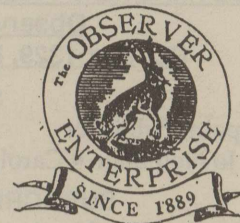


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Coke County Championship celebrates 60th anniversary

By Jim Rawlings
60 Years? Oh my! I was not even born yet for the first game. Oh well.



Jim Rawlings

I made a history (record sheet) of the Bronte/Robert Lee football games. The records dated back to 1939 and continue until the present. I have no way of knowing when the games actually started because they didn't keep good records on small schools at that time.

I got together with Ronnie Baker of Robert Lee to compile all the scores of the games. I went to Bronte High School Homecoming last year and received a lot of good information from friends. It is important to pass it on so that next generations can have it.

Here are some facts that I've put together.

- Most points scored by Robert Lee - 54 (1945, Robert Lee 54 - Bronte 0).
- Most lopsided game for Robert Lee - (1945, Robert Lee 54 - Bronte 0).
- Most points scored by Bronte - 54 (1986, Bronte 54 - Robert Lee 27).
- Most lopsided game for

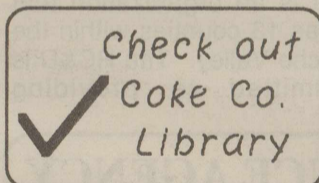
Robert Lee High School Homecoming

Robert Lee High School homecoming will be October 1, 1999 against Garden City. There will be a parade at 2:00 beginning at the courthouse. The pep rally will begin at 2:50 in the high school gym. Any group or organization interested in entering a float in the parade is welcome to do so. A dance sponsored by the student council will be held following the game at the new rec hall until 1:00 a.m.

Bronte - (1974, Bronte 41 - Robert Lee 0).

- Most points scored by both teams - 81 (1986, Bronte 54 - Robert Lee 27).
- Lowest points scored by both teams - (1977, Robert Lee 0 - Bronte 0).
- Closest margin of victory without a tie - (1948, Robert Lee 13 - Bronte 12; 1952, Robert Lee 8 - Bronte 7; 1993, Robert Lee 15 - Bronte 14).
- Robert Lee has won 36 times with 14 of those wins shutouts.
- Bronte has won 31 times with 13 shutouts.
- There have been 3 ties.
- Some years, Bronte and Robert Lee have played twice.

Scores of each game, listed by the year from 1939, are located elsewhere in this issue.

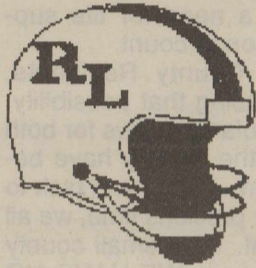


Coke County Library named grant recipient

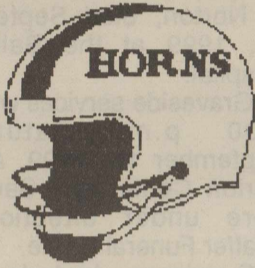
The Coke County Library has been named the recipient of a grant from the Inaugural Endowment Fund Committee whose chairman is Mrs. Laura W. Bush. The Library was selected along with 53 other libraries in the state. Funds for the grant come from money raised in excess of expenses for the 1999 inauguration of Governor Bush and Lieutenant Governor Rick Perry. The funds will be used to purchase non-fiction books. If anyone has recommendations on reference or non-fiction material, please contact the library. Some days it really is exciting opening the mail.

Story Hour is set for Tuesdays at ten o'clock. The group this Tuesday read books about dinosaurs and Winnie the Pooh. They checked out books, decorated their library bags with stickers and ate some frosted animal crackers. They also discussed the latest videos.

A book sale has been set for Saturday, October 9. Books will be available by the



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bag or per book. Several patrons have donated books for the sale. There will be paperback, hardback and children's books available. There will be more information on the sale next week.

The library hours are Tuesday, 8-11; Wednesday 8-4; Thursday, 1-5; and Friday 8-4. There will be two more weeks of fine-free book returns. Response has been good to this occasional fine-free opportunity. The response is very much appreciated.

Commissioners' Court actions told

The Coke County Commissioners Court met in regular session September 13, 1999, at 9 am. All members were present.

Following the prayer and pledge, previous minutes were approved.

Four people including Lane Jackson, Blackwell Consolidated Independent School District Superintendent spoke to the court during Open Forum regarding the closure of the bridge on Hamilton Road. Mr. Jackson stressed what problems this has caused with the bus route and requested that the court look into the possibility of repairs.

Texas Department of Transportation representative Jerry Fields addressed the Court stating that the bridge was unsafe and has been coded closed. TxDot estimates the cost of a new bridge at between \$300,000

and \$600,000.

Commissioner McCutchen made a motion that this item be tabled while a possible solution and funding is secured. The motion carried.

Judge Walker reported to the court on several items of correspondence her office had received.

Commissioner Rawlings clarified that as a representative on the Appraisal District Board he did vote for a \$50 per month pay increase for one employee to cover an insurance change.

The Treasurer's Affidavit was approved.

The Extension and Trappers reports were reviewed.

Tax Collector Kristy Roe reported that the collection rate is at 102.13%. The schools will be setting their rates this month and the tax roll will be out around October 1. She also reported that the Tax Attorneys office will be doing a mass mailing on delinquent taxes.

Commissioner Percifull reported that the cost of the Paint Creek Bridge is \$542,248.26 and that they are ready to begin construction.

A motion carried to appoint Brenda Barnett as Precinct 5 alternate election judge and Leta Caston as Precinct 10 alternate election judge following the resignations of Brenda Tidwell and Ruth Robertson.

A motion carried to increase the Law Library allowance from \$20 to \$35.

A motion carried to allow the

County/District Clerk to purchase a filing cabinet from the Courts Records Management fund.

A motion carried to donate \$225 to Green Thumb.

A motion carried to approve the contract with Tom Green County Juvenile Probation for detention services at \$75 per bed.

A motion carried to leave the retirement system for county employees as it is now.

A motion carried to adopt the Coke County Personnel Policy effective October 1, 1999.

A motion carried to set the second Monday of each month for regular meetings of the Commissioners Court.

A motion carried to approve the Sheriff and Constable fees effective January 1, 2000.

Private requests to haul livestock water in Precinct 4 were approved.

Commissioner Rawlings reported that the prisoners will be out to work the last week in September.

The following changes were made to the proposed budget. The County will pay the State Salary Supplements benefits for the County Judge and County Attorney. In the Precinct 3 budget, the bridge expense will be taken out. The division of funds for Commissioners Precinct's lateral and ad valorem were approved. Commissioner McCutchen made a motion to leave Precinct 1 and 3 at 24.5

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Death Notices

Steely

Elizabeth Mae Steely, 71, of Norton, died September 15, 1999 at the Ballinger Hospital.

Graveside services were at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, September 18, 1999, at the Norton Cemetery. Services were under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include two daughters, Betsy McKinney of Greenville, Texas, and Jo Anne Combs of Phoenix, Arizona; one son, Johnny Rodgers of Phoenix, Arizona; four brothers; two sisters; and four grandchildren.

Wojtek

Charlotte Oakes Wojtek, 88 of Abilene, and formerly of Robert Lee died on Tuesday, September 21, 1999 in an Abilene Hospital. Graveside services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 23, 1999 at the Robert Lee Cemetery. Memorial services were held at the First United Methodist Church at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, followed by the Graveside Services. All services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home of Robert Lee.

Survivors include three brothers, Fred B. Oakes of Abilene, J.T. Oakes of Pasadena, Texas, and William V. Oakes of Hobbs, N.M. Two sisters, Era Walters and Louise Konze, both of Abilene, and several nieces and nephews.

Retired teachers meet at Bronte

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association met September 20, 1999, at the First Baptist Church of Bronte. Those in attendance were: Bettye and Joe Smith, Janet and Lee Wommack, Luther Guffey, Nina and Jack Brewer, Emma Lee and Jimmy Bickley, Mary Frances Glenn, Wanda and C.B. Barbee, Janice and Harrell Foshee, Oleta Braswell, Sybil and J.T. Henry, Norma Barker, Mary Lawhon, Ida Lou Oliphant, Nancy and Kenneth Rasco, and Beth Prather. New members were: Peggy Kemp, Wanda Brewer, and Wes Washam. Guests who attended were: Terry Marrs, Alan Richey, Lane Jackson, William Hood, and Rick Howell.

The invocation was given by Jack Brewer. A delicious covered dish lunch was enjoyed by all in attendance.

