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Former Bronte volleyball coach retires

Zula Blann, one of the best volleyball coaches in the state of Texas, is retiring after a successful career. Blann, who built the Bronte High School volleyball team into a state power in the late 1960's and 1970's, Plains and Austin Westlake in the 1980's and Round Rock Westwood in the 1990's has led these teams to nine state tournament appearances.

Since the 1969 season, Bronte has won five state titles, 18 district and 11 regional championships. The

Lady Longhorns have missed the playoffs just three times during that span.

In reflecting back on the success of a program she built from the ground she said "You don't even know you are building a tradition when you're doing it," Blann told the San Angelo Standard Times.

Blann has built a tradition everywhere she's been on the premise of discipline, hard work and fairness. She has coached 966 matches during her career, winning 77.9 percent of those matches.

This past year saw her winning the class 5A State Championship and also the Coach of the Year Award.

Zula is looking forward to helping her husband, Jess, in his business and being around to watch and help her daughters Shawn and Brandy, with their teaching/coaching careers. She is the sister of Bobbie And LeDrew Arrott.

Girl Scouts Set Organization Meeting

Junior Girl Scouts for girls in the 5th and 6th grade will meet Thursday, August 31 in the Senior Citizen Rec Hall in Robert Lee to organize a troop for the current school year.

Any girl who is interested in joining should attend the meeting with her parent to learn more about the opportunity.

Girls will have numerous occasions for growth in such areas as photography, self-defense, arts and crafts, talent, and fellowship through activities designed by the Abilene Girl Scout Council.

Weekly meetings are planned for either Tuesday or Thursday, depending on parent preference; and parents are encouraged to take an active role in planning and development of the program.

Nancy Arthur and Brenda Skinner have agreed to lead the girls; and Barbara Jameason has agreed to volunteer her skills. Parents are encouraged to talk with the adult leaders to learn more about plans for the year.

Caution:

Over the past couple of weeks, several rattlesnakes (small ones) have been observed at the county park in Robert Lee. County residents are reminded to exercise caution regarding outdoor activities at the parks in Bronte and Robert Lee.

Miles Cotton Festival

The community of Miles will celebrate its 23rd annual Cotton Festival on Saturday, September 9 in the Miles City Park.

For more information contact the Miles Opera House at 468-3001 or the Miles Messenger at 468-3611.



Coach Zula Blann

Football sponsor pages set

Football season in Coke County officially begins September 1 with the Coke County Championship between Bronte and Robert Lee. This year, the highly contested match will be held in Robert Lee.

With the beginning of football season, the annual "Football Sponsor" pages will begin in next week's issue of the *Observer/Enterprise*.

All 1999 sponsors will be included on the 2000 pages at the same price as last year. If you have a change or wish to discontinue your sponsorship, please call the office at 453-2433 or 473-2001 by 5 pm, Tuesday, August 29.

A complete list of sponsors is included below.

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Community Service Class Offered

A nine week class, "Living Beyond Worry and Anger," will start Wednesday Sept. 6 at 7:00 PM and continue through the next eight weeks. Class will be held at Victory Assembly of God, 6th and Houston. Instructor will be Pastor Erma Johnson. Everyone is welcome.

Worry and anger can be two destructive emotions that tie many of us in knots. Worry takes time and seldom produces anything constructive in a person's life. Anger is even more vicious--destroying friendships, peace of mind, and even our physical well-being. If you struggle with either issue, or if you know someone who is struggling, this class is for you.

Extension Mailing Lists

The Extension Service is updating their mailing list for their clientele. Several items have been returned because of change of address. If you have had a change in your mailing address, please contact their office at 453-2461.

Summer Outdoor Watering Schedule for Robert Lee

The City of Robert Lee is currently operating under a "voluntary" watering schedule so far as days are concerned. The City does request that your hours of watering be limited as follows: 6:00 o'clock a.m. to 10:00 o'clock a.m.; and 6:00 o'clock p.m. to 10:00 o'clock p.m.

This schedule will allow for water plant recovery and conservation of water supply. Disrespect of the "voluntary" watering days will necessitate stricter compliance measures by the City. The City does request that all citizens cooperate with our efforts to avoid more stringent requirements.

