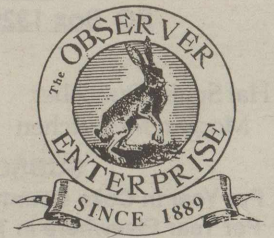


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Bronte mandates water restrictions

At the July 13, 2000, Bronte City Council Meeting, a Drought Contingency Plan was adopted. The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission requires that all public water supply systems in Texas prepare a Drought Contingency Plan.

When full, the elevation of Oak Creek Lake is 2000 ft. The elevation of Oak Creek Lake on July 16, 2000, was 1979.57 ft. This elevation triggers Stage 3 (Severe Conditions) of the Drought Plan.

A summary of Stage 3 Restrictions was mailed to all water customers on July 18th. A copy of the Drought Contingency Plan is available at the

City Hall.

The Ordinance will become effective as of 12:01 A.M., Friday, July 21, 2000.

Residents using well water for their yards should contact the City Hall, 473-3501.

VBS Canceled

The Vacation Bible School set for July 24-27 at Central Baptist in Bronte has been canceled. Church officials noted that the cancellation is due to unforeseen circumstances, and they regret any inconvenience this may have caused.

Praise, Worship Service Set for Robert Lee

A community-wide Praise and Worship Service of singing and praying will be held at Robert Lee Baptist Church on July 30, at 7:00 p.m. Musicians from Robert Lee and the surrounding area will be leading. This evening of worship is a part of the preparation for the Coke County Crusade that will be held in the Amphitheater, August 13-16. These activities are part of a movement to tell everybody in Robert Lee about Jesus. Everyone is invited and urged to attend.

Coke County Pageant Slated

The 22nd anniversary of Ole Coke County Home of the Rabbit Twisters Pageant will be held at the Mountain Creek Amphitheater on July 27, 28, and 29, 2000. Starting at 8:00 pm there will be a choir sing-out. The drama itself will begin at 8:30 pm. Tickets will be available at the gate, \$3 for children 5-12 and \$6 for adults. For ticket information call (915) 453-2511. Concessions will be available. There will be a 20% discount for groups of 20 or more.



Joe and Daisy Blair with Coleman Dandy at the Big Country Horse Show in Abilene where Joe was Circuit Champion.

Joe Blair Qualifies for the AQHA World Horse Show

On July 8, Joe Blair received 6 points at the Boom Circuit in Amarillo, which cinched his qualification for the AQHA World Horse Show in Oklahoma City in the Senior Western Pleasure Event. Joe rode Coleman Dandy, owned by J. H. Taylor of Taylor Farm in Abilene. The World Show will be held in November.

Joe is Horse Farm Manager for Taylor Farm where he trains horses for Mr. Taylor and other individuals. Joe is the son of Roy and Judy Blair of Robert Lee, Tx.

Silver Homecoming Fellowship

On Saturday, July 22, 2000, a get together fellowship will be held at the rec-hall in Robert Lee. Fun, food, and fellowship will begin at 6:00 p.m. Snacks will be provided. Everyone is encouraged to bring old photos, school annuals, dominoes, board games and etc.

Silver Homecoming

The annual "Silver", Tx. Homecoming will be held on Sunday, July 23, 2000, at Silver Baptist Church. Church services will begin at 10:30. A brief business meeting will be held in the sanctuary immediately following services. Lunch will begin at 12:30 in the fellowship hall. The meal will be covered dish, so please bring something for your family. Drinks and paper goods will be provided.

Fort Concho to Host Cowboy Concert

Fort Concho announced that the first "Campfire Concert" on July 22, 2000 will feature Paul Davidson, formerly of San Angelo and the Cowboy duo "Pards".

Concerts will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the barracks courtyard and are being scheduled for each month through September. Website: <http://campfireconcerts.20m.com> or call (915) 657-4441, 949-7282 or 949-6870 for more information.



The Bronte "Hall of Fame" men's slow pitch softball team placed 2nd in the Fort Chadbourne Days annual Softball Tournament. Team members include Wayne Coalson (not pictured due to injury), Kenny White, L'Dean Hoyt, Kendall Gibbs, Donnie Jackson, Jimmy Glover, Doug Hoyt, Scott Jackson, Jerrod McClure, Brian Hall, Kerry Lee and Mike Johnson. They did a great job!

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"Doomed from the start" could be the prediction for this cowboy and his mail order bride's marriage. Betsy and Rowdy (played by Kendra Graves and her father, Roger) are both in tears following their introduction at last year's production of "Ole Coke County - Home of the Rabbit Twisters" held at the Mountain Creek Amphitheater in Robert Lee. Performances of this year's pageant are scheduled for July 29, 30, and 31.

Death Notices

Dunn

Jacob Alexander Dunn, new born, passed away July 15, 2000, in a San Angelo hospital.

Graveside services were held on Tuesday, July 18, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. officiated by Reverend Ray Aldridge at the Robert Lee Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

He is survived by his parents, Benjamin & Echo Dunn; two brothers, Daric & Caleb Dunn; one sister Brittany Dunn all of Ballinger; Grandparents, Dick & Stephanie Leonard of Oak Creek, Ernest & Kathy Dunn of Woodward, OK, Dave & Judy Buchanan of Towanda, KS; Great Grandparents, Erma Hudman of Robert Lee, Nita Killion of Midland, Bertie Bartleson of Augusta, KS, and Goldie Buchanan of Wichita, KS.

McClure

James R. "Maxie" McClure 84, died Friday, July 14, 2000, in a local hospital at Coleman, Texas. Service was held July 16 at 2 p.m. in Walker Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Talpa Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Lanell McClure of Coleman; a daughter, Helen Diana Dixon of Houston; a son, David Fernandez of Haughton, La; a stepson, Kelly Wardlow of Coleman; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Ornelaz

Manuel Ornelaz, 80, of Ballinger died Friday, July 14, 2000, in a Ballinger hospital.

Rosary was held at 7 p.m. July 16 at Shaffer Funeral Home in Bronte. Service was held at 2 p.m. Monday, July 17 at St. Mary's Catholic Church with burial in Ballinger Latin America Cemetery.

Survivors include his six children, Manuela Ornelaz, Josie Fernandez, Guadalupe Ornelaz and Luis Ornelaz, all of Ballinger, Delores Ornelaz of San Angelo and Richard Ornelaz of Bronte; a sister, Serafina Mendoza of Floydada; 18 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Kingston

Johnny Pat Kingston, 54, of Presidio, died Thursday, July 13, 2000, from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident in Mexico.

Graveside service was conducted at 11 a.m. Monday in Balmorhea Cemetery in Balmorhea.

Survivors include a daughter, Terry Clark of Silver City, N.M.; a son, Will Kingston of Oregon City, Ore.; his mother, Cecil Kingston of Robert Lee; a sister, Elizabeth Bettie of Lampasas; and an aunt, Janet Baker of Robert Lee.

Masonic Lodge Meeting

E. E. (Buddy) Eldred, Worshipful Master of Bronte Masonic Lodge No. 962, will preside at his first meeting of the new year, Monday, August 7, 2000. George Snapp was installed as Junior Warden of Bronte Lodge at the Joint Installation of Officers for Bronte and Robert Lee (Hayrick) Lodges on July 8. His name was left off the list in the paper. SORRY!!!

Billy M. Young, District Deputy Grand Master No. 77, will make his second official visit to Bronte Masonic Lodge at this regular meeting, August 7, 2000, at 7:30 P.M. and to Hayrick Masonic Lodge on August 8, 2000, at 7:30 P.M. All Masons are encouraged to attend either or both meetings.

Bronte Health & Rehab Center to Offer CNA Classes

CNA classes will begin at the Bronte Health & Rehab Center on Tuesday, July 25, 2000.

Any interested person should come in and fill out an application prior to that date. Classes will consist of 75 hours of training in a 14 day course to mature individuals who demonstrate an interest in providing care to the elderly and disabled. Applicants must be committed to attending all classes in order to receive certification. After completion of 16 hours of classroom training, students will be given the opportunity to work in the facility performing skills they have mastered in class. They will be paid for time worked on the floor. Employment opportunities will be offered to our graduates based on our staffing needs.

We wish to encourage anyone who may be interested in attending the classes to contact Sharen Naico, RN, DON, Program Director or Marcy Holland, LVN, SDC at 900 S. State St. in Bronte, Tx.