President Janet Wommack led the pledges to the U.S. and American flags. Mary Lawhon gave the treasurers report. Membership Chairman C.B. Barbee complimented the group on such an active membership. Mary Frances Glenn gave a report on computer lessons on Senior Net. Nina Brewer reminded members that volunteer hours are due in January. Yearbooks were distributed. The group agreed that Celia Bowden did an outstanding job again this year.

Mr. Alan Richey discussed the paving bricks to be sold by the 2000 Seniors for Project Graduation. Personalized bricks are for sale. They will be placed in front of the new high school addition. Ida Lou Oliphant bought paper goods for the year and donations were taken to reimburse her. The TRTA Legislative Committee Surveys were distributed and discussed briefly and were completed so that they can be tallied and returned to the state office.

In lieu of a program each person in attendance was allotted one minute to tell what they did this summer. It was interesting, as well as humorous, to hear the reports. Retired teachers are truly an active group!

A representative from United Teachers Associates will be at the next meeting on October, 18, 1999, at the First Baptist Church in Bronte.

The Omega Coterie Club

The Omega Coterie Club of Blackwell met in the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church on September 8, 1999. The members reviewed scrapbooks of the club and reminisced about past projects and members.

Officers were elected for the year. They are: Shirley Walston, President; Frances Gardenhire, Vice-president; Margaret Stout, Secretary-Treasurer; Darris Hagler and Marie Romine, telephone; Swan Archinal, reporter; Marie Romine, Social correspondence; Shirley Walston, Social Services /Photographer.

The members brought paper goods as a donation for the Fellowship Hall in appreciation for using the facilities.

The club will meet again on October 13 in the Fellowship Hall. Dona Sanderson of Blackwell will bring the program.

Shirley Walston brought the door prize and Sue Martin won.

The meeting closed with a salad luncheon.

Letter to the Editor

It is 5:00 in the morning, and all of a sudden you have an intense pain in your chest, feels like someone is sitting on you.

Your neighbor comes running out of the house screaming that her 2 year old is choking on a piece of candy.

You are "t-boned" at the intersection of Hwy 277 and Hwy 158 in Bronte, by an eighteen wheeler, who has also rolled his truck containing a lethal chemical that is leaking on the ground.

For any of these situations, you call 911.

What if the voice on the other side of that phone line says, "I'm sorry, there is no longer an ambulance in our county, it will be at least 30 minutes before you have the EMS from San Angelo."

Not quick enough. When there is a need for life support, seconds count.

Coke County Residents, we are facing that possibility. The ambulance crews for both sides of the County have become slim. It is a hard task to volunteer precious time, we all know that. In a small county such as ours, WE HAVE NO CHOICE! Of course, unless there is someone out there that is willing to start a private paid ambulance service and are willing to lose money fast. We don't have the volume of emergency runs to pay for a private ambulance (thank God). The other choice is to go without.

If you are interested in becoming an EMT, I want to talk to you. East Coke County Ambulance Service is tentatively having a class starting December 1, 1999. The cost will be approximately \$360.00 which will be paid by the East Coke County Ambulance in return for your time as a volunteer on our service. Having you on the schedule one day a week can help

tremendously.

Business owners, please help us by allowing your employees help us out during business hours.

People of Coke County, please help our communities by volunteering.

To get your name on the class list please contact David Hargrave at 473-2309. If no answer please leave a message.

Don't let our County go unprotected.

Thanks,
East Coke County Ambulance Service

Concho Valley RC&D elects new officers

Allen Amos was elected chairman of the Concho Valley Resource Conservation and Development Area (RC&D), Inc., at their quarterly meeting held September 8, 1999, in San Angelo.

Allen Amos has been involved in the RC&D Program since September of 1996 and is currently representing Concho County as a director on the Concho Valley RC&D Area Board.

The Resource Conservation and Development is a voluntary, grass-roots driven program that provides a way for local residents to work together and plan how they can actively solve environmental, economical, and social problems facing their communities.

Local volunteer councils that help people care for and protect their natural resources in a way that improves the local economy, environment, and living standards lead this program. RC&D is a way for people to work together to plan and carry out activities that will make their areas a better place to live.

The Concho Valley RC&D Area is an organization that serves 13 counties within the Concho Valley. The RC&D is committed to providing

areawide education, leadership, and coordination as required to expedite the individual Resource Conservation and Development Area missions. The RC&D's purpose is to enhance and improve the standard of living and the quality of life in the member RC&D area.

Also elected as officers for the RC&D include Judie L. Clark of Eldorado, Vice Chairman, and Larry Williams, Secretary/Treasurer of Ozona.

Flu shots available

Planned Parenthood reminds you that the flu is the last thing you want to be stuck in bed with this winter. All Planned Parenthood of West Texas, Inc. clinic sites have begun offering flu shots at the low cost of \$10.00.

Millions are stricken with the flu bug each year. Don't be one of the victims! Be prepared!

For your low cost flu shot, call Planned Parenthood at 1-800-230-PLAN today.

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Martina Navratilova

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11 am & 6 pm Worship

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To my patients and the Residents of Robert Lee and Coke County:

After careful consideration, I will be resigning from my position as the full-time clinic provider at the Shamrock Clinic of Robert Lee. My last day will be October 7, 1999. My primary reason for leaving is, I have decided to return to school full-time to obtain my Master's degree in Theology and then to complete my Doctoral Studies. My health will not allow me to continue to work full-time and study full-time. This was a very hard decision for me to make. I hope you will understand. My superiors at Shannon Health Systems have in no way influenced this decision of mine. It has been a privilege serving and caring for you. November, 1999, would have completed my fourth year here in Robert Lee. You will always be in my thoughts and prayers, please keep me in yours.

I will assist any of my patients wishing to transfer their care to another Medical Provider. I will have a complete instruction sheet available to all that request from my office.

Please call me at 453-4516 or come by.

Sincerely,
George F. Zerucha, PA-C
"Dr. George"

WTU seeks approval from PUCT for fuel surcharge and fuel factor change

West Texas Utilities Company (WTU) has filed a request with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) to recover approximately \$6.4 million in under-collected fuel costs and interest from retail customers. WTU has also requested approval to increase the fuel factors used to recover fuel costs that the company incurs to provide electric service in the future by approximately \$15.9 million a year. Under PUCT rules, utility companies do not make a profit or incur a loss on the fuel portion of the bill.

WTU proposes to recover the \$6.4 million in under-collections through a surcharge over the six-month period from January through June 2000. WTU also proposes to increase the factors used to calculate the fuel charge portion of the bill beginning with December 1999 bills.

The PUCT requires investor-owned utilities in Texas, like WTU, to forecast the annual cost of fuel to generate electricity at their power plants. Based on these forecasts, a fuel factor charge is developed to recover the cost from customers. When actual costs for fuel are significantly more than what customers are paying through their monthly bills, the PUCT allows the utility to request permission to recover the additional amount through what is called a "surcharge". When the fuel costs are anticipated to change from their current levels for an extended period of time, the electric utility may request permission to adjust the monthly fuel factor used to calculate the fuel charge portion of customers' bill.

Approximately 68 percent of the electricity sold by WTU is produced using natural gas as the boiler fuel or comes from power purchases that are affected by prevailing natural gas market costs. Gas costs are expected to be approximately 21.2% higher during the period from December 1999 through November 2000 than the levels upon which WTU's current fuel factors are based. To keep the increase in the overall cost of its fuel and purchased power costs below the expected 21.2 percent increase in natural gas cost, WTU continues to take steps to reduce fuel costs including:

Using coal generation to the fullest extent reasonably possible.

Using purchased power when available at prices below the variable generation costs at WTU's gas-fired plants.

If approved, the proposed surcharge will increase the average monthly bill for a basic residential customer who uses 1,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity by approximately \$1.84 or 2.5% during the six-month period from January through June 2000. The effect of the surcharge will vary depending on the rate schedule under which the customer takes service.

The proposed fuel factor will increase the average monthly bill by approximately



Mildred McAdoo (left) and Ruth Anderson celebrated August birthdays at the Robert Lee Care Center monthly birthday party. The celebration was sponsored by Mrs. Anderson's family.

\$3.25 or 4.3% for residential customers who use 1,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity per month, beginning in December 1999.

A monthly electric bill is made up of two components that include the base rate plus a fuel charge. Senate Bill 7, the electric utility restructuring legislation that was recently passed by the Texas Legislature, required utilities to freeze their base rates, beginning Sept. 1, 1999. WTU's requests for the fuel recovery surcharge and fuel factor increase are not a part of base rates. Utilities cannot raise base rates, however, the PUCT allows recovery of under-collected fuel costs and adjustments to the fuel factor to more closely mirror estimated future costs.

