matthews had 4 each, and Kim Gloria had 1 in the losing effort.

The Steers and Lady Steers begin District play on Friday, Jan. 8th in Roby.

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- Tuesday, Jan. 12**
Orange Juice, Breakfast Pizza, Cold Cereal, Milk
- Wednesday, Jan. 13**
Orange Juice, Blueberry Muffin, Cold Cereal, Milk
- Thursday, Jan. 14**
Orange Juice, Biscuit, Sausage, Jelly, Cold Cereal, Milk
- Friday, Jan. 15**
Stock Show

Lunch

- Monday, Jan. 11**
Fish, Macaroni & Tomatoes, Blackeyed Peas, Hushpuppies, Pears, Milk
- Tuesday, Jan. 12**
Chicken Fried Steak with Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Italian Green Beans, Rolls, Peaches, Milk
- Wednesday, Jan. 13**
Tacos, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Refried Beans, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Milk
- Thursday, Jan. 14**
Hamburgers, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Potato Patty, Applesauce, Milk
- Friday, Jan. 15**
Stock Show

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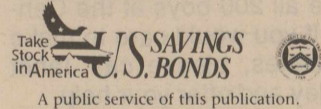
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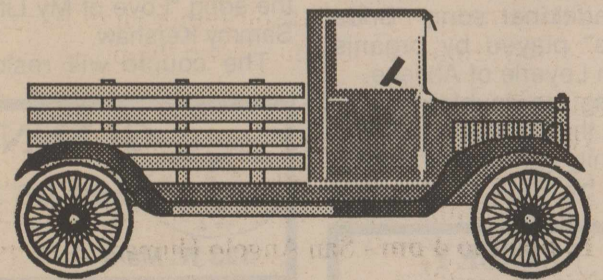
J & B Lumber & Hardware
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Tuesday, Jan. 12
 Breakfast Pizza, Orange Juice, Blueberry Muffins, Milk
Wednesday, Jan. 13
 Pancake & Sausage on a Stick, Apple Juice, Donut, Milk
Thursday, Jan. 14
 Scrambled Eggs, Sliced Ham, Grape Juice, Biscuit, Milk
Friday, Jan. 15
 Holiday!!
 Stock Show

Lunch
Monday, Jan. 11
 Chicken 'O's with Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Milk, Banana Pudding
Tuesday, Jan. 12
 Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Tossed Salad, Sweet Corn, Bread Sticks, Milk, Pink Panther Cake
Wednesday, Jan. 13
 Hot Dogs, Chili & Cheese, Tator Tots, Pork & Beans, Sliced Pears, Milk, Cherry Cobbler
Thursday, Jan. 14
 Cheeseburgers, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, French Fries, Milk, Sugar Cookies
Friday, Jan. 15
 Holiday!!
 Stock Show

Bronte Basketball
 The Bronte Longhorns recently played in the Hawley Tournament.
 In the first game, Bronte lost to Haskell 40-62. Ryan McCorkle led the scoring for the Longhorns with 13 points. Also scoring were Zeb Speary with 5 points, Rodney Adams had 4 points, Dustin Holland had 2, Jerrod McClure had 2 points and 5 rebounds, Brandon Gibbs had 3 points, Henry White had 2, Josh Schoenfield had 4 points and 5 rebounds, Tim Green had 2 points and 3 steals, and Steve Eldred had 3 points.
 In the second game, Hawley won 56-57. Steve Eldred had 18 points and 5 rebounds, Dustin Holland had 9 points, Zeb Speary had 6 points, 5 assists, and 3 steals, Brandon Gibbs had 6 points, Ryan McCorkle had 4 points and 5 assists, Tim Green had 4 points and 5 rebounds, and Henry White had 4 assists.
 Bronte lost to Hamlin in the third game 53-56. Steve Eldred had 12 points and 4 assists, Ryan McCorkle had 12 points, Rodney Adams had 5 points and 5 rebounds, Dustin Holland had 4 points and 5 rebounds, Jerrod McClure had 1 point, 5 rebounds and 4 steals, Zeb Speary had 4 points and 3 steals, Brandon Gibbs had 3 points, 4 assists, and 3 steals, Henry White had 6 points and 5 rebounds, Josh Schoenfield had 2 points, and Tim Green had 4 points, 5 assists and 4 steals.

BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

TAAS/TEAMS registration

Out-of-school examinee registration packets for the summer exit level TAAS and TEAMS tests are available at Bronte High School for individuals who are no longer enrolled in school and who have not previously met minimum expectations on all sections of the TAAS test but have met all other graduation requirements. The TEAMS test is also available.
 Registration packets are available at all high schools, District Central Offices, and Regional Education Service Centers.
 Contact Mrs. McCutchen if you are interested in taking the test. Test registration packets must be received in Iowa City, Iowa no later than 5 pm on January 29, 1999.
 Any person falling into this category is encouraged to come to the school to see Mrs. McCutchen and discuss their options on testing. The school number is 473-2511.
 The writing portion of the test will be Tuesday, February 23; the math portion will be Wednesday, February 24; and the reading portion will be Thursday, February 25.

Bronte 8th grade girls take 2nd in Tournament

The Bronte 8th grade girls placed second in the Bronte Tournament that was held December 10, 11 and 12.
 In the first game, Bronte beat Miles 17-12. Heather Richey had 9 points, Kayla Hilliard had 4, and Jenna Herold and Barbie Arant each had 2.
 In the Championship game, Robert Lee beat Bronte 11-31. Heather Richey had 9 points and Kayla Hilliard had 2.

LOOK WHO'S NEW!

McKenna Aleece Keele
 McKenna Aleece Keele arrived at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton, Texas on December 16, 1998, at 7:29 pm.
 Proud parents are Wayne and Stefanie Keele of Sargent, Texas. Maternal grandparents are Alonzo and Kay Robbins of Bronte. Paternal grandparents are Randle Keele of Bronte and Vivian Keele of Ballinger. Proud uncle is Luke Robbins of Beeville. Great grandparents are Carroll and Lillian Robbins of Bronte and Jack and Frances Watson of San Angelo.

Volunteer Council brings holiday cheer to CCJJC

Once again the Volunteer Council from Robert Lee and Bronte brought holiday cheer to the residents of the Coke County Juvenile Justice Center. This year they provided each male resident with a bag full of microwave popcorn, puzzle books, coca cola, envelopes, and much more. To show their appreciation, the residents from the dorms signed a thank you card which was sent to the council.
 The council will again be hosting birthday parties for the dorms. They will provide cupcakes and ice cream for the residents.

Personal

Charlie Belle Bagwell enjoyed a trip with Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Rogers, her daughter and son-in-law over the Christmas holidays. They spent the night in Big Spring with a friend, and then traveled on to Tucson, Arizona for one night's visit with her nephew, Meekie Meck. They spent the remaining five days of their trip in Yuma, Arizona with her sister and brother-in-law, James and Corine Brunson Henderson before returning to Texas.



We would like to welcome our Coke County customers to the San Angelo branch of First National Bank in Bronte.

We are a full-service bank located at Hwy. 67 and Main in the Winn Dixie Marketplace in San Angelo.

Banking hours Monday through Wednesday are 10 am to 6 pm; Thursday and Friday, 10 am to 7 pm; and 9 am to 2 pm on Saturdays.

We would also like to invite all our customers in Coke County & the surrounding area to attend any or all of the following grand opening ceremonies at the new bank.

Grand Opening Schedule:

Thursday, January 7

- 10 am - Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for First National Bank in Bronte - San Angelo Branch. The Shrine Clowns will entertain and money from the Grand Opening Ribbon will be donated to the Shrine Hospital.
- Registration will begin for two \$50 Winn Dixie Shopping Sprees and one \$100 Winn Dixie Shopping Spree - donated by the First National Bank in Bronte.
- Registration through January for a 1999 Ford XLT Extended Cab pickup - donated by Winn Dixie Marketplace. Drawing will be on February 6.

Friday, January 8

- Performance by the Edison Junior High Band.
- Registration for the Winn Dixie Shopping Sprees and 1999 Ford pickup will continue.

Saturday, January 9

- 10 am to 11 am - San Angelo Outlaws Hockey Team will be in attendance to sign autographs
- 11 am to 11:30 am - Ballet Azteca will perform
- 1 pm to 2 pm - Performance by the Super Squad Cheerleaders (an independent cheerleading association in San Angelo)
- 12 noon to 4 pm - San Angelo Humane Society will be in front of the store with their Adopt-A-Pet program.
- KGKL will be broadcasting in front of the store. Cokes and Sausage-on-a-stick will be available.
- Registration for the Winn Dixie Shopping Sprees and 1999 Ford pickup will continue.