Fire Department Gains Aid

Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department took advantage of equipment aid available from the Texas Forest Ser-

vice. The department acquired a free 2 1/2 ton flatbed truck, courtesy of the Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) equipment program administered by the agency. Under the FEPP program, equipment acquired through the military is transferred to qualifying fire departments at no cost.

Additional free equipment is available to rural fire departments, thanks to the Industrial Helping Hands program, through which companies and organizations donate used fire equipment for use by volunteer fire departments. Companies interested in donating industrial fire equipment should contact the TFS Rural Fire Defense Section at 409-639-8130 for more information.

Volunteer fire departments may save money through several other programs administered by the Texas Forest Service. A self-insurance vehicle liability insurance pool offers liability coverage for \$250 per vehicle, ambulances excluded. Fire departments can also purchase firefighter clothing, hand tools and water handling accessories at discount prices through the Fire Safe program. TFS regional fire coordinators located across the state now provide local training in wildland firefighting techniques and assist

fire departments with applications for equipment and financial assistance.

Detailed information on volunteer fire department assistance programs is available from the Texas Forest Service regional fire coordinators and from the agency's Rural Fire Defense Section, P.O. Box 310, Lufkin, TX 75902-0310.

Churches of Robert Lee

Invite You to Worship

- Emmanuel Pentecostal**
 PO Box 609 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy
 (915) 453-2360
 Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm
- First United Methodist Church**
 PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
 (915) 453-2417
 Rev. Jim Reeves, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School
 11 am Worship
 Wed. 7 pm Choir
- Northside Church of Christ**
 PO Box 388 • 9th & Chadbourne
 (915) 453-2619 or 453-2270
 Tommy Williams, Minister
 Services: Sun. 10 am & 6 pm;
 Wed. 7 pm
- Pecan Baptist**
 PO Box 542 • 12 W. Sterling City Hwy
 (915) 453-4645
 Rev. Dale Patterson, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship
- Southside Church of Christ**
 PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
 (915) 453-2176
 Frank J. Daniels, Preacher
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 7 pm, Worship
- Robert Lee Baptist Church**
 PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
 (915) 453-2724
 Bro. Waide Messer, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship
 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church**
 601 W. 10th
 (915) 365-2687
 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
 Sat. 6 pm
- Victory Assembly of God**
 6th & Houston
 (915) 453-2208
 Rev. Erma Johnson
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

Thoughts on the Scripture

By Rev. Jim Reeves

1 Peter 2:2 "Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation."

We are constantly growing. We are either growing up, growing old, growing wiser, etc., but we are constantly growing. In our relationship with God, we are also called to grow.

May God bless each one of you.
 Brother Jim

NOTICE!!

**Central Baptist Church
 of Bronte**

**Vacation Bible School
 scheduled for July 24-27**

has been

CANCELLED!!

Bill & Eula Fay Blair Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Bill and Eula Fay Blair of Robert Lee, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary July 16th, with a reception at the Robert Lee Baptist Church. The couple were married July 12, 1950, at the bride's home in Coke County. They have 2 children, 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Children and grandchildren hosted the anniversary party.

Grants Target Loss Prevention

Blackwell CISD has been awarded a grant of \$2,000.00 from the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Risk Management Fund to help implement local loss prevention, safety, or health initiatives. This is the second year that the school district has received the TASB Fund grant.

"Now in its third year, the grant program helps Fund members address the crucial issue of loss prevention in the workplace," said Edwin Thompson, TASB loss control manager. "The Fund is dedicated to partnering with member districts to save valuable resources by eliminating or reducing hazardous exposures and preventing losses in all risk management program areas. We want to do everything we can to help educate staff, provide for a healthier workforce, and prevent on-the-job injuries," he said.

The grants were awarded to 78 school districts, three colleges, one education service center, one county appraisal district, and one education cooperative. Grants covered personal protective equipment, mechanical lifting devices, and fall protection equipment. Many focused on defensive driving, first-aid/CPR courses, blood borne pathogen kits, electrical safety, fire protection, and school security equipment. Other districts were awarded funds to develop wellness programs, schedule health screenings, create Wellness Days, develop supervisors training, and produce employee handbooks.

"Raising awareness and reducing injuries and losses is a win-win situation that saves valuable district resources and increases productivity. The grant program continues to be an integral part of the Fund's overall effort and commitment to help our members achieve their loss control objectives," Thompson said. "The response to this year's program was overwhelming, and the task of selecting from the record number of applicants was difficult because of the wealth of exceptional proposals. Grant applicants did a fantastic job analyzing their specific needs. We believe the grant program will have a positive effect on participating districts and education entities, and the Fund is dedicated to providing continued support of their loss prevention efforts," he said.

TASB is a statewide non-profit association established in 1949 to serve local Texas school districts. School board members are the largest



Bill and Eula Fay Blair

group of publicly elected officials in the state. The districts they represent have a combined annual budget of \$21 billion and employ nearly 500,000 people.

The TASB Risk Management Fund has been providing risk management coverage to Texas school districts since 1974. More than 1,100 school districts, education cooperatives, junior colleges, education service centers, and county appraisal districts participate in one or more of the Fund's coverages.

Eastern Star Meeting

Robert Lee Eastern Star Chapter No. 187 held their regular meeting, July 13, 2000. There were 25 members present. Those present were: Nancy Allen - Worthy Matron and Past Grand Matron, James (Red) Stephens - Worthy Patron, Dolores Roe - Personal Page to Grand Adah, Bobby Roberts - Grand Escort to Grand Adah, Beverly Sinclair - Jr. Past Matron, Reba Tabor, Jeffie Roberts - Grand Adah, Jackie Walker, Dovie Cummins, and Gloria Ledbetter all members of Robert Lee Chapter. Members of Bronte Chapter present were: Earline Moore - Worthy Matron, Jack Moore - Worthy Patron, Dian Coulter - Deputy Grand Matron, Ettie Hubbard - Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron, Grady Coulter - "Starquest" Membership Committee, Gayna and Buddy Eldred - Jr. Past Matron and Patron, Lois Loyd, Brenda Buckley, Harley and Mary Belle Hilliard, and Noah and Dorthey Pruitt. Others present were residents of Lake Spence area and members of Odessa Chapter No. 447 Leonard and Belle Leverington. Many of these visiting members promoted stations.

A very impressive Patriotic program was given by Nancy Allen assisted by Noah and

Dorthey Pruitt's singing Patriotic songs, accompanied by Mary Belle Hilliard on the piano.

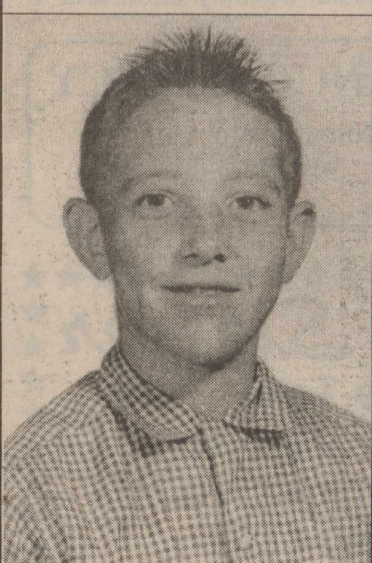
Immediately following the meeting, a delicious meal was served by hostesses Beverly Sinclair and Reba Tabor.

Shandley Excels at Baseball

Cody Shandley, son of Lynn and Joy Shandley of Kingwood, Tx., and grandson of Doris Shandley of Robert Lee, had a great baseball season. Cody, a senior and second baseman for the Kingwood Mustangs, had an outstanding district season, batting .467 and leading the team with 14 hits. Shandley recorded a .980 fielding percentage, committing only one error for the season. Shandley batted .348, knocking in 18 runs and had an on base percentage of .458. Shandley also set an assists record at the high school with 59 assists.

Cody will attend Baylor University this fall.

It's a pity, the plumber's 50!



Love ya!