Bridal Brunch honors Chesshir

Miss Laura Chesshir, bride-elect of Tim Lee, was honored with a bridal brunch on Saturday morning at the Northside Church of Christ fellowship hall.

The bride-elect's chosen colors of purple and silver were carried for the occasion. A silver colander held purple fresh flowers and kitchen gadgets. Brunch foods were served including monkey bread, fresh fruit, small tarts, and breakfast casseroles.

Hostesses for the shower were: Clea Timmons, Ila Harvey, Barbara Smith, Vicki Parker, Addie Jeffries, Cathy Hendry, Alice Wallace, Ruth Beal, Mary Grim, Debbie Wilkes, Jewell Wallace, Dolores Roe, Joan Davis, and Lucy Williams.

The engaged couple received numerous household gifts. They will exchange vows on Saturday, Sept. 25, 1999 at 5 o'clock at the James M. Rogers Gazebo on Rio Concho Drive in San Angelo.

The quilt connection hosts Love Quilt

Join the Quilt Connection the 12th through the 14th of October for fun and sewing. This will be the second annual Love Quilt Project. The Love Quilt Project is designed to provide quilts for those in need. These quilts are meant to be used, thrown into the washer and dryer, cuddled with, sat on, wrapped up in, and enjoyed. The quilts made will be given to the police department, for the officers to carry in their patrol cars. The quilts will be given to children as the need arises. Learn how to make these fun and fast quilts by volunteering to cut, sew and bind these quilts. Donations of 100% cotton fabric will be accepted at the Quilt Connection, 3332 W. Loop 306 in College Park. All fabrics must be at least 6" x 40". Any and all help will be greatly appreciated. To volunteer, please call the Quilt Connection at 223-8334.

Children need proper-fitting shoes

Finding kids' shoes that look good and feel good can be a challenge.

"Parents may not realize that improperly fitted shoes worn in childhood can contribute to or exacerbate adult foot problems," said Dr. William Phillips, chief of orthopedic surgery at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston.

Make sure your child's foot is measured regularly. When trying shoes, have your child wear appropriate socks and ask him or her to walk with both shoes on. Select shoes that accommodate the shape of your child's foot and provide adequate toe room. Look for shoes that are lightweight and flexible with non-skid soles. Leather or canvas uppers are good choices because they allow your child's foot to breathe.

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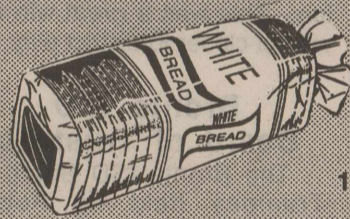
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Bronte School News

Bronte defeats Roby

The Bronte Longhorns traveled to Roby last Friday night to battle the Lions. After twenty-one 1st downs, 385 total yds., and holding Roby to eight 1st downs, 165 total yds., emerged with a 41-6 victory.

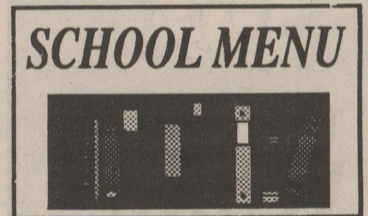
The Horns started quickly with great blocking from offensive linemen as Jerrod McClure went 65 yds. off tackle to make it 6-0. Blake McKee added the extra point. The Horns struck again with 6:14 left in the half, leaving the score 13-0. Josh Schoenfield added the final touchdown of the 1st half when he scored on a 32 yd. pass from Brandon Gibbs. Gibbs added the 2 pt. conversion making the half-time score Bronte 21-Roby-0.

Steve Eldred scored twice and McClure once to complete the scoring for the Horns in the 2nd half to make the final 41-6 score. The defensive front; Jake Graves,

Bronte Shorthorns tie Roby

The Bronte Shorthorns tied the Roby Lions with a score of 14-14. Garrett Fiveash scored on a 55 yd run and the 2 pt. conversion was made by a pass from Cody Lee to Justin Moore. Justin Moore then scored the second touchdown with a 30 yd. run.

Good defensive performances by Justin Moore, Joseph Israel, Cody Moore, Cory Cooper, and Kinlee Hoyt. Good offensive performances by Garrett Fiveash, Cody Lee, and Tyson Baker.



Breakfast

Monday, Sept. 27

School Holiday

Tuesday, Sept. 28

Cereal, Apple Sauce, Biscuit, Milk.

Wednesday, Sept. 29

Sausage, Apple Juice, Pancakes, Milk.

Thursday, Sept. 30

Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns, Biscuit, Milk.

Friday, Oct. 1

French Toast Stix, Mixed Fruit, Blueberry Muffins, Milk.

Lunch

Monday, Sept. 27

School Holiday

Tuesday, Sept. 28

Steak Fingers w/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Sweet Peas, Sliced Pears, Rolls, Milk.

Wednesday, Sept. 29

Chicken Spaghetti, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Bread Sticks, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Milk.

Thursday, Sept. 30

Frito Pie, Chili & Cheese, Tator Tots, Sweet Corn, Corn Chips, Jello, Milk.

Friday, Oct. 1

Chicken Pattie Sandwich, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Applesauce, Bun, Rice Krispie Bars, Milk.

Blake McKee, Wes Howell, Shaylon Arott, Henry White, and Zeb Speary did an outstanding job containing the Roby rushing attack with, Ryan McCorkle, Josh Schoenfield, Steve Eldred, Tim Green, and Jerrod McClure completing the defensive effort.

The Horns play the Robert Lee Steers this Friday night at 8:00 p.m. in Bronte. Come out and enjoy some football.

Lady Horns defeat Colorado City

On September 21 the Varsity girls won with scores of 15-8; 15-9. Kala Arrott had 5 kills, Brooke McCutchen 1 kill; 1 ace, Jade Richards 1 assist, Lacy Schoenfield 2 assists, Lauren Williams 1 kill; 1 ace, and Britni Adams had 1 ace.

The JV also played Colorado City JV but lost with scores of 4-15; 16-14; 4-15. Kelly Cooper had 3 kills, Heather Richey 3 kills; 1 block, Joel Sefcik 2 assists, Lindsay Springer 1 assist, Tiffany Riordan 1 kill, Heather Sturgill 1 kill, and Kayla Hilliard 1 ace.

Good Defensive effort by Tiffany Riordan and good game passing by Kayla Hilliard.

The JV also played against Colorado City 9th grade. They lost with scores of 12-15; 15-9; and 6-15. The stats were: Kelly Cooper 2 kills; 1 assist, Heather Richey 5 kills, Joel Sefcik 1 kill; 1 ace, Lindsay Springer 3 kills, Crystal Jackson 1 kill, Tiffany Riordan 1 kill, Chrissie Isreal 1 assist, and Jenna Herrold 2 kills.

The Lady Longhorns played a very solid game. Every aspect of the game really came together and the girls teamwork was outstanding. This was a great win as we get closer to district play.

Bronte ISD Board of Trustees

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held its Public Meeting to discuss the 1999-2000 Budget and Proposed Tax Rate on September 16, 1999, at 8:00 p.m. The Budget, Proposed Tax Rate, and an emergency amendment of Footnote to tax notice were discussed.

Motion was passed to set the Tax Rate for 1999-2000 at

\$1.45.

Alan Richey, Superintendent, informed the Board of the resignation of Tawnya Archer, GED aide at the CCJJC.

The Superintendent's report included an update on the facilities, the TEA audit-CCJJC, and health insurance. The Board also discussed the TASB convention that will be held October 8-11, 1999, and school buses.

Andra Arrott was appointed to serve as Board Advocacy on the TASB Network. A workshop covering the 76th Legislative Session will be attended by three board members on September 21.

Motion was made and passed to approve the Fairview Inter-local Agreement for 1999-2000.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be October 14, 1999, at 7:30 p.m.

Lady Horns vs. Monahans

On Saturday, September 18 the Lady Horns lost against Monahans with scores of 3-15; 2-15. Michaela Arrott had 3 kills, Jade Richards had 2 kills; 2 assists, Lacy Schoenfield had 5 assists, Lauren Williams with 1 kill, and Stormy White had 1 kill.

The JV also played Monahans and lost with scores of 15-4; 15-12. Kelly Cooper had 1 kill; 1 ace, Heather Richey 1 kill; 2 blocks, Joel Sefcik 1 ace, and Lindsay Springer 1 kill; 2 blocks.

Shorthorn Volleyball vs. Water Valley

The 7th grade girls defeated Water Valley with scores of 14-16; 15-5; 15-12. Ryan Martinez scored 13 pts., Calli Johnson; 6 pts., Ashleigh Kelly; 12 pts., Jasmine Kresta; 7 pts., and Salena Soto; 3 pts.