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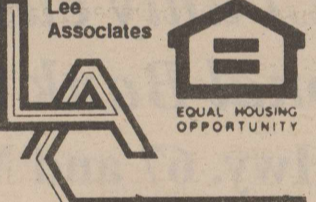
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MISC

WESTERN EXTRAVAGANZA

When: Saturday, Jan. 9, 1999
Time: 7:30 pm - 10 pm
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Thanks for the flowers, cards, food, and visits during the loss of our brother Mac.

May God Bless You,
Lendy & Yvonne Devoll
and all the family of
Mac McCutchen 23a-1tc

APOLOGY

I would like to apologize for any inconvenience caused to our customers during the holidays. The holidays crept up on me and I failed to get the trash pickup schedule in the paper.

Kay Torres,
City Secretary 23a-1tc

CARD OF THANKS

My special thanks to everyone for the flowers, gifts, prayers and visits during my recent hospital stay.

Earl F. (Tuny) Glenn 23b-1tc

THANKS

Thank you, Santa Claus, for my beautiful poinsettia.

Charlie Belle Bagwell 23b-1tc

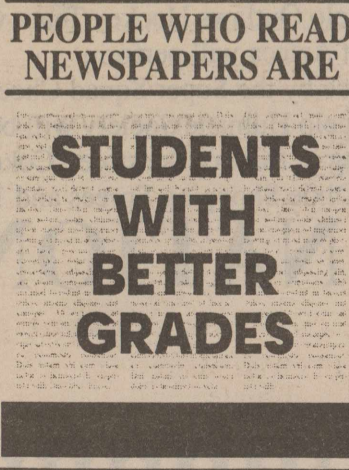
CARD OF THANKS

Words cannot express how grateful we are. Bob and I and our whole family appreciate the outpouring of affection, food, prayers, cards and the many floral contributions the whole community has shown us in our time of sorrow. A very special thanks for the years of caring to all employees of the Robert Lee and Bronte Nursing Homes, Pharmacy, and for the very special OES graveside service for Drexel.

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NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE FLOODPLAINS AND WETLANDS

EARLY PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Robert Lee was funded under the Texas Community Development Program in order to make significant water, sewer, and street improvements. A portion of this project is located in the 100-year floodplain. The City is interested in discussing alternatives to this project, securing public perceptions of possible adverse impacts that could result from the project, and discussing possible measures to minimize any adverse impacts. Therefore, the public hearing is being held as follows:

Date: January 11, 1999
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Robert Lee City Hall

The public is invited to attend. Please send written comments to: City Secretary, City of Robert Lee, P.O. Box 26, Robert Lee, Texas 76945. Comments will be received up until sixteen days from this publication. A more detailed description of the project and FEMA flood maps are available for citizen review at the City Hall.

Should any non-English speaking citizens desire to address the City during the public hearing and needs the assistance of an interpreter, the City will attempt to provide one if sufficient notice is provided. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Kelly S. Nichols,
Mayor
City of Robert Lee 23a-1tc

RL VFD Donations

The Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department has received the following donations recently:

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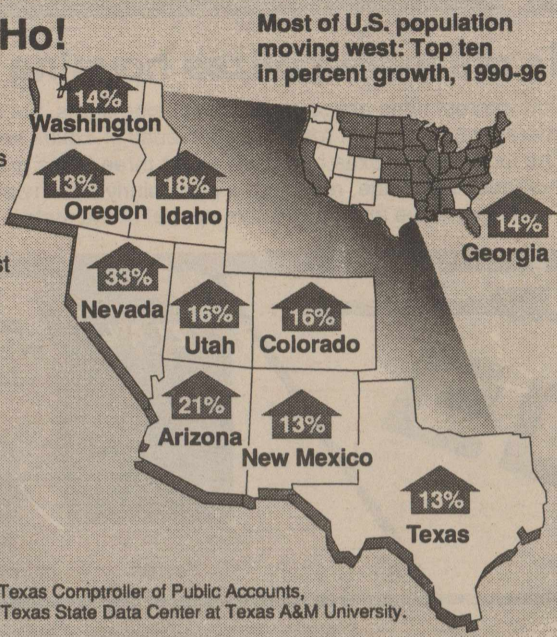
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Betty Barrett, Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Bickley, Dennis & Rae Myers, Maurice & Elna Duncan, Hochheim Prairie Insurance Assoc., Germania Insurance Co.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Westward Ho!