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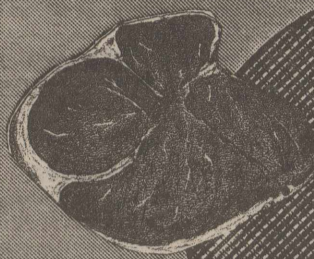
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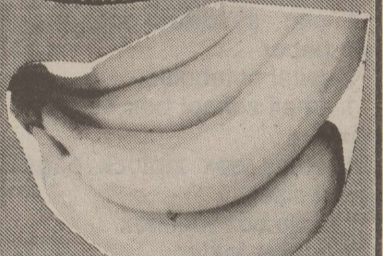


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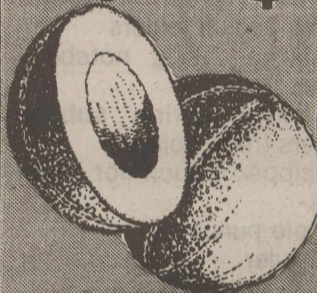
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Robert Lee School News

Robert Lee ISD School Supply List Pre-K

1 box crayons
1 glue stick
1 bottle school glue
2 pencils - regular size
1 pkg. assorted construction paper
scissors
water colors
1 school box
1 large box Kleenex
backpack
bottled drinking water (if desired)

PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING

Kindergarten

Crayons (no more than 24)
1 bottle school glue (white)
1 glue stick
6 regular pencils
1 pkg. assorted construction paper
1 spiral notebook
1 small school box or cigar box
1 small box ziplock bags (quart size)
1 large box Kleenex
1 pocket folder
towel for rest time (no vinyl mats)
backpack
bottled drinking water - if desired

PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING WITH NAME AND INITIAL EACH CRAYON

First Grade

1 box ziplock bags (quart size)
6 #2 pencils
1 large pink or green eraser
3-100 count white index cards (3x5)
2 large boxes of tissue
small supply box (no large boxes)
1 pr. sharp scissors (that cut paper well)
crayons (24 box)
1 lg. Elmers glue (no colored, please)
plain ruler with inches and centimeters
1 recipe box for index cards
small individual pencil sharpener
1 box water colors
PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING

Second Grade

1 small spiral notebook-wide ruled
12 #2 pencils
1 large pink pencil eraser
1 pkg. construction paper
1 box large tissue supply box (small)
scissors
crayons
glue
ruler--centimeters & inches
1 small box baggies--ziplock (quart)
2 sturdy slick pocket folders (no brads)
**NO MARKERS PLEASE
PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING**

Third Grade

Wide-ruled notebook paper
pencils, erasers, pencil sharpener w/shavings holder
2 spiral notebooks
map colors (colored pencils in bright colors)
construction paper
good scissors
crayons
glue get or glue sticks
washable markers

ruler--centimeter and inches
red pens or red pencils for grading
zip lock bags--quart size

2 boxes of tissues
pocket folders w/brads--red, blue, green, purple, yellow
small supply box

Fourth Grade

1 pkg. 3x5 index cards--ruled
2 boxes kleenex
1 box of reinforcements
scissors (sharp-heavy duty variety)
pencil sharpener (small with shavings attachment)
1 fine point black marker
Elmer's glue
4 --#2 pencils
5 --red pencils
2 highlighters (any color)
markers, crayons, or map colors

2 spiral notebooks (no college ruled)
1 pkg. mixed color construction paper
2 pkgs. 3-ring notebook paper (no college ruled)
2 red, 1 green, 1 blue, 1 yellow--pocket folders
1 large 3-ring notebook binder
2 pkgs. 3-ring subject dividers (multi-colored)
1 zipper pouch for notebook
1 hole punch
12" ruler

Fifth Grade

1 pkg. 3x5 index cards--ruled
2 boxes kleenex
1 box of reinforcements
scissors (sharp-heavy duty variety)
pencil sharpener (small with shavings attachment)
1 fine point black marker
Elmer's glue
4 --#2 pencils
5 --red pencils
2 highlighters (any color)
markers, crayons, or map colors

2 spiral notebooks (no college ruled)
1 pkg. mixed color construction paper
2 pkgs. 3-ring notebook paper (no college ruled)
2 red, 1 green, 1 blue, 1 yellow--pocket folders
1 large 3-ring notebook binder
2 pkgs. 3-ring subject dividers (multi-colored)
1 zipper pouch for notebook
1 hole punch
12" ruler

Sixth Grade

3" binder notebook or trap-per divider pages for notebook
wide-ruled notebook paper (2 pkgs.)
pencils
black or blue pen
large eraser
glue stick
scissors
ruler
zipper pouch
crayons
map colors
3 folders with brads
2 boxes of tissue

RLISD to Begin School Year August 14

The 2000-2001 school year begins for students August 14. The first bell will ring at 7:55 a.m. and classes will begin at 8:00 a.m. The bell to dismiss for the day will ring at 3:27 p.m. Lunch for junior high and high school will begin at 12:01 p.m. and the tardy bell will ring at 12:40 to end lunch and start 6th period.

Breakfast/Lunch prices for the 2000-2001 school year are:

Breakfast - \$.75; reduced breakfast, \$.30; extra milk, \$.35
Reduced lunch, \$.40; Pre-K through 6th grade, \$1.50; 7th through 12th grade, \$1.75; teachers, \$2.00; visitors, \$3.00. HS/JH students may purchase lunch tickets in the HS office. Elementary students may purchase tickets in the front foyer adjacent to the superintendent's office.

Robert Lee ISD PreK through 6th Grade Sets Registration

On Thursday, August 3, students entering PreK through 6th grades who are new to Robert Lee ISD can register for classes. The office of Robert Lee Elementary School will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. School personnel will be available to provide the necessary forms and information. Parents should bring the following when seeking to enroll a student: 1. The child's birth certificate; 2. The child's immunization record; 3. The child's Social Security card; and 4.



Five Robert Lee High School girls participated in the Concho Valley Summer Basketball League. They were from left: Jessica Fluhmann, Jennifer Fluhmann, Tyler Lott, Monica Rodriguez, and Jodee Helwig.

The address of the previous school attended. For additional information, please call 453-4555.

9:00 a.m.--Freshmen (9th grade)
10:00 a.m.--8th grade
11:00 a.m.--7th grade

RLHS and RLJHS Set Time for Previewing Fall Schedules

Robert Lee High School and Robert Lee Junior High School students may come by the high school office to preview class schedules for the 2000-2001 school year.

Wednesday, August 2, 2000
9:00 a.m. Seniors (12th grade)
10:00 a.m.--Juniors (11th grade)
11:00 a.m.--Sophomores (10th grade)
Thursday, August 3, 2000

Students new to Robert Lee ISD may come for enrollment and schedule planning beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, August 4, 2000.

Students requesting a class schedule change should come to the RLHS office between 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Friday, August 4, 2000. Please call 453-4556 if you have questions concerning this information.

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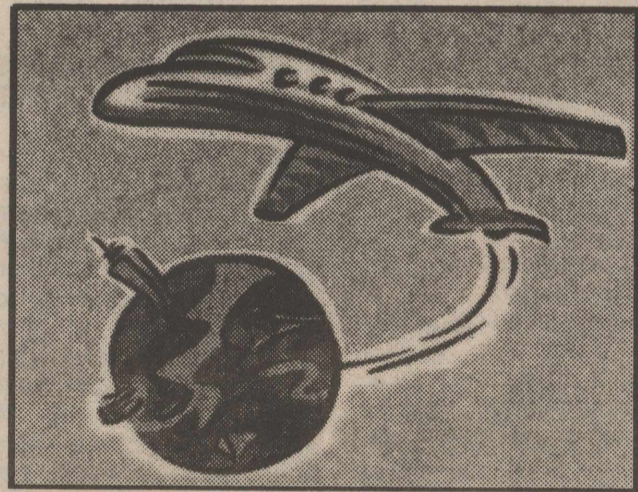


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Arrott Reunion

July 14 & 15, 2000, was the time again for the descendants of Jim and Nora Arrott to gather for visiting, good times and delicious food. They were blessed by having good cooks with favorite recipes and some of the best Bar-B-Q in Texas.

There were 84 present with 6 visitors. They gathered at the Elks Lodge in San Angelo on Friday evening and all day Saturday.

Entertainment of games, swimming, visiting, picture taking and as always a few good "old times" tales of the past.

Nora and Jim were blessed with eleven children, only three of those children are living today.

Those present were: Exa (Arrott) Smith and her daughter, Glenda Lacy of Miles, Tx. Glenda was the only child of her 5 children that was able to come this year.