The 8th grade girls also won against Water Valley with scores of 15-6; 9-15; 16-14. Britney McCutchen scored 10 pts.; 3 aces, Melissa Flores; 4 pts., Ashley Torres; 14 pts., Brittany Eldred; 5 pts., 1 ace, and Kanah Coalson; 3 pts.

The next game will be on Monday, September 27, 1999 against Christoval in Bronte. Next Tournament is Saturday, October 2, 1999 at Sweetwater.

Outstanding games from both teams!



Jake Graves and Jennifer Sturgill listen as the young Longhorns ask questions.

Role models for upcoming Longhorns

The first grade and their sixth grade buddies were treated Friday morning of Homecoming by some very special Longhorns. Four senior Longhorn football players suited in full playing gear and came to the first grade classroom. They were each accompanied by a varsity cheerleader. The young Longhorns formally interviewed each player and cheerleader.

Parents can help make learning fun

Learning is a lifelong process, so why not make it fun? "Parents can take an active role in helping their children learn," said Dr. Sherry Sellers, a developmental pediatrician at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston.

Visit places that mix learning and fun-the library, museum, planetarium, arboretum or zoo. Improve reading and math skills by asking kids to help clip coupons and assist with shopping and meal preparation.

Let your kids count your

spare change and place it in coin wrappers. Show them how to balance a checkbook and open a savings account. Let them use their allowance for small items they wish to purchase, then help them find the best price. Not sure where the store is? Pull out a map and show your child how to locate the street.

When mistakes are made offer explanations and constructive feedback.

Preservation effort to include brick sales

In an effort to preserve the original rock pillars in front of Bronte High School, the BHS Class of 2000 is landscaping a sitting area, inlaid with brick, in front of the new school addition. The class is promoting a Brick Sales Campaign to provide Bronte High School faculty, students, alumni and community members the opportunity to be a part of this preservation.

Brick sales will continue through November 8, 1999, and should be in place before the New Year. For more information, please contact Brittany Lloyd at the school (915) 473-2511.

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September 3	Menard	There	8:00	6	7
** September 10	Rankin	Here	8:00	21	6
September 17	Roby	There	8:00	41	6
September 24	Robert Lee	Here	8:00		
October 1	Sterling City	Here	8:00		
* October 8	Santa Anna	There	7:30		
* October 15	Cross Plains	Here	7:30		
* October 22	Eden	There	7:30		
* October 29	Baird	There	7:30		
* November 5	Miles	Here	7:30		

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Robert Lee School News

Steers struggle with another loss

by Bill Burns

The Steers went to Eden last Friday to take on the Bulldogs and tried to gain their first victory of the season. Too many things went wrong for the Steers and they are still looking for that first victory.

Looking for bright spots in the game, we find that Beau Blair had his best game of the year, as he made some good tackles and pass receptions at key times in the game.

Mathew Tinkler, playing for the first time since Jr. High, showed good hustle and made some key plays that indicated good progress toward the degree of play that the Steers need from him in the future.

This is not to say that these are the only two showing improvement, or that they are the only ones putting forth good effort, for there are others. These two just happen to stand out a little more to me last Friday night.

Another thing that stood out to me was the spirit of the team on the sidelines among the players. Believe me, this might be the most important thing because it shows the team is not giving up on themselves. As long as team spirit is there, there will be improvement on the team.

1st Quarter

The Bulldog defense was stingy as the Steers made only eight yards on the

ground. The big play of the quarter on offense came when Beau Boxell completed a 21 yd. pass to Beau Blair.

Defensively, Boxell intercepted a Bulldog pass.

2nd Quarter

Boxell and Blair combined for a completion and an eleven yd. gain. Garrett Brown also had his second reception of the night. Boxell punted 2 times for a 37 yd. average.

3rd Quarter

This was the most productive quarter as the Steers had four first downs, but most importantly the Steers had a touchdown against the Bulldogs which was the first score against them this year.

Andrew McCabe had a reception for a forty-two yard gain. Brown had two more receptions for a total of 17 yds. and a Steer touchdown.

4th Quarter

Boxell hit Brown for a 41 yd. pass play, but the Bulldogs knew the Steers would have to pass and the Steers were unable to move the ball for the rest of the game. Steers 6-Bulldogs 48. Steers play Bronte Friday night. Go Steers- beat Bronte.

Class of 1949 sets homecoming schedule

The 50th class reunion for the class of 1949 is set for October 1, 1999. Scheduled events have been arranged. Friday, October 1 there will be the Homecoming parade. Following the parade is the pep rally, and then the football game.

On Saturday, October 2 they will meet at the High School library. At noon they will have a "Dutch Treat" lunch at a local restaurant and then will return to the library for visiting and reminiscing with everyone. Visitors and fellow class mates are more than welcome.

Please come join the fun of getting together once again.

JV Steers defeat Eden

The Robert Lee JV Steers played a great game Thursday night as they defeated Eden 14-0.

During the 1st quarter, the Steers had a long drive that ended with a touchdown by Stewart Millican. The two point conversion was a run by Stewart.

In the 2nd quarter, Anson Lott ran for a 40 yd. touchdown.

Once again, the JV defense was very solid and has allowed only one touchdown in three games.

Parade winners to receive added prizes

Local Steer fans want Robert Lee High School students to "catch the fever". An anonymous person has donated additional prize money for the parade on Friday, October 1st.

Any school organization with an entry that places in the top 3 of the school entries will win an extra \$100 for 1st, \$50 for 2nd, and \$25 for 3rd. The student council will be giving \$75 for 1st, \$50 for 2nd and \$25 for 3rd to any organization entering. This means that even if the school organization places 4th or 5th but was still one of the top 3 school entries, they could still receive a cash prize.

Okay, kids, get out and catch the fever, build a float and add to your funds! Good luck and thanks to the unknown Steer fan.

Homecoming Brunch slated for Oct. 2

The Robert Lee High School Class of 1960 will be celebrating at the home of Mrs. Calvin Sparks with a brunch on Saturday morning, October 2, 1999.

The graduates, teachers, and relatives of the graduates are welcome. The group will be gathering for brunch at 10 am and look forward to renewing old memories and making some new ones during this time of celebration.

RLHS Class of '84 to meet

The Robert Lee Class of 1984 will hold its 15th year reunion during homecoming festivities October 1, 1999. Class members will begin the celebration by attending the homecoming parade, pep rally and then the game. The reunion will continue Saturday at the old rec hall with a visitation and supper from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m.

"The more original a discovery, the more obvious it seems afterwards."

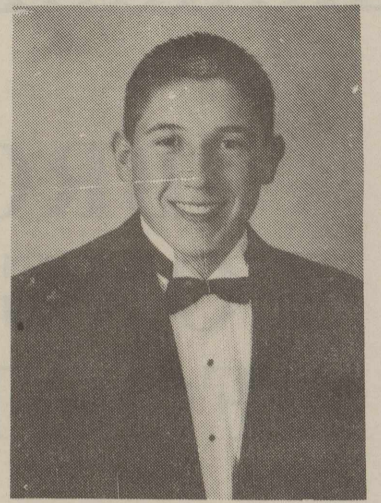
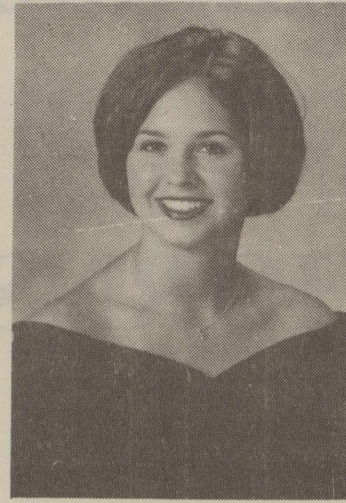
Arthur Koestler

"...Thank you for caring so much and not treating us like paperwork, but like people."



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Mr. and Miss RLHS have been announced for the 1999-2000 school year. Miss RLHS is Macy Hill and Joel Gallegos is Mr. RLHS.

Robert Lee ISD school board meets

The Robert Lee ISD school board met in special session on September 14, 1999 for the purpose of discussing the 1999-2000 school budget to determine the tax rate to be adopted. The public was invited to participate. After the hearing and discussion, the board adjourned.

The Robert Lee ISD school board convened into regular session following the public hearing. All members were present and the following business was conducted: Several people addressed the board concerning the HEB Outdoor Foundation, support of the Principals and support of the choir program.

The board adopted a tax rate of \$1.50 per \$100 valuation for 1999. Discussion of duties, responsibilities and actions of the principals was conducted. The board approved a contract with Coca Cola Bottling for the product vending rights with Robert Lee ISD. Garland Davis was employed on a half time basis to fill the speech vacancy created by the resignation of

Sterling Myers.