San Angelo Genealogy and Historical Society

The San Angelo Genealogical and Historical Society will meet at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2000 in the Fellowship Hall of the Church of Christ at 901 Main Street, San Angelo, Texas.

For more information call 655-6494.

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Letter to the Editor
 Dear Citizens of Robert Lee,
 The first reason I am writing this letter is to thank the citizens of Robert Lee for helping us during perhaps the most difficult time of our lives. Only one month ago on July 18th, my six year old son Austin and I lived through a near fatal car accident in your fair city. The wonderful people of Robert Lee were there, almost like our "guardian angels", to help us get out of a smoking wreck, to help us get the medical care we needed at the time, and to lift our spirits with their genuine concern for our well being. They didn't know us, but they treated us as if we were part of their extended family.

I am truly grateful to each of you --the nurse that was at my window who made sure we were able to get out of our vehicle safely, the Emergency MT's, three truly "gentle" men who treated us with the utmost concern and kindness, the woman who made sure my family in Bronte was notified, and to the woman who went out of her way to bring me a gift that had been forgotten on the ambulance. There were also many people who were there making sure that the young man in the other car was getting the medical attention he needed. This young man and each and every one of you will always be in my prayers.

The second reason I am writing this letter is to ask you to do whatever is necessary to make sure no one else has an accident at that intersection again.

I am a mother and a teacher and was in Austin only a few days earlier, serving on a Journalism textbook committee. I was on my way home to El Paso after visiting my family in Bronte. I am also a very careful driver, especially when I have a small child in the car.

As a person who was not

familiar with this intersection, I wish there had been a warning sign to let me know there was a stop sign ahead. For whatever reason, (the fork in the road, the bushes on the left side, or being distracted by the other signs) I did not see the stop sign or realize there was oncoming traffic on the left.

I almost feel like I died and was given another chance to live my life. And for this reason, I ask you to please allot a small amount of money to prevent another accident and more importantly, to possibly save lives.

Thank you for caring enough to help us in our hour of need and hopefully for making sure this never happens to anyone else again.

Most Gratefully Yours,
 Denise Gelo

Death Notices

Wilson

Suzie Wilson, 65, of Robert Lee died Sunday, August 20, 2000, at her residence.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. August 22, 2000, at the Robert Lee Baptist Church with Rev. Waide Messer officiating. Burial followed in the McKenzieville Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include her husband, Clifford Wilson of Silver; her mother, Juanice Miller of Robert Lee; two sons, Ed Wilson of Welch and Everett Wilson of Silver; one daughter, Jodi Collier of Silver; two sisters, Donna Ash of Robert Lee and Billie Thorp of Throckmorton; and eight grandchildren.

The first artificial kidney was developed by John Jacob Abel in 1914.

Robbins - Kirkland Reunion

Sixty-six family and friends attended the annual Robbins-Kirkland Family Reunion on July 2nd and 3rd at the Bronte Community Center. On Sunday, July 3rd, a special presentation was made by Larry Galyardt and his sister Gayle Teel (they are the great-grandchildren of George Portis Kirkland). Larry and Gayle presented Ollie K. Hogue (their grandmother) a beautiful corsage and a huge cake in honor of her 100th birthday. Mrs. Hogue resides in Duncanville. Honor was also given to Carroll Robbins and his wife Lillian (both are 90 years old). Carroll is the son of Bus and Jettie Robbins and grandson of G.P. Kirkland and Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Robbins. Others honored were Helen Kirkland (91), widow of Buddy Kirkland and daughter-in-law of G.P. Kirkland; and also Annie Williams (88) of Midland, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bus Robbins and granddaughter of G.P. Kirkland and Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Robbins.

A bountiful meal was enjoyed by all with many pictures being taken, stories told, and many memories shared. A "much looked-forward-to" time of swimming was enjoyed by many of the young people.