Buck Arrott of Orient, Tx., his son Jim and Debbie from Ozona, and daughter Mary Ann Westbrook from Stephenville; grandchildren Nancy and Wayne Davis and daughter Karen of Ozona.

Leeman Arrott was not able to attend this year. He lives at Pala Pinto, Texas.

Spouses, children and grandchildren of deceased children present were:

"Steer Band Practices"

Summer is nearly over and it's almost time to start band and school. I hope that your vacation has been super fun and relaxing. A lot of work already has been done for the coming year: (1) A new show, (2) new music, and (3) and new cool flags.

We will start practice on August the 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th. Practice will last from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. We will rehearse mainly the new music; there will be some marching. If you must miss, call Mr. Ratliff at 453-2989 and leave a message. Some will be working or on vacation. So be sure to call.

The seventh grade will have orientation on August 1, 2, & 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00. On August 3 the time will be from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00. We will issue music, instruments, & uniforms and rehearse music. The Drum Majors and Flags will help. Anyone can attend if they want to. We will make sure that all seventh graders have everything they need for marching band and are ready to start on August 7th.

I look forward to seeing each and every one of you. You are important to the success of the band. I'm proud to be your Band Director and I know that we will be a success again.

Steve Ratliff

Clarence Arrott: Marie Arrott, wife of Clarence, LeDrew and Bobbie Arrott, Mike and Andra Arrott, their children and grandchild, Kala, Shaylon, Courtney and Mason Hoyt; Kim Arrott and Randy Crook, Tanner, Chad and friend Jana Carsey; Alisa Arrott Webb and daughter Cheyenne, Marlene Arrott Vaughn, children, James Lynn and Janel Vaughn, their daughter and grandchildren Teresa Ogle, Shandy and Dalton; Jolene Vaughn Henderson her daughters Joni and Brittany Barrett.

James Arrott: J.B. and Martha Arrott children and grandchildren, Jim Bob and Jane Arrott, daughter Jamie; Tim and Lucretia Arrott, their son and grandchild, Brian and Kandace, their daughter McKenzie; Deeana Arrott Reed, daughters Natalee, Natasha and Nicole. Wayne and Sandra Arrott, daughter and grandchildren Melissa Stockbridge, Chance and Kathy from Mason, Tx.

Weldon Arrott: Reed Tenney Arrott and daughter Ashley from Dongola, Ill. Yansee Arrott from St. Louie, MO., Charles and Angie Arrott Hohensee, daughters Natalie, Kimberlee, Courtnee and Brandie from New Braunsfels, Tx.

Monroe Arrott: Tab and Dannie Arrott from Miles; Mit and Frankie Arrott, daughter-in-law and grandchildren. Sheri Arrott, children Cal, Will, and Nathan, Todd and Carrie Arrott and girls from Mertzon; Sonny and Donna Arrott their son and grandchildren, Kit and Lana with children Dylon and Cam from San Angelo.

Also present were: Grace Arrott, Haustons wife and Tena Arrott, Jacks wife, both from San Angelo.

Visitors were: Mark and Ginger Bruton of San Angelo, Mr. & Mrs. James Hohensee from Miles, Steve Eldred from Bronte and James McCormick from Aledo, Tx.

We dismissed late Saturday evening. Plans were made to meet again next year in July with some more good food, lots of visiting and more "new tales" to tell.

Poems Sought in Contest

A \$1,000.00 grand prize is being offered in a new poetry contest sponsored by Celestial Arts, free to everyone. A whopping \$25,000.00 in prizes will be awarded during the coming year!

"Even if you have never entered a competition before," says Poetry Editor Michael Thomas, "this is an opportunity to win big. Even if you have written only one poem it deserves to be read and appreciated. Beginners are welcome!"

To enter send one poem 21 lines or less: Celestial Arts, 1762 Ashland St., Dept. Contest, Ashland, OR 97520. Or enter online at www.freecontest.com

Be sure your name and address appear on the page with your poem. The deadline for entering is July 28, 2000.

Branden Phillips Lands Big Bass

Branden Phillips, age 11, of Robert Lee, Tx. recently landed this 6 lb. large-mouth bass while vacationing at Clearlake, Calif. with his grandparents, James and Irene Smith of Boulder Creek, Calif., and numerous family members. The owners of the establishment where they were staying are going to use the picture of Branden and his bass as advertisement on their website, so Branden will be world famous. Branden wanted to keep his trophy and have it mounted but his sportsmanship took over and he released the big lunger back to freedom in hopes of landing him another day. Grandpa always said he was a keeper. Visit the website at www.mallardhouse.com.



Branden Phillips

Hawaiian Luau

There will be a Hawaiian Luau at the Rose Park Senior Citizens Center, South 7th & Mockingbird, Abilene, Tx., Tuesday July 25, 2000.

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Bronte School News

Bronte ISD Board of Trustees Meet

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session, Thursday, July 13, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. Wayne Coalson and Terry Charles were absent.

The Board heard the reports of the principals, Terry Marrs, Elementary and Rick Howell, Secondary.

The Student Handbook and Student Code of Conduct for 2000-2001 was approved with recommended changes.

The Faculty/Employee Handbook for 2000-2001 was approved with recommended changes.

The Board accepted the proposals from Dix Key Shop for rekeying, Garnite Roofing for work over math lab, Texas Scenic Co. for stage curtains and lighting system.

The Dairy Bid from Gandy's Dairies was accepted for milk products for the 2000-2001 school year.

Lunchroom prices for 2000-2001 were approved as presented.

The 1999-2000 Budget was amended.

The Board was updated on Finance and Funding by the Superintendent, Alan Richey. Motion was made and passed to hold a 2000-2001 Budget Workshop on August 10, 2000, 6:00 p.m. prior to the regular Board Meeting, and call a Special Meeting on August 31, 2000, 7:00 p.m.

The Board accepted the resignations of Martha Blair, Elementary Teacher, Tamatha Barnett, Secondary Teacher, and Kristin Trimble, CCJJC Teacher.

Motion was made and passed to hire the following,

ACT Exam to be Administered

The next ACT Assessment will be administered on September 23, 2000. College-bound high school students must register for the college admissions and placement exam by August 18, the deadline for having your registration postmarked. There is a late registration postmark deadline of September 1, but an extra fee is charged for late registrations.

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all U.S. colleges and universities, including all Ivy League schools, and are used along with other student information, such as high school grade point average, for admissions decisions and to help place students in appropriate courses for their academic achievement. The test fee is \$23 (\$26 in Florida).

Students can register for the ACT by getting information from their high school counselors or online at ACT's website--www.act.org. The website also has helpful information, sample tests and the opportunity to order test prep materials including an interactive CD-ROM, ACTive Prep, which contains actual, timed tests and helps students build a study plan.

Keri Inman as Elementary Teacher, Frances Williams as Elementary Teacher, and Kelly Inman as Teacher/Coach. Motion was made and passed to hire Carl Andrew Wertman as Special Ed Teacher at CCJJC.

Discussion was held concerning the maintenance program and personnel.

Alan Richey gave his report to the Board which included the following: Update on Bronte Health Group, plans for the TASB Convention September 22-25, 2000, in Houston & review and acceptance of the Alternative Campus Evaluation Report of CCJJC from the April 17-20 Peer Review Visit by TEA.

Motion was made and passed to pay the June 2000 bills.

The meeting was adjourned by the Vice-President at 10:25 p.m.

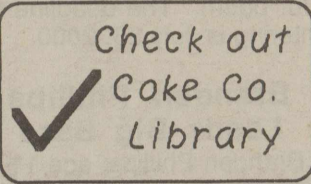
The next regularly scheduled meeting will be August 10, 2000, 7:00 p.m.

Bronte Bus Driver Physicals

Route, substitute, and extra-curricular bus driver physicals are scheduled for Tuesday, July 25. Physicals for coaches and administrators are set for Wednesday, July 26. All physicals will be taken at the Bronte Family Health Clinic between the hours of 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. each day.

Physicals for Bronte Athletes

Physicals for Bronte High School and Jr. High athletes are scheduled for Saturday, August 5th at 11:00 am. All incoming 7th graders and 9th graders will need to receive a physical. Also, anyone who was injured last year will need to receive a physical. These physicals are provided by West Texas Sports Medicine and are free of charge. This is the only date you can receive a free physical. A bus will be leaving the front of the school around 10:00 to take our athletes over and will probably return around 1:00. If you wish to ride the bus, be sure you are there on time.