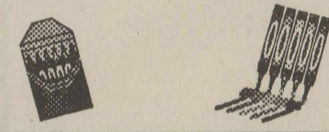
Bowkers computers of San Angelo was awarded the computer proposal for the elementary computer lab. The extra curricular absence policy was approved. Local policy FDD (Local) concerning college visitation of students was amended and local policy DEA (Regulation) concerning sponsor stipend was also amended. The Principals gave their respective reports and Superintendent Hood gave his report.

The next regular board meeting will be October 28th. The public is invited to attend.

Candidates for Homecoming King & Queen 1999

The Candidates for Homecoming King & Queen 1999 are: Tiffany Copeland, Jennifer Hamilton, Erin Millican, Dixie Simpson, Ashley Townsend, and Dee Van Huss are the Queen candidates for 1999. The King candidates for 1999 are: Beau Boxell, Jeremy Eaton, Dan McCown, Matthew Pitcock, Chase Rainwater, and Brandon Van Huss.

SCHOOL MENU



Breakfast

Monday, Sept. 27

Orange Juice, Breakfast Burrito, Milk.

Tuesday, Sept. 28

Orange Juice, Cinnamon Roll, Cereal, Milk.

Wednesday, Sept. 29

Orange Juice, Breakfast Pizza, Milk.

Thursday, Sept. 30

Orange Juice, Donut, Cereal, Milk.

Friday, Oct. 1

Orange Juice, Biscuit w/Jelly, Sausage Patty, Milk.

Lunch

Monday, Sept. 27

Chicken O's, Macaroni & Cheese, English Peas, Homemade Rolls, Pineapple Tidbits, Milk.

Tuesday, Sept. 28

Salisbury Steak, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Homemade Rolls, Peaches, Milk.

Wednesday, Sept. 28

Chicken Fajitas, Lettuce, Tomato, Spanish Rice, Cowboy Cookies, Milk.

Thursday, Sept. 29

Baked Ham, Potato Salad, Pinto Beans, Cornbread, Banana Pudding, Milk.

Friday, Oct. 1

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Reflections of the Past

[Editor's Note: Over the next several weeks, the O/E will publish some human interest stories concerning area veterans. The purpose is to draw attention to the Veterans Memorial in Bronte, which is to be dedicated some time in December. Plans are to highlight stories of area veterans each week, if possible, through Veterans' Day (November 11, 1999), and up and until the dedication ceremonies are held. If you would like to submit a story concerning an area veteran who is a friend or family member, contact Dorthey Pruitt at Bronte or Ava Lou Davis in Robert Lee.]

Comrade keeps his pledge and fulfills mission

[These words were penned by D. M. West, editor of the Bronte Enterprise, and the

Estate planning seminar set for San Angelo

"Do I need a will? Why do I need a will?" "Wouldn't I save a lot of money if I had one of those living trusts?" "I have already decided that my family can take care of my business if I get sick -- why do I need some piece of paper to show that?"

The Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley of Governments is providing an opportunity to hear answers to these and other estate planning questions, in conjunction with the Texas Young Lawyers Association, Tom Green County Young Lawyers Association, and West Texas Legal Services. A free, one-half day seminar will be held on Wednesday, September 29, at the San Angelo Convention Center with registration starting at 8:00 am. Three sessions will include wills and other basic planning tools, trusts, and the guardianship process.

For the past two years, the Texas Young Lawyers Association, through its Needs of Senior Citizens Committee, has been facilitating educational seminars for older adults throughout the state. According to Sue Fielder, Operations Manager of the Area Agency, "It is so important that people take time to think about and to make needed legal plans before a crisis occurs. Our agency focuses on public benefits such as Medicare and Medicaid; so we are excited about working with the local and state young lawyers associations as well as West Texas Legal Services. This seminar will offer good information and advice that only lawyers can give."

Seating for the general public is limited. For a reservation, contact Dee Williams or Sue Fielder at the Concho Valley Council of Governments at 944-9666 or toll free at 1-800-728-2592 by September 23, 1999. The Area Agency on Aging is funded by the Texas Department on Aging.

story was taken from articles in the San Angelo News Service.]

An era of war is always an era of tragedies -- but it is also an era that tests men's souls and brings out the unselfish, the heroic, the true, the brave, and the loyal spirit of man to his cause and to his comrades. Such an era is always a time of stories of courage and devotion. Some of the best portions of the world's history, as far as men's loyalty to each other is concerned, are war periods of the world's annals. But not since the days of the story of Jonathan and David was enacted to the present hour, has there been a story of greater devotion and loyalty than that which the story below reveals. All of us in and around Bronte knew Elbert Stephenson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Stephenson, and all have sorrowed with them since the tragic news that Elbert was missing in action, nearly a year ago. And this story of his comrade's loyalty will make all who knew Elbert, be reminded again of the spirit of loyalty of "Steve", as his comrade calls him in the story, to his cause, to his country and to his comrade.

The story follows:

At a 12th AAF B-26 Marauder Bomber Base in Corsica eleven months ago, a young combat pilot returned from his seventh combat mission and made a pledge he knew would take a long time in the fulfillment. Recently, he returned from his 73rd combat flight; his pledge had been realized and he was happy.

When Captain Sydney P. Smith, San Marcos, Texas, came overseas in December 1943, his constant companion and fellow pilot was Lieutenant Elbert O. Stephenson, Bronte, Texas. The Texans met before they became Air Cadets, and together had gone through the rigorous training courses. After receiving their commissions, they served at the same airfields in the States, and finally they came overseas together. Now they were to fly in B-26 Marauders in the same squadron.

Italy was the focal point of the veteran squadron's attacks at that time, and both pilots were soon engaged in piloting their Marauders against vital enemy positions there. They simultaneously reached the total of six missions when tragedy interrupted their relationship.

Late in January, attacking a railroad bridge at Manzianna, Italy, Lieutenant Stephenson's Marauder was shot down by enemy fighter planes. He is still missing in action.

Captain Smith, then a Lieutenant, was also on that mission, and upon his return made a pledge.

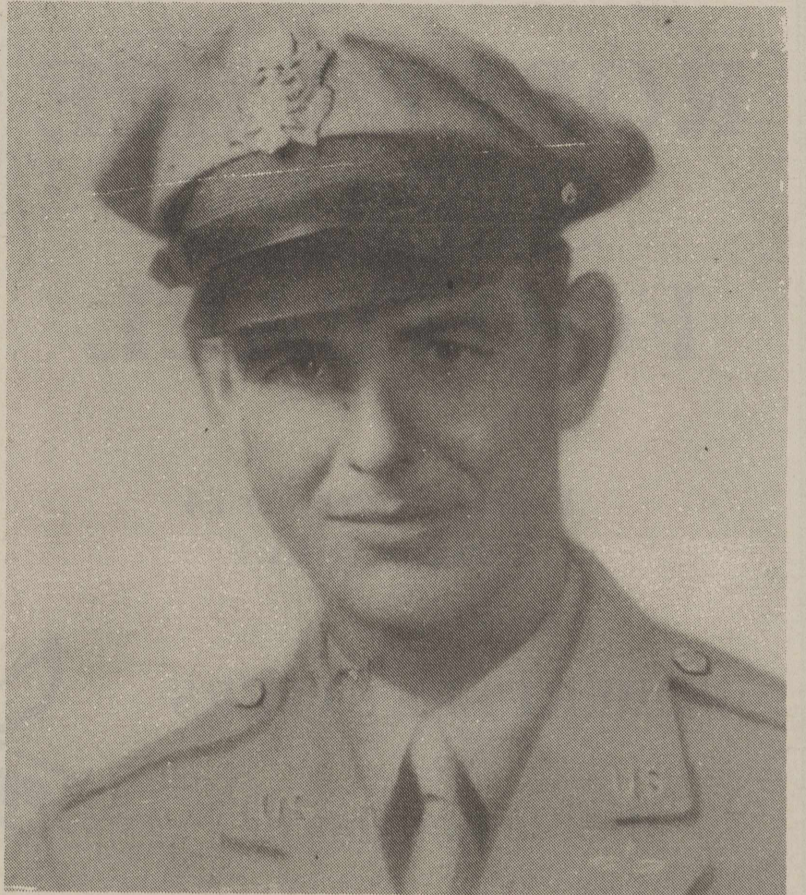
"At that time, 40 missions constituted a tour of duty," he explained, "and the only way I could in any sense make up

for what happened to Steve was to finish his tour of duty for him. He had seven missions at the time he went down, and of the 66 I've flown since, 33 have been for him. It was the least I could have done."