As the U.S. population moved West from 1990 through 1996, Texas was among the top ten states in population growth. Texas grew the most in numerical terms, adding 2,141,929 to the state's population.



SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, U.S. Census Bureau and Texas State Data Center at Texas A&M University.

Hayrick Lodge Cemetery Association Memorials

The Hayrick Lodge Cemetery Association (Robert Lee Cemetery) received the following Memorials in 1998.

- J.T. (Bud) Jones**
Floyd & Jessie Harmon, Lawana & Howard Perry, Dorene & Wayne Mashburn, Jeffie & Bobby Roberts, Jerry & Janie Harmon
- Melba Heck**
Elmer & Barbara Adkins, Bobby & Jeffie Roberts
- Opal Jacoby**
Bobby & Jeffie Roberts, Clifford & Susie Wilson, Donnie & Audrey Devoll, Winnie Pitcock, Elmer & Barbara Adkins
- Casey Eubanks**
Ray & Leta Aldridge
- Darla Mathews**
Bobby & Jeffie Roberts
- John Reed**
Nicki G. Reed
- W.K. Simpson**
Billie Ruth Simpson
- Cumble Ivey, Jr.**
Ray & Leta Aldridge
- Mary Hood**
Elmer & Barbara Adkins, Bobby & Jeffie Roberts
- Mrs. Lydia Ayers**
Elmer & Barbara Adkins
- Burl & Kitty Thomas**
Ruby Swisher
- J.T. Grayson**
Bobby & Joyce Walker
- Mildred Wojtek**
Elmer & Barbara Adkins, Bobby & Jeffie Roberts
- Ruth Service**
Elmer & Barbara Adkins, Bobby & Jeffie Roberts
- Pauline Vaughn**
Elmer & Barbara Adkins, Bobby & Jeffie Roberts
- David Gaines**
Bobby & Joyce Walker

The upkeep of the Robert Lee Cemetery is funded by donations only. Memorials may be given to Jeffie Roberts, Treasurer; Beverly Bell, President; Jeanette Jacobs, Vice-President; Dolores Roe, Secretary; or mailed to Hayrick Lodge Cemetery Association, HC 34, Box 117, Robert Lee, Texas 76945.

RLVFD News by Marian Thompson, Secretary

The Fire Department held its first meeting of 1999 on January 4th. Eleven members and one guest were present.

The meeting was opened by President Keith Eubanks.

Barbara Sparks reported the Bake Sale was a success. There was a discussion about the Rummage Sale, which will be held on January 23rd. Donations are slow coming in this year. Donated items can be dropped off at the Fire Station, or contact any fireman for pick up.

The minutes were read by Marian Thompson and approved.

The Treasurer's reports for the month and year were discussed and approved.

Chief Rick Drennan reported donations and letters that have been received.

Bud Thompson, Dispatcher, reported time out and there was a discussion of the fire at 3:20 am Monday morning. There was also a discussion of the city's fire hydrants and the need to flush them.

The West Coke County EMS will hold CPR classes on February 16, 18, and 20. This is an eight hour course. All firemen are urged to attend.

January 16 at noon is the next date set to clean the Fire Station in order to get it ready for the Rummage Sale. Volunteers are needed.

The next hour was spent discussing what items are the most needed for the department to be more efficient. A list was made and Rick Drennan will get prices so the department can apply for a grant to cover the cost.

Sheriff's Dept. posts December arrests/charges

The Coke County Sheriff's Department has released the following arrests made and charges filed during the month of December.

•Rosiland Taylor - 2 counts Assault Causes Bodily Injury - December 2, 1998.

•Will Ernest Simpson - Minor in Possession of an Alcoholic Beverage - December 12, 1998.

•Tony Zebe Bell - Minor in Possession of an Alcoholic Beverage - December 12, 1998.

•Lori Michelle Eubanks - Minor in Possession of an Alcoholic Beverage - December 26, 1998.

•Thomas Coke Hendry - Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol - December 28, 1998.

•Raynaldo Maldonado Sr. - Driving While intoxicated - Motion to Revoke Probation - December 27, 1998.

Robert Lee City Council Reports

Robert Lee City Council met on December 14, 1998, and reports the following actions:

•Minutes and bills were approved.

•Council considered and approved a request for damages caused from a sewage backup.

•Weed & Brush Committee report was given. Action will be taken on estates and unclaimed notices.

•Resignation of Robert Wink, Fire Marshall was accepted and Bud Thompson was appointed effective January 1.