Attending were: Larry and Donna Galyardt of Wichita, Kansas; Sam Payne, Jody and Julie Allen and children Joanna & Joseph of Abilene; Jettie Moore of Big Spring; Wilma and James Carroll, Nancy and Brooke Roderick, Gayle Galladay with Mel and Kimberly all of Dallas; Ollie K. Hogue and Norman Hogue of Duncanville; Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Robbins of Ft. Stockton; Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Dickerson of Pasadena. Coming from Midland were: Ronnie and Carolyn Robbins, Barbara, Lindsey, Courtney and McKenzie Jackson, Annie Williams, Bettie Jean Chambliss, Regina Clary, Lance Bonke, Norman and Janet Koonce. John and Judy Cockburn came from Rowlett.

Gay Nell Meyers from Wimberley. Gwen Kirkland, Christi and Haley Evans from Tulia. Gayle and David Teel from San Antonio. Attending from Bronte were Maxine and Bill Labenske, Helen Kirkland, Katherine Patterson, Carroll and Lil Robbins, Alonzo and Kay Robbins.

The following attending from San Angelo: Maxine and Ernest Allen, Jo Anne Patterson, Edd Roy Patterson and Carlene, Jettie, Glenn and Susan McKnight, Sherry Jackson, Wayne, Stefanie Keel and daughter McKenna, Cliff, Renee and Drew Robbins, Portis and Mary Robbins.

Cooperatives Honor State Representatives

On Monday, August 21, the Texas Rural Electric Coalition held an appreciation luncheon in San Angelo for State Representatives David Counts, Pete Gallego, Robert Junell, Tracy King and Bob Turner. Over 100 people attended the luncheon. The State Representatives were honored for their hard work and continued support for rural Texas and the rural Texas lifestyle.

An Appreciation Award was given to each State Representative by the electric cooperatives in their legislative district. In making the presentation, all of the electric cooperatives noted their appreciation for the continued interest of these legislators in lower electric costs for their cooperative's members.

The Texas Rural Electric Coalition is composed of 16 Rural Electric Cooperatives. The Coalition, as a group, operates and maintains approximately 67,145 miles of line and serves 151,675 meters in rural Texas. Members of the Coalition are: Big Country Electric, Coleman County Electric, Comanche Electric, Concho Valley Electric, DeWitt Electric, Gate City Electric, Greenbelt Electric, Karnes Electric, Lighthouse Electric, Medina Electric,

North Plains Electric, Rio Grande Electric, Southwest Rural Electric, Southwest Texas Electric, Swisher Electric and Taylor Electric.

Blackwell School Receives Grant

Blackwell C.I.S.D. is the recipient of an Academics 2000, First Things First grant for the amount of \$155,000. This grant will be used for the improvement of reading in grades K-6 in accordance with Governor Bush's Goals 2000. The funds will be used to purchase take-home technology, software, and children's literature. Parents will be asked to participate in their child's reading education through the use of the take-home technology, literacy theme bags, and by attending academic planning meetings. Any parent with questions or a desire to participate may call the school at 282-2311 and ask for Gary Smith or Carole Allen.

The record number of hands shaken by a public figure at an official function was 8,513 by President Theodore Roosevelt at a New Year's Day White House presentation in 1907.

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Rev. Jim Reeves, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School
 11 am Worship

Wed. 7 pm Choir
Northside Church of Christ
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 (915) 453-2619 or 453-2270

Tommy Williams, Minister
 Services: Sun. 10 am & 6 pm;
 Wed. 7 pm

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 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

I Corinthians 1:10 "I appeal to you, in the name of our Lord, that all of you agree with one another so there be no divisions among you."

We are called to be of one mind in Christ Jesus, and not to be divided by denominations, pitted against each other. No one denomination has the key to getting to heaven. We may worship differently, but we worship one God and that's the important thing.

May God bless each one of you.
 Brother Jim

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WTU Files with PUCT

Skyrocketing natural gas prices have forced American Electric Power's West Texas Utilities (AEP-WTU) to file a request with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) to recover through a surcharge approximately \$19.6 million in uncollected fuel costs and interest from retail customers. At the same time, WTU requested permission to increase fuel factors used to calculate the fuel charge portion of customer bills in order to recover a projected increase of \$42.6 million in fuel costs that will be incurred to provide electric service in the future.