His career as a Marauder since that day eleven months ago has been replete with excitement and color. The 26-year-old Texan, commanding officer of his squadron since July, has led squadron and group in important combat missions against targets at Rome, Bologna, and Florence. He has flown through intense flak barrages over Anzio to bomb troop concentrations. The D-Day invasion of southern France found him again leading his Marauders to blast enemy troops.

"I guess we've been through a lot these months,"

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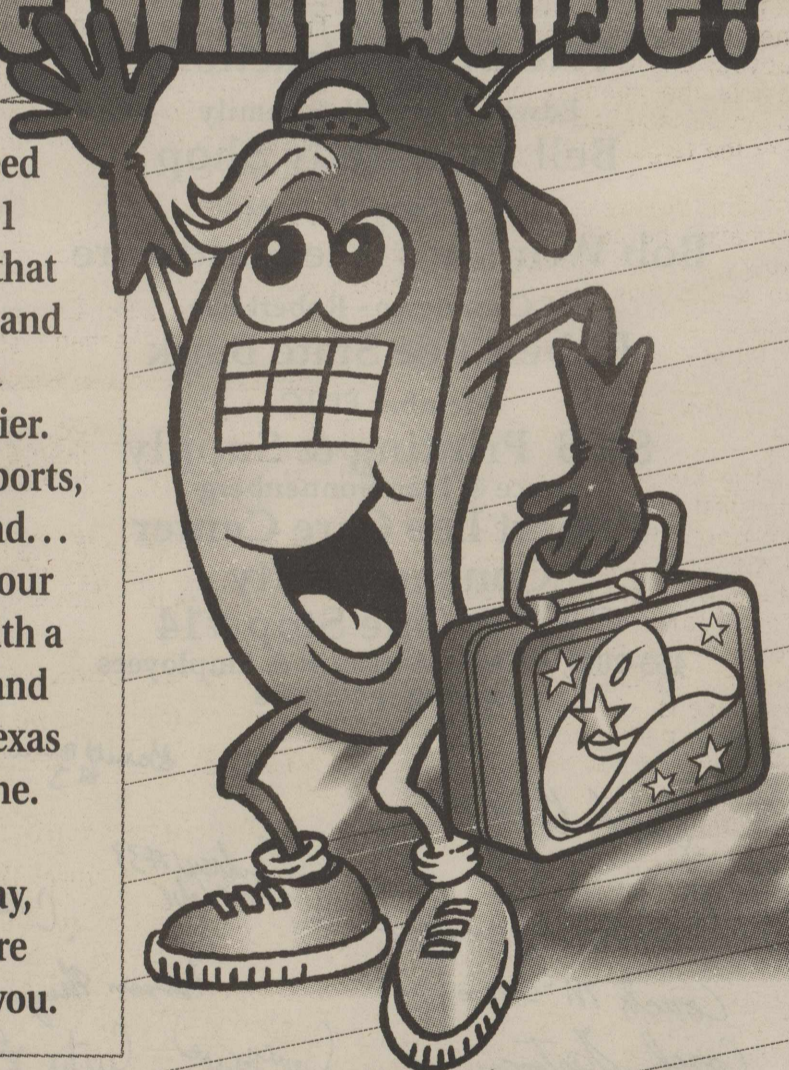


1st Lt. Elbert O. Stephenson, born August 9, 1920, and reported Missing in Action January 29, 1944. He graduated from Bronte High School in 1938 and San Angelo College in 1941. Lt. Stephenson entered the Air Force at Victorville, California. He was the brother of Dorothy Collins of Bronte.

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...Reflections

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commented the soft-spoken pilot, "but the record of the squadron proves that every bit of it has been worthwhile."

The veteran squadron, which had already fought through the Tunisian and Sicilian campaigns when Captain Smith joined it, has achieved an outstanding combat performance since, and has received both the Distinguished Unit Citation and the Croix de Guerre. Captain Smith has led Marauders on more than a half dozen 100 percent accurate bombing flights over many installations.

Admitting that he, like most combat men, had his superstitions; Captain Smith refused to discuss the significance of his 73rd mission till it had been flown. When he returned from the flight, an attack on a rail fill at Roveretto, Italy, he had even more to relate than he had anticipated.

"It had been an awfully long time since I had seen fighters," he said, "and we didn't even anticipate flak on this flight. Consequently, I guess I became a little cocky and neglected to put on my flak suit and helmet. When, just before we began our run on the target, a dozen enemy fighter planes pounced on us," he smiled, "I was slightly embarrassed. Actually, I was darn scared. I was flying the flight command position, the one the enemy usually singles out for attack, and they wasted no time doing it."

In the fight that ensued, five enemy planes were destroyed, and Captain Smith, despite the intensity of the enemy assault, led his group over the target with good results.

"I don't like to make it seem dramatic," he added, "but I know Steve would have gotten a big kick out of that show."

The completion of his 73rd

mission does not mark a cessation of his activities as a Marauder pilot, the Texan insists.

"That Roveretto flight fulfilled a promise I made a long time ago. It didn't end the war, and I want to do a lot more towards fulfilling that promise, one all of us made."

Before entering the Army in September, 1941, Captain Smith was principal of the Tilden Public School, Tilden, Texas. His wife, Doris K., after whom his plane is named, lives at 1234 6th St., Corpus Christi, Texas, while his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Sydney Smith, live at Box 7, Martindale Star Route, San Marcos, Texas.

[After the war, Major Sydney P. Smith was flying a jet on a training mission, when two of the jet planes flew together, killing Major Smith. This ended the career of this wonderful man whose love for his friend was so special.]

Robert Lee volunteer fire department

by Marian Thompson Secretary

The first meeting was canceled, September 6, 1999 as it was Labor Day. The Disaster Planning Committee did attend a meeting on the 7th of September at the Court House.

There was a meeting on September 20, 1999. Items that were discussed were: What needs to be purchased, and what needs to be done to make Truck #6 fire fighting ready, using the Buddy System for the trucks on a range fire, setting up a Mobile command at range fires for communications back to town, and fund raisers.

The Ladies Auxiliary has pot holders and jar grippers to raise money for a new city truck. Contact Barbara Sparks at 453-2087 or Katie Drennan

at 453-2343 for more information.

The firemen will meet with the Bronte Fire Department on September, 27, 1999 to discuss Disaster Planning.

There will also be a work night on Wednesday, September 22, 1999 to complete truck #6.

Cowboy Symposium and Celebration

Preparation is being made for the 3rd Annual Cowboy Symposium and Celebration at the San Angelo State Park. Last year the event hosted over 600 patrons as the event continues to gain popularity. This year the event will be hosted by the Friends of San Angelo State Park, a nonprofit organization that promotes the park and tourism. The Cowboy Symposium and Celebration attracts cowboy poets, musicians, storytellers, historians, photographers and honest-to-goodness cowboys each year celebrating our western heritage in ranching, cowboys and the western way of life. The activities begin Saturday, October 23, 1999 in the North Concho River Park and will feature:

Cowboy Entertainment- Some of the best regional cowboy poets, storytellers and vocalists from around Texas will be performing. This year artists from Cowtown, the panhandle, Austin and locally will be keeping the traditional entertainment alive starting at noon. A noon meal of Texas Bar-B-Que will also be served.

Trail Rides- The state park is only one of few parks that promotes equestrian activities. The trails at the park have been recognized by the Western Horseman magazine and will be featured on three trail rides guided by our wranglers. The rides will be "Nice & Easy," "Poker Run" (games played on horseback) and a moonlight ride for the western romantic. The rides will begin at 10:00 a.m. with a fee of \$5.00 per ride or all three for

\$10.00.

Kids Activities- Several activities are being planned to entertain our little Texas buckaroos and "buckarets." Some of the activities the children's committees are working on are barrel races (on stick horses), branding, plus other arts and crafts to teach our children about their western heritage.

Businesses and individuals are welcome to help sponsor the event. Sponsorship packages are available be-

ginning at \$25.00. The sponsorships are tax deductible and must be received by October 1, 1999 to be included on the afternoon entertainment program. Advance tickets will go on sale at the Park Headquarters, October 11 and will be \$5.00 each, children under 12 are free. For more information contact the San Angelo State Park at 915-949-4757 or visit the Cowboy Symposium Web Site at <http://hotyellow98.com/>.