Beat the Heat, Read

This week's Cool Reader cup was won by Ethan Seddon of Bronte. He added his name to the drawing for each book returned in the "Beat the Heat, Read" summer program at the Coke County Library.

All names that have been added to the drawings will be eligible for the final drawing July 28. The Robert Lee State Bank has generously donated a savings bond which will be the grand prize this year. It is still not too late to read whatever is of interest, return the books, and add names to the drawing.

One way the Library has tried to indicate the summer reading program was in progress was to place a colorful banner on the Library door. The last two years' banner was a yellow, smiling sun wearing dark-rimmed sun glasses. The banner was taken last Friday. As there are two more weeks left in the summer reading program, the banner will not be replaced. Maybe everyone can use his or her imagination that there is a welcome sign out and come on in to get a book.

A reprint of a J. Frank Dobie book *Rattlesnakes* begins, "I have no objection to scientific facts; I expect to put down

some of them; but I propose also to include yarns and gossip about rattlesnakes heard from people who never looked inside a scientific book." He tells some hair-raising stories that are mostly true and verified by a friend or relative of the tale-teller. Snakes swimming and fighting, cats that hunt snakes, a mocking bird and a rattlesnake are some of the incidents Dobie relates.

Library hours are Tuesday, 8-12; Wednesday 8-4; Thursday, 1-5; Friday, 8-12. Books may be returned to the Main Street Market. Non-perishable items for the Food Closet are still being accepted.

Look Who's New!

Anna Grace Johnson

Anna Grace Johnson arrived June 29, 2000 at 3:48 p.m. at Carolinas Hospital System-The Women's Center in Florence, South Carolina. She weighed 9 lbs. 3 oz. and was 21 1/2 in. long. Proud parents are Richard and Eboni Johnson of Florence, South Carolina. Maternal grandparents are Stover and Jerita Taylor of Bronte. Paternal grandmother is Joan Johnson of Mullins, South Carolina. Great grandparents include Bonnie Taylor of Bronte and Louise Carroll of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Bronte HS Junior Class to Sell Briskets

The Bronte High School Junior class will have whole cooked briskets for sale down at the park, Friday evening and all day Saturday.

Bronte Longhorn Football Workouts

Workouts for the Bronte Longhorn football team will begin at midnight on August 7th. At his time you will receive your equipment and have a short workout. Everyone wanting to play football will need to try to make this workout. If you are going to need a ride, please try to make arrangements early. If you cannot make this workout, please contact Coach Lee at 473-2706.

Look Who's New!

Randall Kevin Parks

Randall Kevin Parks III was born to Vicki Moore and Kevin Parks July 4th at 9:02 PM at Community Hospital in San Angelo. The baby weighed 6 lbs. 13 oz. and was 21 inches long.

He was welcomed home by his sisters Miranda, Rainey and Kaitlin. Paternal grandparents are Randy and Nona Parks of Orient and Maternal grandmother is Ann Ellis of Bronte.

Bits & Pieces

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"Leon" (Jennifer Fluhmann) and "Brad" (Jessica Fluhmann) visiting with the children from inside their pyramid.



Some of the children who attended VBS 2000 at Southside Church of Christ.

VBS 2000 Southside Church of Christ

What a great time was had at Southside Church of Christ recently when VBS 2000 was held. There were enthusiastic students, excited helpers, energetic singing, funny games, amusing puppets, colorful drama and good Bible learning. Joseph was the character studied. The theme was "Great Forgiveness" and Joseph is an excellent representative of that theme. The text of VBS was Matthew 6:14, 15 "For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, you Father will not forgive your sins."

The event was held at night this year and that choice seemed to be serendipitous. Attendance included folks from out-of-town, as well as locals, and the number of helpers who were available was unusually ample. Part of what makes VBS at Southside wonderful is the participation of young people from the community who are now above the age for which the event caters. They return, often recruiting friends, to help and form the cadre of players who present the dramas. Several did this again this year and, as Joseph had eleven brothers, and Pharaoh had attendants, their zeal to participate was a true blessing.

Puppets were an innovation this year, and a successful one! The children loved Leon and Brad as they applied each evening's lesson in a new and modern context and sang original songs about Joseph to hip tunes. An unexpected visitor was another puppet whom the children gave the name "Joey". He bantered with the song leader and the children and helped them review facts about Joseph. By tradition and because it simply is the best fun, the closing session of VBS on Thursday featured the children displaying their enthusiasm and singing ability. The presence of parents, during this session, capped this three-night event beautifully. The sodas, cookies and visiting afterwards is always enjoyable. Next year the feature character will be Moses. What do you think? Will we have a parting of the waters right here in Robert Lee?

Lee Family Reunion

The 4th bi-annual Lee Family Reunion will be held at the Holiday Inn in San Angelo on July 22nd and 23rd. Activities will begin at 8 AM on the 22nd and conclude at noon on Sunday.

All family members and friends are invited to attend. For more information call Ronnie Lee at (254) 776-8817.

Is automatic withholding for you?

Here's a reminder from Social Security. If you are one of the eight million people who pay taxes on your Social Security benefits, you can now have your taxes withheld from your payments, automatically. In fact, since it was first offered a year ago, more than 62,000 people have signed up for this convenient service offered jointly by Social Security and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).



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Joseph (Shannon Martin) visits with his brothers at VBS at Southside Church of Christ.

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If, for some reason, your benefits stop, your withholding will also stop and will not start again until you complete a new Form W-4V. If your

benefits are temporarily suspended or deferred, your withholding request will be held and honored when your benefits resume.

To get a Voluntary Withholding Request, Form W-4V, call IRS toll free, at 1-800-829-3676. Your local Social Security office does

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COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

by Tommy Antilley
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Prussic Acid Poisoning in Livestock

With the recent rain showers we have had followed by severe heat, this could lead to prussic acid poisoning of livestock. Certain pasture grasses and forage, especially sudan and johnson grass are more prone to producing prussic acid. This usually occurs following frost on these plants, but in the conditions we are in now with the johnson grass stressed due to heat following a rapid growth spell, any showers we might get could trigger the production of prussic acid.

The most dangerous time to graze these plants is following a sudden change such as showers on drought stressed plants. Livestock should not be allowed to graze these plants for 10 days to 2 weeks. Following this lay off time, the prussic acid should be gone from the plant as it will turn to a gaseous state and precipitate.

If you have some johnson grass or other susceptible plant in your fields or pastures that has gone through this stress period, it is a good idea to hold off grazing for up to 2 weeks. When you do turn your livestock in these pastures, make sure they are relatively full when turned in and not hungry as they will go straight to the green plants.

Prussic acid poison can act

Ross Round-Up Held in Robert Lee

The descendants of Roy Preston Ross and Alice May Ford Ross met June 24, 2000 for the eighth annual "Ross Round-Up" at the large rec hall in Robert Lee. The family enjoyed a meal catered by the Cracker Barrel Restaurant and lots of home-made desserts. In addition to the usual visiting, golfing, swimming, and eating, the group was entertained by world-famous auctioneer, Preston Ross, as he led the spirited bidding in the traditional auction.

Attending this year's event were: Marie Ross, Dennis & Roxie Ross, Chris, Gina, and Seth Ross; Mike, Debbie, Sam and Stacie Conley; Elmer and Barbara Adkins; Jo & Mike Holub and Claire McManus; Preston and Norma Ross, Preston "Scooter" and Linda Ross and Stewart, Bob and Polly McDonald and Kate; Kelly Smith and William; Wallace and Billie Ross; Cecil, Holly, Carson and Sam Ross, Cressie and Patton McClatchy; Joe and Nellie Ross, Lane & Gayle Shandley, Joseph and Landon Shandley; Ricky & Becky Ross, Mason and Meagan; Tommy & Jo Nell Blair, Amanda and Beau; Alice & Royce Wallace; Morris & Wanda Wallace, Garret and Duncan.

Also dropping by for a visit include friends Jerry Mathers, Eloise McDonald, Ed Martin and Rochelle & Mike.