•Member of the Robert Lee Fire Department addressed the council regarding concerns. The City pumper is over 35 years old and has problems passing the pump test required by the State Board of Insurance. Maintenance and parts are becoming difficult. Grants are being researched for a new fire truck. Members addressed difficulty meeting financial needs and asked the council to consider adding a \$2 voluntary donation to the water bills. Council approved.

•Council approved a preliminary engineering study on a reverse osmosis unit for the City to be prepared by Hibbs & Todd, Inc.

•Bids were considered for the construction of lagoons at the Water Plant. A contract will be negotiated with W.E.B. Construction Co. Other bid considered was Grimmer Brothers.

•Replacement of the filters, media, and the addition of a surface sweep at the water treatment plant was discussed. Estimated cost \$40,000 - \$50,000. A water rate increase was considered. Action was tabled.

•A Consolidated Delinquent Tax Suit was approved on a list of delinquent properties.

•Council discussed complaints regarding the curfew and the complaints from around the park area. No action.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:30 pm.

Personal

Early holiday visitors in the Clark Glenn home in Bronte were members of their family. From Houston, there were David, Denise and Brittany Glenn; also, Cliff and Danielle Young (Caedmon's Call). Carolyn and David Kuykendall and Karmen and Jess Briley came from Abilene, and Kristi, Chad and Dexter Longley from Lampassas.

The Clark Glens then traveled to DeSoto, Texas, to spend Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with Victor and Liza Glenn and their children, Charlotte and Ian.

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Boykin writing included in Anthology 1999

The National Library of Congress has registered another writing by Dawn Boykin of Robert Lee to be included in the spring Anthology 1999. "Yesterday's Treasures, Today's Junk" was selected out of thousands submitted for publication. This is the second time Dawn's work has been chosen by the Selection Committee. A letter of congratulations and author's release form has been received.

District Court Dispositions

The 51st District Court handed down the following dispositions on December 29, 1998.

State of Texas vs. Gerald Royace Peyson in the charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance. Plea: Three years Deferred Adjudication, \$350 Fine, \$140 Restitution.

State of Texas vs. Jon Bill Brock in the charge of Indecency with a Child by Exposure. Plea: One year Pre-Trial Diversion.

Grant writing seminar to be held in Ozona

Knowing how to write an effective grant proposal will aid your organization to become more successful in obtaining funding for your project. Concho Valley R&D will be sponsoring a Grant Writing II Seminar in Ozona on January 26th through the 28th. The seminar will be held at the Crockett County Extension Building.

"The seminar will teach you the basic steps needed for developing skills for an oral proposal and structuring your written proposal for grant success," said Tony Resendez, Coordinator. "There is a need for grant writers in your schools, hospitals, EMS units, volunteer fire departments, cities and community organizations and this is the perfect opportunity to attend a seminar like this close to home," he said.

The seminar format includes both lecture and interactive training with individuals working alone or in small groups. Dr. Don Udell will conduct the seminar. Dr. Udell has authored and published many articles and monographs. He has written and received funds for and directed over thirty federal, state, and philanthropic grants.

The deadline for registration has been set for January 21, 1999, and if you need more information on the seminar, contact Tony Resendez in Brady at 915-597-4666.

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Whether they are in the classroom, on the playing field or in a social situation, school-age children are faced with the issue of competition. And, while competition is an inherent part of human nature, how kids - and their parents and teachers - deal with this issue is crucial to their own well-being.

Sorosis Study Club news

Club members and their husbands enjoyed an evening of food and fun when they met December 10, 1998, for their Christmas celebration.

After a lovely buffet of finger foods, the group exchanged gifts by playing a clever game. Domino and card games completed the evening's entertainment.

Pat and Martin Lee hosted the party in their beautifully decorated Bronte home.

Red Canyon Gun Club News

Red Canyon Gun Club had its first SB Silhouette Pistol Match of 1999 on Sunday, January 3rd. Only 11 shooters from around the area showed up to face near freezing weather and a cold north wind. Richard Johnson, Ken Green, Doug Randel and Linda Randel battled each other for the lead throughout the 40 shot match. When it was over, Richard and Doug were tied at 32 each. NRA rules call for a sudden death shoot off to declare a winner. Each shooter shot their first three turkeys at 76 meters. Richard missed the 4th turkey, then Doug calmly took a dead center hit on the 4th turkey to take the high overall trophy.