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1939 to 1998			
1939	Bronte	8	Robert Lee 0
1940		Robert Lee won	
1941		Bronte won	
1942		Did not play	
1943		Did not play	
1944 (tie)	Bronte	6	Robert Lee 6
1944	Robert Lee	12	Bronte 7
1945	Robert Lee	29	Bronte 0
1945	Robert Lee	54	Bronte 0
1946	Robert Lee	13	Bronte 7
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1949	Bronte	7	Robert Lee 0
1950	Robert Lee	33	Bronte 0
1950	Robert Lee	25	Bronte 12
1951	Bronte	12	Robert Lee 7
1951	Robert Lee	25	Bronte 19
1952 (tie)	Robert Lee	7	Bronte 7
1952	Robert Lee	8	Bronte 7
1953	Bronte	28	Robert Lee 6
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1954	Bronte	34	Robert Lee 25
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1963	Robert Lee	28	Bronte 0
1964	Robert Lee	34	Bronte 19
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1968	Robert Lee	30	Bronte 15
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1970	Robert Lee	32	Bronte 0
1971	Robert Lee	28	Bronte 0
1972	Robert Lee	33	Bronte 0
1973	Robert Lee	19	Bronte 0
1974	Bronte	41	Robert Lee 0
1975	Bronte	20	Robert Lee 0
1976	Robert Lee	28	Bronte 0
1977 (tie)	Bronte	0	Robert Lee 0
1978	Robert Lee	21	Bronte 14
1979	Robert Lee	7	Bronte 3
1980	Bronte	25	Robert Lee 0
1981	Bronte	6	Robert Lee 0
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1983	Bronte	16	Robert Lee 13
1984	Robert Lee	21	Bronte 6
1985	Robert Lee	35	Bronte 26
1986	Bronte	54	Robert Lee 27
1987	Robert Lee	14	Bronte 7
1988	Robert Lee	6	Bronte 0
1989	Robert Lee	18	Bronte 14
1990	Bronte	34	Robert Lee 0
1991	Robert Lee	15	Bronte 8
1992	Robert Lee	27	Bronte 14
1993	Robert Lee	15	Bronte 14
1994	Robert Lee	20	Bronte 0
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1997	Robert Lee	21	Bronte 17
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Euterpean Club meeting

The Euterpean Club held their first meeting of the year on Sept. 16, 1999 in the home of Bobbie Varnadore. Mary Burnett and Bobbie Varnadore, acting as hostesses, served a Tasting Buffet using fall colors in their decorations.

Secret pals were revealed with gifts and new secret pals names were drawn. Gifts were also presented to the outgoing president, Myrle Thompson.

New officers are Gypsy McMullin; President, Hulene Magness; Vice president, Sharon Taylor; secretary, Heather Sanderson; treasurer, Bobbie Varnadore; librarian, Dona Sanderson; parliamentarian, Jeraldine Hickman; pianist, and Collene Fletcher; reporter.

Those in attendance were: Margaret Battlo, Mary Burnett, Lillie Burwick, Collene Fletcher, Mary Lee, Tommie Lucas, Gypsy McMullin, Dona Sanderson, Heather Sanderson, Karen Saunders, Margaret Stout, Sue Sweet, Sharon Taylor, Myrle Thompson, Bobbie Varnadore, and Linda Watts.



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Saturday, September 25, 8:30 am until ?. 708 Meadow Lane, Bronte.
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Rick Styles
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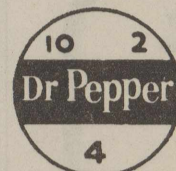
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Keeping an eye on Texas

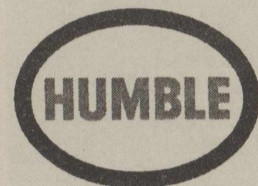
Oldest companies still going strong

The 19th and early 20th centuries saw the beginnings of many Texas companies that are still a vital part of the Texas economy, and have become household names throughout the country.



Dr Pepper was created by Charles Alderton, a Waco pharmacist, in 1885. It was a hit with the customers in Morrison's Old Corner Drug in Waco, so in 1891, the Artesian Manufacturing and Bottling Works was begun. The company became Dr Pepper Company in 1902, and the corporate headquarters remains in Dallas.

The Imperial Sugar Company is one of the oldest businesses in Texas operating continuously on the same site. The company has operated at the same location and has manufactured the same refined sugar and blackstrap molasses since 1843. The facility in Sugar Land is one of the most modern in the industry, with refining capacity exceeding four million pounds of sugar each day.



Humble Oil and Refining Company began in 1911 when Texas businessman Ross Sterling obtained two producing oil wells in the Humble field. By 1912, the company's official headquarters was in Houston. In 1959, Jersey Standard bought out all of Humble's stock and in 1972, all Standard Oil companies became known as Exxon. In 1990, Exxon Corporation moved its corporate headquarters to Irving.

SOURCES: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, (www.window.state.tx.us), and *The Handbook of Texas*.

Antibiotics: when are they necessary?

Your child is sick with a slight fever, strong cough, and discolored mucous. Does he need an antibiotic? Your doctor can tell you for sure, but chances are good that he does not. As a matter of fact, because many children are given antibiotics unnecessarily, a major problem is spreading across Texas.

The physicians of Texas Medical Association urge you to learn more about antibiotics so that you can better determine when they are needed.

"Antibiotics are overused most among young children," says Dr. Kate Hendricks, Austin division director for Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Surveillance at Texas Department of Health. "Because of this, strains of bacteria are created that are 'resistant' to antibiotics. This happens a lot in daycare facilities or other places where groups of children are together often. Let me explain: As all parents know, kids are not what you would call 'sterile'. A child always has

some bacteria on his skin, in his nose and throat, and in his gut. A small number of these bacteria might be considered 'bad', and they are usually kept in check by the immune system. However, most of these bacteria are harmless and some (like the ones in your gut) are even what you would call 'good'."

"Now say a child is put on antibiotics for a good reason like an inner ear infection, or a poor reason like a cold. While the antibiotics are killing the bad bacteria, they are also killing some of the harmless or good bacteria. Once a child stops or finishes a course of antibiotics, the bad or good bacteria that are left will likely be resistant to the antibiotic that was just used. Now if these resistant bacteria somehow get past a child's normal protective barriers -- like through a scratch on the skin -- they can cause illness that is pretty hard to treat."

"Parents need to realize that every time a child takes an antibiotic, they have increased their risk of later developing a resistant infection. They also have an increased risk of passing on resistant bacteria to other kids. So it's really important to only take them when it is absolutely necessary -- like for a strep throat or an inner ear infection."

Dr. Hendricks goes on to explain that it's important for parents to understand when an illness is bacterial and when it's viral, and how to treat each one. She stresses that antibiotics are needed to cure illnesses caused by bacteria; however, antibiotics do nothing to help kill illness caused by a virus. Viruses cause most colds, coughs, and runny noses. You should treat the symptoms (such as a slight fever, cough, or congestion) with plenty of fluids and over-the-counter medication and wait. Illnesses caused by viruses will go away on their own.

"Many people assume that antibiotics are needed to cure most illnesses, but this is not the case. Parents want so badly for their sick children to feel better, that they are often quick to ask for or insist on antibiotics when their children are ill," says Dr. Hendricks. "Many parents don't know, for example, that discolored mucous is not a sign of a bacterial infection. It's normal for mucous to be clear at the beginning of a cold, then discolored, then clear. A common cold (and the discolored mucous associated with it) will go away on its own."

Your doctor can tell you if your child will need an antibiotic or not. Often you can speak with your doctor or a nurse over the phone to discuss the likelihood of a bacterial infection versus a virus. He or she can tell you if you need to make an appointment for your child and if antibiotics may be necessary. Your doctor can discuss your child's specific case with you, but in general:

*There are different types of ear infections; some need antibiotics but others do not.

*Antibiotics may be necessary for long-lasting sinus infections.

*Most sore throats are

caused by viruses. One kind -- strep -- needs antibiotics. Strep can only be diagnosed by a laboratory test.

*Colds, which sometimes last two weeks or more, are caused by viruses. It's normal for mucous to get thick and change color during a cold. Antibiotics have no effect on colds.

When you or someone else in your family is prescribed an antibiotic, make sure the medication is taken exactly as directed, and completely finished. Symptoms often disappear within a few days; however, continue the prescription to kill off all the bad bacteria. Otherwise only the weakest bacteria will be killed, leaving behind the stronger, more resistant bacteria. Also, never share antibiotics. Throw away any leftover medicine as soon as you are finished with it.

Texas Medical Association is a professional organization of more than 36,000 physician and medical student members. It is located in Austin and has 118 component county medical societies around the state. The Association represents 85 percent of the doctors of medicine licensed and residing in Texas. TMA's key objective is to improve the health of all Texans.

Summer tips when it's too hot for Spot

Texas heat can turn your pooch into a hot dog.