"The price of natural gas used to generate electricity at AEP-WTU's power plants has increased nearly 100 percent from January through August," said David Carpenter, AEP director of Texas regulatory services. "Since 60 percent of the electricity produced by AEP-WTU is generated using natural gas as a boiler fuel, these price increases have a tremendous impact on our cost of producing electricity".

"Fuel costs are an expense that AEP-WTU must pay to fuel suppliers," Carpenter continued. "It's important to remember that AEP-WTU does not earn any profit or return on fuel costs. In the past when fuel costs have declined, AEP-WTU made refunds to customers.

Investor-owned electric utilities in Texas, like AEP-WTU, are required by the PUCT to use fuel factors based on cost estimates to collect the projected cost of fuel used to generate electricity at their power plants. When actual cost of fuel significantly exceeds that which customers are paying in their monthly bills, PUCT rules require the utility request permission to surcharge the additional amount. When the actual costs of fuel are significantly lower than what customers are paying in fuel charges, the electric utility is required to issue a refund. And when the fuel costs are anticipated to change from their current levels for an extended period of time, the electric utility must request permission to adjust the monthly fuel factors used to determine the fuel charge portion of customers' bills.

Without the increase in fixed fuel factors, AEP-WTU projects that it would under recover fuel and purchased power costs by approximately \$42.6 million for the period from October 2000 through September 2001. Consequently, AEP-WTU is requesting permission to adjust the

fuel factors used to calculate the fuel charge portion of customer bills.

Since fuel under-recoveries and interest already have totaled approximately \$19 million for the period from August 1999 through June 2000, AEP-WTU also has requested permission to implement a new fuel surcharge in November to collect the under-recovered balance through June 30, 2000.

The surcharges are designed to collect the under recoveries as of June 30, 2000, plus approximately \$600,000 in interest costs incurred over the collection period.

If approved as requested the new fuel factors would go into effect in October and the new surcharge would go into effect in November. The new fuel factor and surcharge would increase bills for typical residential customers using 1,000 kilowatt-hours a month by \$20.53 per month for the period from November 2000 through April 2001 with the fuel factor equaling \$8.69 and the surcharge equaling \$11.84 of that amount.

AEP-WTU will publish notices of the filing in selected newspapers with general circulation throughout the company's service area. AEP-WTU also will provide individual notice to the governing bodies of all incorporated municipalities retaining original jurisdiction.

American Electric Power is a multinational energy company based in Columbus, Ohio. AEP is one of the United States' largest generators of electricity with more than 39,000 megawatts of generating capacity. AEP is also one of the nation's leading wholesale energy marketers and traders. AEP delivers electricity to more than 4.9 million customers in 11 states - Arkansas, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia. The company serves more than 4 million customers outside the U.S. through holdings in Australia, Brazil, China, Mexico and the United Kingdom. Wholly owned subsidiaries are involved in power engineering and construction services, energy management and telecommunications.

When the Tennessee Oilers became the Titans in 1999, they became the second NFL team to use that nickname. The New York Jets were known as the Titans from 1960 to 1963.

Check out
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Library

Summer 2000

If Summer 2000 turns out to be the hottest on record, it also seems to have been the fastest. Coke County readers checked out over 1,700 books so far this summer, and August isn't over.

School bus facts include the following: Buses are yellow because it is the easiest color to see in early morning and late afternoon. Four hundred and fifty thousand school buses make the daily trek to school and back. That's almost a million bus trips every day. By 1900, 18 states had laws that approved public funding for giving students a lift to school and back - by horse and buggy. The average school bus weighs 10 tons - or 14.5 tons with students. The facts are from the magazine *Guideposts - for kids*.

The Coke County Story Hour will begin Tuesday, September 5 at 10:00 a.m. for three to five year olds. A story, a treat, and sometimes a project will be on the agenda for young readers.

Library hours are Tuesday, 8-12; Wednesday 8-4; Thursday 1-5; and Friday, 8-12. Books may be returned to the Main Street Market in Bronte. The food-for-fines program is still underway. If library books are over-due, a non-perishable food item will take care of it. The food is for the Food Closet presently housed at the First Methodist Church.