The group plans another get-together for next summer.

quickly and can kill animals within minutes. In most cases, animals become infected within 10 minutes after eating toxic material and can die within 2-3 minutes.

Soil Test for Small Grains

Farmers should be thinking about soil testing your small grain fields in the next several weeks in preparation for sowing.

Soil tests performed now will have plenty of time to return early enough to apply recommended fertilizer rates and incorporate them into the soil.

Small grains that are grazed require more fertilizer than ungrazed grain because nutrients are removed by grazing. About 30 to 40 pounds of nitrogen are removed in forages grazed by stocker cattle for each 100 pounds of beef produced per acre.

This nitrogen must be replaced to provide adequate nutrition for grain production after livestock removal.

A general "rule of thumb" indicates that wheat requires about 2 pounds of nitrogen per bushel of grain produced. Therefore a 20 bushel yield will remove about 40 pounds of nitrogen per acre.

A lot of times, a correct soil test will make more money in fertilizer savings by knowing the exact amounts of nutrients needed, instead of a "shotgun application" where more nutrients are applied than actually needed.

RLVFD Minutes

July 12th, the fire department had a training session and work night. Eleven members were present.

The fire department held its second meeting of July on the 17th. President Larry Martin presided. Eleven members were in attendance.

The minutes were read and approved.

Chief Rick Drennan reported on the cost of the tires, for truck 3. They were more expensive than anticipated, so he only ordered 4 tires instead of the 6 needed.

Dispatcher Bud Thompson, reported on the problems with the fire sirens. The sirens are not fixed but we have isolated the area of the problem. They can still be sounded from the Care Center and City Hall, but not at the station.

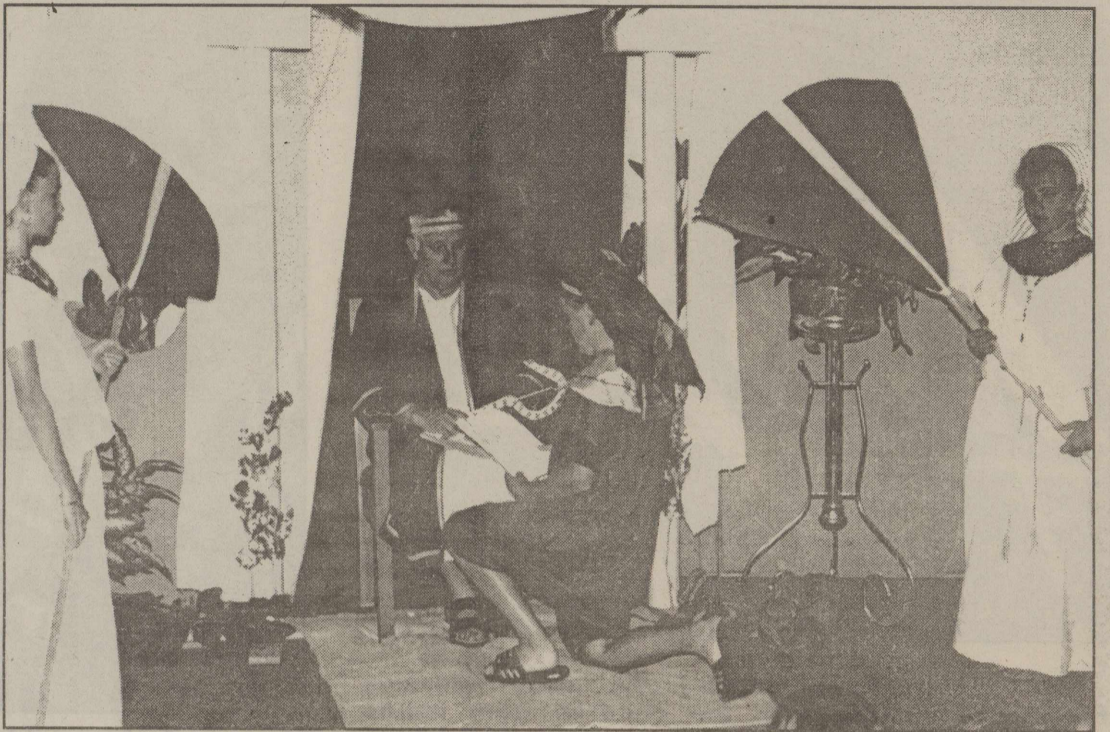
Bud will contact the Forest Service regarding getting bunker gear for the men. He will also contact Bronte Fire department and invite them to join us with the Basic Level Fire Training classes.

They discussed the things they still need to do to make the new truck fire ready.

Plans were made to review the Constitution and By Laws of the fire department and update them.

The meeting was adjourned and they spent the next 2 hours working on the trucks.

The meeting schedule for August will be as follows.



The cupbearer (Chase Roe) remembers to tell Pharaoh (Jerry Horn) about Joseph.



Actors and Song Leader for VBS 2000 at Southside Church of Christ.

Monday the 7th will be the election of officers and a work night. Monday the 14th will be a training class. Monday the 21st will be a short meeting and training class.

Rodriguez Deployed to Adriatic Sea

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Katrina Rodriguez, daughter of Susan and Josue Rodriguez of Robert Lee, recently departed on a six-month deployment to the Adriatic and Mediterranean seas and the Arabian Gulf while assigned to the destroyer USS Arthur W. Radford, home ported in Norfolk, Va.


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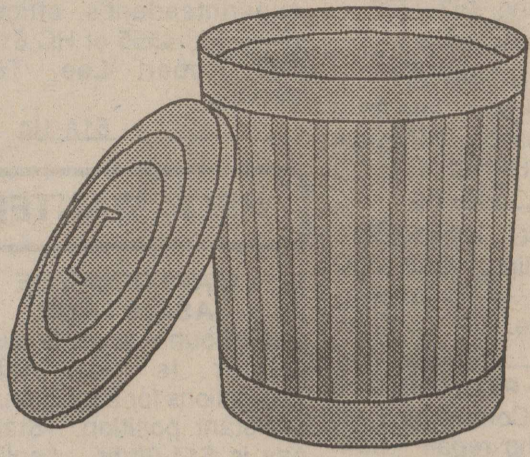
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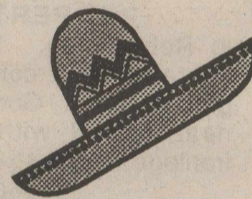
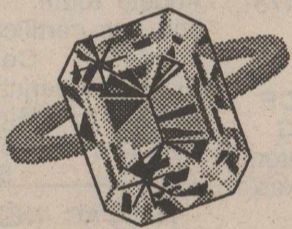
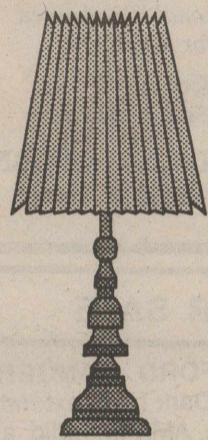
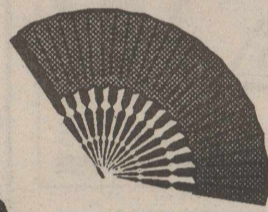
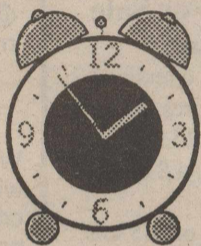
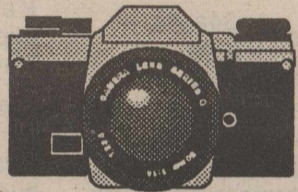
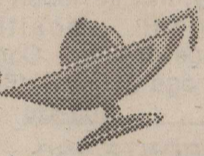
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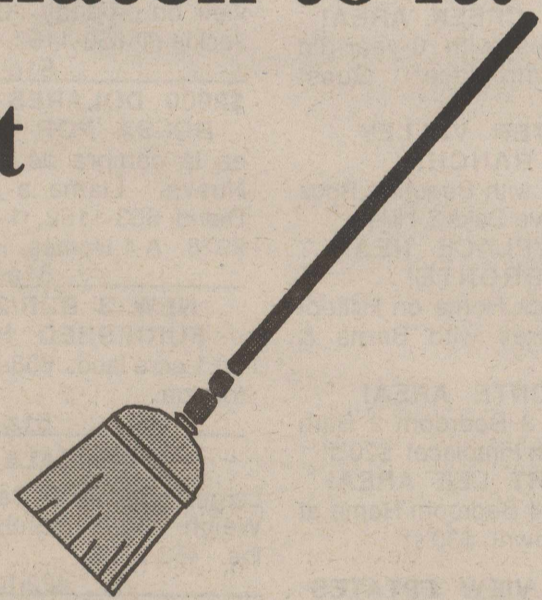