Like people, pets can suffer from the discomfort of hot, sticky days. Texas A&M University veterinary medicine professor Dr. John August offers these tips to keep your pooch from being parched and your kitty from getting too sweaty.

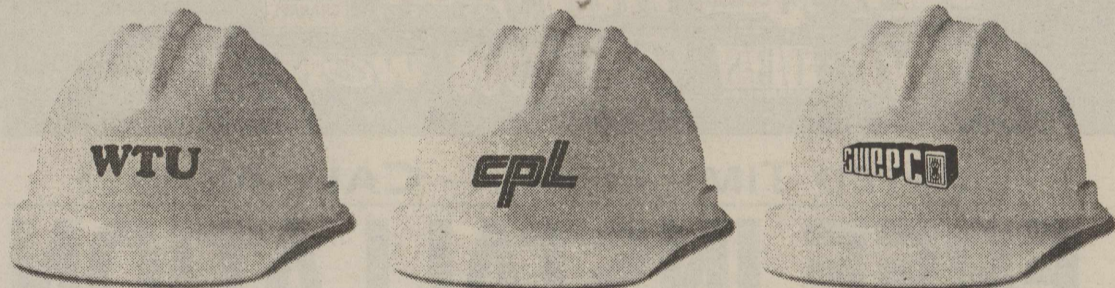
*Watch the inside of cars. If you would not keep a child inside a hot car with the windows up, why would you place your pet in the same situation? "It's not uncommon for the temperature to reach 120 degrees or more inside a car on a hot summer day," August says. "Just as with a child, you should never leave a pet in a car during the summer. Even just a few minutes can be harmful."

*Airline travel is tougher on some pets than others. "Dogs such as bulldogs, Pekingese and Pugs, and cats such as Persians, these animals have shorter noses than most other breeds and they can have difficulty breathing on an airplane and often they are more susceptible to heat stress. If possible, try to take a direct flight early in the morning instead of one that has several stops."

*Don't shave your pets, thinking it will keep them cooler. "It's not a good idea to shave a pet. Animals can get sunburn just like humans can. If you give your pets plenty of fresh water and shade, they should be okay, but we don't recommend shaving them unless they have had skin problems," August says.

*Watch your animals around lakes or swimming pools. "Not all dogs are natural swimmers, and certainly most cats aren't," August explains. "You should supervise your pets around water just as you would a child. It's not uncommon for dogs or cats to drown."

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Mix it yourself cleaners helpful

There is no new water under the sun, explains Julie Massey, Galveston County marine agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"We're drinking the same water the dinosaurs drank," she says.

And that's why Extension developed the Mix it Yourself brochure. By using materials like baking soda, mineral oil and vinegar to make household cleaners, people can help reduce the amount of pollutants going back into their water supplies via sinks, commodes, tubs and lawns.

"Even though that water will be treated, you want the highest quality water going back into (the water supply)", Massey notes.

Reducing the number of chemicals used in the home has other benefits.

"One of our county agents counted the number of cleaning products she had in her home - more than 50," Massey recalls. "By using these alternative cleaners, you cut down on the number of cleaners you have to buy so it's cheaper, too."

The main ingredients for Mix it Yourself include baking soda, liquid detergent, mineral oil, white vinegar, salt and lemon juice.

"I think these work really well

...Court

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and Precinct 2 and 4 at 25.5. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rawlings. Commissioners Rawlings, McCutchen and Percifull voted for, with Commissioner Burns voting against. County/District Clerk Mary Grim requested that the \$500 for extra help be added back into her budget. The motion carried.

Bills were paid and the meeting was adjourned.

The Commissioners' Court met in special session Monday, September 20, 1999. All members were present.

Following the prayer and the pledge, County Auditor Stover Taylor addressed the Court on the budget. The estimated value of \$179,562,084.00 for the tax year and budget year from October 1, 1999, to September 30, 2000, is a decrease of \$20,960,863.00 due to a decrease of evaluations and the tax levy for the same year is .414495 for \$100 value and .101213 total for Farm to Market. Estimated on a 98 per cent collection, the total taxes will be \$904,510.00, which is a decrease of \$65,584.80 expenses of operating the County.

A motion carried to adopt the budget.

A motion carried to set the tax rate for the General fund at .414495 and at .098742 for the Road and Bridge Fund.

A motion to approve the Road and Bridge Fund Debt Service at .002471 carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

in the home. Especially if you have small children or pets," she adds.

According to Massey, response to Massey, response to Mix it Yourself has been very high in the Galveston area and for a reason she never expected.

"What was amazing to us was that people were having allergic reactions to over-the-counter cleansers."

And Massey says Mix it Yourself cleansers are easy to make.

To make an all-purpose household cleanser, dissolve 4 tablespoons of baking soda into 1 quart of warm water and pour into a spray bottle. Spray surface, wipe with a sponge and rinse with clean water. Solution strength can be increased by adding more baking soda.

"Use this to clean and deodorize kitchen surfaces, chrome-plated fixtures and faucets, refrigerators and freezers," suggests Massey.

Use 1/4 cup of white vinegar, a 1/4 cup of baking soda and 1 gallon of warm water as a floor cleaner. Mop, rinse and dry.

To clean a commode, sprinkle baking soda into the bowl, drizzle with vinegar and scrub with a toilet brush.

"Combine 1 quart of water with 1/4 cup of white vinegar to make a glass cleaner," recommends Massey. "Spray on and wipe off with newspaper."

A mixture of 1/2 cup of baking soda and 1/2 cup of vinegar can be used to unclog drains. Put the baking soda and vinegar in the drain, cover tightly and let it sit for 15 minutes. Pour 2 quarts of boiling water down the drain. If the clog is severe, follow with a plunger.

There are other uses for baking soda in the home, says Massey. Make a paste by mixing equal parts of baking soda with warm water to polish silverware and to clean lawn furniture, fiberglass tubs, car trim, bumpers and hub caps.

When sprinkled directly onto a damp sponge or surface, baking soda also cleans stainless steel sinks and clothes hampers, and removes scuff marks on floors and crayon marks on walls.

Other Mix it Yourself ideas include mixing 3 tablespoons of mineral oil with 1 tablespoon of olive oil and a drop of lemon juice to make furniture polish.

Lime and mineral deposits can be removed by soaking a cloth in vinegar and leaving the cloth on the stain for about an hour. The deposits will soften and can be removed easily, Massey says.

Metal polish can be made by mixing 1/2 teaspoon of salt with a 1/2 cup vinegar and enough flour to make a paste. Apply the paste and leave on for 15-30 minutes. Rinse well and dry.

If something needs to be sanitized, Massey recommends that 1 part bleach be mixed with 100 parts water.

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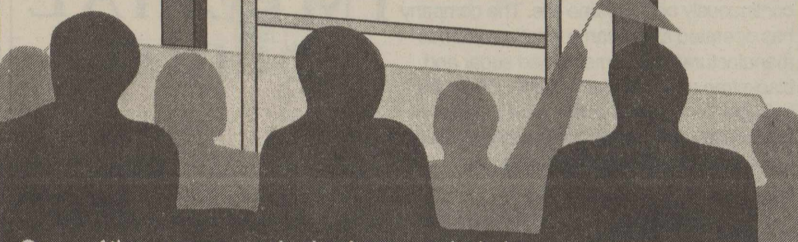
Keeping an eye on Texas

Rah! High school mascots rule

The ten most popular high school mascots or team nicknames in Texas are:



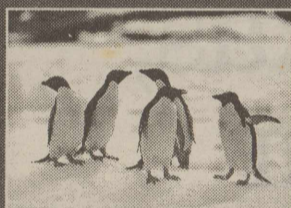
Mascot scoreboard			
Teams	Number of teams	Teams	Number of teams
#1 EAGLES	64	#6 Mustangs	32
#2 Bulldogs	56	#7 Homets	27
#3 Wildcats	47	#8 Cougars	25
#4 Tigers	42	#9 Lions	26
#5 Panthers	39	#10 Indians	22



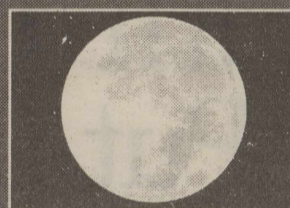
Some of the more unusual school mascots include: Grandview Zebras, Itasca Wampus Cats, Springtown Porcupines, Progresso Red Ants, Hamlin Pied Pipers, Knippa Rockcrushers, Hutto Hippos, Killen Kangaroos, and Port Lavaca Sandcrabs.

SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, (www.window.state.tx.us), and Kent Gilley's Texas High School Mascots Page.

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