My idea of conceit would be a political speaker that would go on the air when the World Series is on.

Will Rogers

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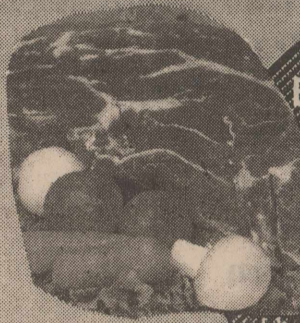
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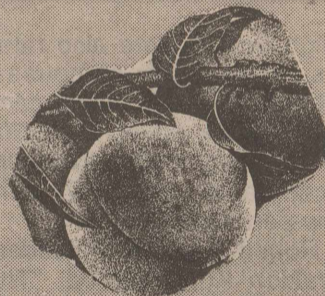
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Robert Lee School News

ROBERT LEE FOOTBALL SCHEDULES

Robert Lee High School

August 25	Cross Plains Scrimmage	Here	5:00
September 1	Bronte	Here	8:00
September 8	Water Valley	There	8:00
**September 15	Miles	Here	8:00
September 22	Eden	There	8:00
September 29	May	There	7:30
October 6	Open		
* October 13	Roscoe	Here	7:30
* October 20	Rotan	There	7:30
* October 27	Garden City	Here	7:30
* November 3	Sterling City	Here	7:30
* November 10	Roby	There	7:30

* District 9A Games

** Homecoming

Robert Lee Junior Varsity & Junior High

September 7	JH	Water Valley	Here	6:00
	JV	Miles	Here	7:30
September 14	JH	Miles	There	6:00
	JV	Miles	There	7:30
September 21	JH	Eden	Here	6:00
	JV	Eden	Here	7:30
September 28	JH	Open		
	JV	May	Here	7:30
October 5	JH	Roby	Here	5:00
	JV	Open		
October 12	JH	Roscoe	There	5:00
	JV	Roscoe	There	6:30
October 19	JH	Rotan	Here	5:00
	JV	Rotan	Here	6:30
October 26	JH	Garden City	There	5:00
	JV	Menard	There	7:00
November 2	JH	Sterling City	There	5:00
	JV	Christoval	Here	6:30
November 9	JV	Roby	Here	6:30

RLISD named Exemplary District

On August 17, the Texas Education Agency released its accountability ratings for the 1999-2000 school year. Robert Lee ISD was rated EXEMPLARY, the highest rating given by the state education agency. Districts earning the Exemplary rating had 90 percent or more of their total students and 90 percent or more of each student group pass all sections of the TAAS test. The student groups considered are Hispanic, African-American, white and economically disadvantaged. Exemplary districts also had a dropout rate for all students and the four student groups of 1 percent or less and an attendance rate of 94 percent or better.

This year 167 districts out of 1041 in the state earned an exemplary rating, 435 earned a recognized rating, 434 earned the academically acceptable rating, and 5 earned the academically unacceptable rating. Robert Lee ISD is the in the Region 15 Education Service Center area, headquartered in San Angelo. In Region 15, 12 of 43 districts earned the exemplary rating.

Individually, Robert Lee Elementary and Robert Lee

High School were also rated as exemplary campuses. Statewide 1,291 school campuses were exemplary, 2,003 were recognized, 2,924 were acceptable, and 157 were low-performing.

Robert Lee superintendent Weldon Koepf stated, "The Board of Trustees and administration of Robert Lee ISD are extremely pleased and proud of this achievement. Special thanks go to elementary principal Janet Wallace, high school principal Lindsey Wallace, and each and every teacher and member of the

Robert Lee ISD for their hard work and dedication which has led to being named an exemplary district. Equally important, credit also goes to the students who worked to achieve academic excellence and demonstrate superior student performance. Our goal is to maintain this excellent record of achievement during the 2000-2001 school year and in the years to come."