Match winner was Doug Randel of Big Spring. Richard Johnson of Robert Lee was 2nd, Linda Randel of Big Spring was 3rd and Ken Green of Robert Lee was 4th.

Linda Randel earned a 10 in a row pin on the 100 meter Rams. This was her second leg on the NRA Grand Slam award. Doug Randel earned a 10 in a row pin on the pigs. Linda Randel earned a 5 in a row on chickens. Ken Green earned a 5 in a row on pigs. Richard Johnson earned a 5 in a row on chickens, pigs and turkeys.

Class winners were: AA: 1st - Linda Randel of Big Spring; 2nd - Ken Green of Robert Lee. A: 1st - Billy Luxton of Big Spring; 2nd - John Organ of Robert Lee. B: 1st - Keith Autry of Robert Lee; 2nd - Jill House of San Angelo.

Two Robert Lee shooters, who shot their first match, turned in excellent first time scores. John Organ shot a 17 and moved up to A Class in NRA classification. Keith Autry shot a 12 using a borrowed gun. Both shooters show a lot of promise in handgun silhouette competition.

According to Dr. Daniel Miller, a professor in the department of psychology and philosophy at Texas Woman's University, it is only natural for kids to want to compete with their peers. "Competition is innate," he said. "You can put people in a room and eventually they're going to come up with some sort of competition, whether it's throwing cards into a hat or seeing who can hold their breath the longest. It's just something that we do."

Still, Miller stressed, it is extremely important to be aware of both the pros and cons of competition. According to Miller, positive aspects of competition include striving to be the best you can be and putting forth your maximum effort. However, the downside of competition is that - when it is too heavily stressed - it can lead to frustration and even depression in kids, he said.

"Competition is great as long as everyone has a chance to succeed at her and his own level," Miller said. "A good example might be a soccer game - not everyone will get to be the goalie. It's about encouraging kids to just get out there and play at their own level. We live in a competitive world. Competition is part of business, part of survival - and children do need to learn that. And the best way for them to do so is in a structured, play-type situation."

In *Solve Your Child's School Related Problems*, Dr. Michael Martin and Dr. Cynthia Waltman-Greenwood stress the need for a balance between competition and cooperation. They point out that "competition can be a powerful teacher about self-discipline and social relationships, as well as

the skills necessary to the game," and "the challenge to parents is to understand these issues (competition and cooperation) well enough to guide their children toward healthy attitudes about competition, and pass on the ability to work and play cooperatively."

Still, when adults become involved in children's activities, especially sports, a child's focus can shift from belonging, participation and fun to ability, skill and winning. That's because adults often are quick to place their own adult values on their children, Miller said.

"So many times they (adults) want them (children) to be the next Troy Aikman or the next Pele or the next whomever," he said. "There's too much pressure to perform. You need sensitive adults who know to praise their kids for simply making an honest effort and not for winning or losing. Over the years, I've heard some real horror stories - stories about little league coaches promising their team ice cream if they win the rest of their games that season, or children who come to their parents later in life with a sense of loss that resulted from having focused so long and so hard on one thing."

According to a survey done by J.R. Thomas that was reported in *Education Digest*, 72 percent of children reported that they would rather play on a losing team than sit on the bench of a winning team. Miller said he sees that preference for playing over winning and participation over individual performance - in the classroom or the playing field - as something to be encouraged, applauded and fostered.

"In the end, it's not winning or losing that matters," Miller explained. "It's socialization."

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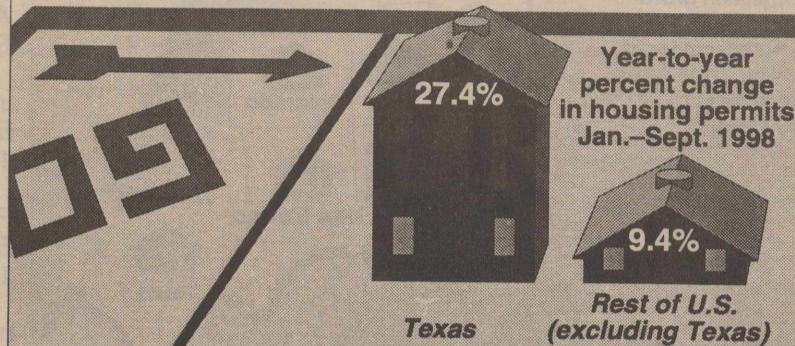
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