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EL RANCHERO will be closed from July 23 - July 31 for vacation. Will open Tuesday, August 1st.
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 45b-tnc

TREES TRIMMED topped or removed. Call 453-9902 after 6 pm.
 37a-tnc

THE "BARBER" SHOP Debora England, 223 N. Lombard, Bronte. 473-4026. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 9 am-5 pm, Saturday, 9 am-12 pm.
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ROBERT LEE ISD is accepting bids on the following items: teacher's supplies, janitorial supplies, maintenance supplies, computer supplies, food service supplies and dairy

products. Contact the superintendent's office at (915) 453-4555 or HC 61 Box 303 Robert Lee, Texas 76945.
 51a-1tc

HELP WANTED

MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT Coke County Juvenile Justice Center is now taking applications for a maintenance assistant position. Starting pay is \$11.00/hr. Applicant must be mechanically inclined and have experience in a maintenance related trade. Apply at 4 E. Hwy 277 Bronte, Texas 76933. EEO
 51b-1tc

HELP WANTED CNAs needed for all shifts. Full time and part time. Competitive pay. Contact Sarah Lee, DON, Senior Citizens Nursing Home, Winters. Phone 754-4566.
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HELP WANTED Make ready man for Ivey Motor Company, Inc. in Robert Lee. Permanent position, experience desired. Contact Ray Aldridge 915-453-4561.
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BRONTE ISD is accepting applications for bus driver for the Fairview/San Angelo route. CDL license and bus certification will be needed. Contact Alan Richey, Superintendent, 473-2511, or Rick Howell, Principal, 473-2521.
 51b-2tc

TGCCAC HEAD START PROGRAM is now accepting applications for a Center Director at Coke County Head Start. The qualifications include that of a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education with six college hours in Business Management, or a Child Development Associate (CDA) with six hours of business management. If you love working with children and enjoy a challenge, please inquire at 17 South Chadbourne, Suite #200, San Angelo, Texas or call (915) 653-2411. We are an equal opportunity employer.
 51a-1tc

GARAGE SALES

GARAGE SALE Friday and Saturday, July 21 and 22, 8 am til ? Clothes, fishing and camping gear, tools, watermelons at Wingate.
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CARD OF THANKS

THANK YOU We wish to express our deep gratitude to all of you for the many expressions of sympathy that were extended to us during the loss of my sister Marian. It is the kindness and thoughtfulness of others that make trying times a little easier to bear. It was a great comfort to us.
 Gina McCutchen and family
 51b-1tp

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CARD OF THANKS

THANK YOU

Words can't express my heart felt thanks to my children and all who had a part in my surprise birthday celebration last Thursday at the Senior Citizens Center. Thanks for all the cards, best wishes, gifts and goodies. May God bless each of you always. I thought I was going to play 88.

Ella Pruitt
51b-1tp

THANK YOU

to all the wonderful people of Coke County. Thank you for the flowers, phone calls, visits and most of all the wonderful prayers during my most recent hospital stay. May God bless each and every one of you.

Kim McCorkle
51b-1tp

NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

An ordinance of the City of Bronte, Texas, adopting a drought contingency plan for the City of Bronte; providing a severability clause; providing for a penalty of fine, not to exceed the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each offense; and providing for an effective date.

Section 4. Users of city water that do not comply with Exhibit A of this ordinance shall be subject to a penalty and fine of not more than \$500.00 per day for each day of non-compliance and/or disconnection or discontinuance of water services of such users by the City.

Section 7. This ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and the publication of the caption in the official newspaper of the City of Bronte.

Passed and approved this the 13th day of July, 2000.

Approved:
Martin Lee, Mayor

Attest:

Pat Martindale, City Secretary
51b-1tc

RLISD EMPIEZA EL AÑO ESCOLAR EL 14 DE AGOSTO

El año escolar del 2000-2001 empieza para los estudiantes el 14 de agosto. La primera campana suena a las 7:55 por la mañana y las clases empiezan a las 8:00 por la mañana. La campana para despedir los estudiantes va a sonar a las 3:27 por la tarde. El almuerzo para los estudiantes va a comenzar a las 12:01 pm y la campana de llegar tarde va a sonar a las 12:40 para terminar el almuerzo y empezar la sexta clase.

Los precios del desayuno/almuerzo para el año escolar 2000/2001 son:

El desayuno - \$.75, el desayuno rebajado - \$.30, leche adicional - \$.35, El almuerzo rebajado - \$.40, Pre K hasta el grado sexto - \$1.50 7 hasta el grado 12 - \$1.75, Maestras - \$2.00, Vistantes - \$3.00.

Los estudiantes del junior high y de las secundaria pueden comprar los boletos del almuerzo en la oficina de la secundaria. Los estudiantes de la primaria pueden comprar los boletos por la entrada del frente adyacente de la oficina del superintendente.

51a-2tc

ROBERT LEE HIGH SCHOOL AND ROBERT LEE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL EL TIEMPO FIJADO PARA VER LOS HORARIOS DEL OTONO

Los estudiantes de la secundaria y de junior high de Robert Lee pueden venir para la oficina de la secundaria para ver los horarios de las clases para el año escolar 2000-2001.

Miercoles, el 2 de agosto, 2000 - 9:00 am Seniors (del grado doce); 10:00 am Juniors (del grado once); 11:00 am Sophomores (del grado diez).

Jueves, el 3 de agosto, 2000 - 9:00 am Freshmen (del grado nueve); 10:00 am 8th grade (del grado ocho); 11:00 am 7th grade (del grado siete).

Estudiantes nuevos a RLISD pueden venir para matriculacion empezando a las 9:30 por la mañana el viernes, el 4 de agosto, 2000.

Estudiantes solicitando un cambio en el horario de la clase deben de venir a la oficina secundaria entre la 1:30 - a las 3:00 por la tarde el viernes, el 4 de agosto, 2000. Por favor de llamar a 453-4556 si tiene preguntas sobre esta informacion.

51a-2tc

EN JUVES, EL 3 DE AGOSTO

los estudiantes nuevos a Robert Lee ISD comenzando al Pre K hasta el sexto grado se pueden registrar para clases. La oficina de la

escuela pimaría de Robert Lee estara abierta desde las 9:00 de la mañana, hasta las 3:00 de la tarde. El personal escolar estara disponible para proveer las formas e informacion necesaria. Los padres deben de traer los siguiente para matricular el estudiante.

- 1) el certificado de nacimiento del estudiante.
- 2) el registro de inmunizacion del estudiante.
- 3) la tarjeta del seguro social del estudiante.

- 4) la direccion de la ultima escuela atendida.
- Para informacion adicional llama a 453-4555.

51a-2tc

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

Construction/Maintenance Contract(s)

District: San Angelo, Contract 6055-93-001 for Guardrail repair and upgrade in Runnels County, etc will be opened on August 4, 2000, at 1:00 pm at the State Office for an estimate of \$339,385.00.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available at reproduction companies in Austin, Texas,

at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 1703

State Office, Construction Division, 200 E. Riverside Dr., Austin, Texas 78704, Phone: 512-416-2540.

District Office(s), San Angelo District, District Engineer, 4502 Knickerbocker Road, San Angelo, Texas 76904, Phone: 915-944-1501.

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

50a-2tc

Big Spring VA Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Fifty years ago on July 17, Big Spring VA Medical Center opened its doors to a new, state of the art medical center. Cary Brown, Chief Executive Officer, announced a "50th Anniversary" celebration will be scheduled July 25th, 3:00 p.m. in the lobby of the Out-patient Clinic.

In 1944, with the tide turning strongly in favor of Allies, the end of World War II became a firm probability instead of a hope. Thus, with the prospect of the greatest of wars ending, it was apparent that millions of veterans would be coming home, and a huge burden would be on the Veterans Administration to provide for their medical needs. More hospitals would be needed and quickly one of those, it was reported, would be for the West Texas region and into eastern New Mexico.

The October 1944 minutes of the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce Board of Director's meeting reflect a slight possibility of Big Spring procuring a Veteran's Hospital. Immediately, the city fathers traveled to Washington to pursue that dream. In July 1945, Big Spring was approved as the site for a new VA Hospital. The medical center was designed and constructed under the supervision of the Corps of Engineers for the Veterans Administration.

In January 1950, Dr. Lloyd Andrews arrived as the "superintendent" of the new Veteran's Administration Hospital. He announced the tentative opening date of the hospital as sometime in May. May 12, 1950 was "Hospital Day" at the Big Spring VA Medical Center. The community eagerly showed their support with over 1000 in attendance for the first "official viewing" of the newly constructed medical complex.

July 17, 1950, Marine James A. Waters was admitted as the first admission to the Big Spring VA Medical Center. Mr. Waters died 26 years later at the Big Spring facility. On September 10, 1950, General Carl R. Gray, Jr., formally dedicated the VA Medical Center. Within two months of the opening of the medical center, 135 of the 250 beds were being utilized. By September, the work force had reached 235.

The staff of the now West Texas VA Health Care System will be hosting a "Golden Anniversary" in honor of our 50 years of service to veterans.

Everyone is invited to attend the open house and reception to celebrate the anniversary and the progress we have made during the 50 years.

Senior Workers Freed From Earnings Limits

Everyone likes to hear good news. And, as the manager of the Social Security office in San Angelo, I've been fortunate lately to share some good news with people who are between age 65 and 70.

According to a new law, people who are age 65 to 69 can continue to work and collect all of their Social Security benefits regardless of how much they earn. Under the previous law, benefits for workers age 65-69 were reduced \$1 for every \$3 they earned over the annual earnings limit (\$17,000 in 2000).

Although the law was signed April 7, it was effective January 1, 2000. This means that anyone who lost benefits between January and April should, by now, have received those benefits in a single payment. In June, they will begin receiving their regular monthly benefits.

Under the new law, if you turn 65 during 2000, your benefits will be reduced \$1 for every \$3 you earn over \$17,000 until the month you reach 65. Then, there's no reduction in your benefit amount no matter how much you earn. For workers age 62 to 64, the law requires that \$1 be withheld for every \$2 you earn over the annual earnings limit (\$10,080 in 2000).

If you're getting retirement benefits on your own earnings record and you continue to work, your benefit amount may increase because of your additional earnings. We'll review your earnings each year and notify you if your benefit amount increases.

For more information about this new law, visit our website, www.ssa.gov; call or visit your local Social Security office; or call our toll-free number 1-800-772-1213.

Exchange Student Program

The American Intercultural Student Exchange, a non-profit, tax exempt educational foundation, proudly announces the unveiling of its newest web site for Texas and Oklahoma residents. The site offers a wealth of information for families interested in hosting a high school age exchange student for the 2000/2001 school year. "Our site allows people to browse through student photos and read their profiles online without leaving their homes," commented Eleanor Tatsch, AISE's Regional Coordinator for Texas and Oklahoma.

Exchange students arrive in August to attend school and live with a host family. They have their own spending money, medical insurance and speak English. Students are eager to become a participating member of their host family and attend the local high school.

Visit the web site today at www.aisetxok.com to select your student or call 1-800-472-4005 for information on hosting a student in your home.

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Flea, Tick Populations Concern for Pet Owners This Summer

Summer is approaching, and it's time for pet owners to prepare for flea and tick season, which could be worse this summer because of mild winter temperatures and spring moisture.

Dr. Pete Teel, an entomologist with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, said fleas and ticks thrive in warm, moist environments.

"Recent rainfall in some areas of Texas combined with high temperatures have given fleas and ticks an optimal environment for reproduction," Teel said.

Dr. Mike Merchant, a Texas Agricultural Extension Service entomologist in Dallas, said it's important to begin flea treatment as early as possible. A good place to start is with a flea comb and good bath for your pet. Soap acts as a light insecticide and reduces the need for stronger chemicals.

Helwig Named to Dean's List at SFA

Chad Walker Helwig of Robert Lee, speech communication major, has been named to the Dean's List at Stephen F. Austin State University for the spring semester.

To be eligible for this honor, a student must be enrolled in 12 or more semester hours and maintain an excellent grade point average.

Harvey Herbert Blues Competition

The San Angelo Cultural Affairs Council is calling all bands and solo artists to compete in the Harvey Herbert Blues Competition. Final rounds for the competition will be held on Wednesday, September 6, 2000 at Graham Central Station. This competition is free to the public.

As an affiliated organization of the Blues Foundation, the Council will present the first place winner with \$1,000 to represent San Angelo at the International Blues Talent Competition in Memphis, Tennessee in February 2001. The winner of Wednesday evening's event will kick off the evening on Saturday, September 9th at the River-Stage for the final night of the Cactus Jazz and Blues Festival.

Applications are available at the San Angelo Cultural Affairs Council office in the Cactus Hotel, 36 E. Twohig. Applications are also available at Graham Central Station, Steel Penny Pub, Blaine's Pub, Strawberry Patch and Scrub Pub. All applicants must be 18 years of age or older and not have any commercial recordings and or management contracts. Applications must be in by Friday, July 28, 2000 no later than 4:30 p.m. at the San Angelo Cultural Affairs Council office.

The Harvey Herbert Blues Competition was named in memory of Harvey Herbert, a past president of the San Angelo Cultural Affairs Council and a major advocate of the Council's jazz and blues programming.

For applications and information, call 653-6793.

Fleas lay their eggs on an animal, as well as feed on its blood. Merchant said adult fleas and eggs can be controlled with medication from a veterinarian in the form of a pill or a chemical treatment applied to the back of the animal. Over-the-counter medications containing methoprene or pyriproxyfen are effective when applied before there is a major infestation.

Teel said having a fenced yard will prevent pets from being exposed to new flea and tick populations. Yards can also be treated with granulated insecticides.

"Bedding material in dog houses needs to be cleaned or disposed of," Teel said. "It's also important to treat any areas where pets loaf, such as the edge of the house."

Teel said simply keeping lawns mowed can decrease pest problems. Short grass does not provide as much shade and moisture for small insects like fleas and ticks. Rodents, which can spread fleas and ticks, are less likely to inhabit a yard with short grass.

Merchant said liquid sprays and a thorough cleaning can be used to control fleas indoors. Mop, vacuum and dust floors and furniture to remove flea eggs from your home. Always remember to dispose of vacuum bag contents after

Look Who's New! Jayton Scott Warren

Hallie has a brother! Jayton Scott arrived Monday, July 10, at 8:45 p.m. He weighed 7 lbs., 8 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long. Proud parents are Amanda and Justin Warren. Maternal grandparents are Robert and Gayla Sanders of Robert Lee. Paternal grandparents are Scott and Tweedy Warren of Ballinger.

Retired Professor Publishes Book

Dr. Natividad Macaranas, a retired psychology professor at Eastern New Mexico University, has published "Chocolate Island: Childhood in the Philippines."

"Chocolate Island" is a memoir of Macaranas' first 12 years growing up in the Philippines in the 1920s and 1930s. During that time, the Communists were trying to take over the largely rural, mostly Catholic nation.

Because the Philippines was a poor nation, Communism appealed to those whose lives in grinding poverty made them envy the wealthy and wish to crush them, according to Macaranas' book. Eventually, Macaranas' father was promoted to supervisor of schools in a village on Bohol, called Chocolate Island. Her father and his friends vowed to fight communism by educating people.

The book also details the cultural life of the Philippines, including dining etiquette, traditions such as arranged marriages, and legends.

"Chocolate Island" is published by Vision Publishers of Chapel Hill, N.C. It is available locally at the ENMU Bookstore, Southwest Books and More in Portales, The Newsstand in Clovis, or by calling Brown Literary Enterprises in Portales at 505-356-5916.

use. Children and all pets should be removed from the area before chemical treatment.

Treating pets for fleas is important for human health as

well as animal health. Merchant said flea bites can cause infections or allergic reactions in some people. Children as well as pets can get tapeworms from accidentally ingesting an infected flea.

Merchant said overall, flea

problems are decreasing in Texas.

"Today we have much better products to treat fleas and ticks," he said. "But pet owners need to do their best to treat the problem before it gets out of hand."



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