There's one word that says it all about baseball: Youneverknow.
Joaquin Andujar

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Robert Lee High School Sophomore Class

Brisket Dinner

September 1, 2000

RLHS Cafeteria

5:00 to 7:30 pm

\$5.00 for Adults • \$3.00 for 12 & Under

Pre-game Brisket Dinner

The RLHS Sophomore class will be hosting a Brisket Dinner with all the fixings, September 1, before the Bronte/Robert Lee football game in the school cafeteria. The meal will be served from 5:00-7:30. The cost of the dinner is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 12 and under. Gaylon Pitcock, famous for his brisket at the hunter's bar-b-que and the county stock show, will be cooking the meat. Class members will be having pre-sales on their tickets or you may buy them at the door. They will also be delivering dinners to the Robert Lee area. You may contact Elena Sanchez at school, 453-4555 or 453-2131 if you need a delivery. Bronte and Robert Lee fans, please support the sophomore class and start the football year out right with a good game, good meal, and a good visit with new and old friends! See you there!

Meet the Steers Night set

The Robert Lee All Sports Boosters and Robert Lee Band Boosters will host "Meet The Steers Night" Friday, August 25th at the Robert Lee Football field. The annual event will feature the introduction of the 2000-2001 Steers, coaching staff, Robert Lee Band members and cheerleaders.

The evening will begin at 5:00 pm with the kick-off of the scrimmage between the Robert Lee Steers and the Cross Plains Buffaloes.

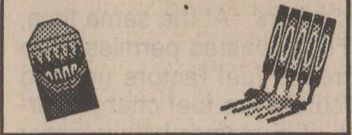
The All Sports Boosters will be furnishing a hamburger supper and the Band Boosters will furnish drinks. Your support of the Steers and the Stompin' Steer band with your donation is appreciated.

Memberships to the booster clubs will be available throughout the evening.

Attention:

RLHS seniors and their parents "Project Graduation" meeting Monday, August 28, 7:00 P.M. at R.L. Courthouse. This meeting is mandatory. Please be there!

SCHOOL MENU



Breakfast

- Monday, August 28**
Orange juice, breakfast burrito, cereal, milk
- Tuesday, August 29**
Orange juice, blueberry muffin, cereal, milk
- Wednesday, August 30**
Orange juice, donut, cereal, milk
- Thursday, August, 31**
Orange juice, breakfast pizza, cereal, milk
- Friday, September 1**
Orange juice, French toast sticks/syrup, sausage, cereal, milk

Lunch

- Monday, August 28**
Barbecue wieners, corn, broccoli/cheese, sliced bread, applesauce, milk
- Tuesday, August 29**
Salisbury steak, macaroni & cheese, Italian green beans, homemade rolls, fruit cocktail, milk
- Wednesday, August 30**
Grilled cheese sandwich, pickles, potato patty, pineapple tidbits, brownies, milk
- Thursday, August 31**
Chicken fajitas, lettuce/tomatoes/salsa, tator tots, diced pears, milk
- Friday, September 1**
BBQ beef on bun, pickles, French fries, fresh fruit, milk

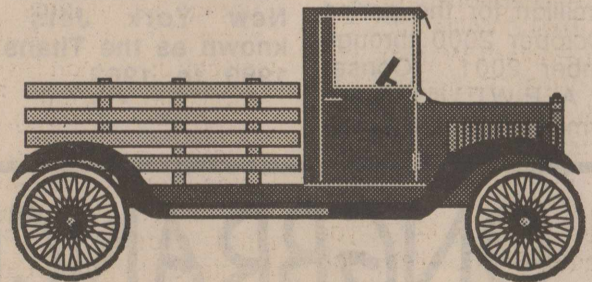
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Coke County and Area Veterans Memorial Monument

Editor's Note: We have had several requests at the newspaper to print a listing of those names on the Memorial Monument at Bronte, and also those names who are to be engraved at a later date. Memorial Monument committee members include Dorthey Pruitt, Ettie Hubbard, Dorothy Collins, Gary Shaffer, Royce Lee, and ex-officio members Pat and Martin Lee, and Gayna and Buddy Eldred. We all owe these committee members our thanks and gratitude. When one thinks about these courageous veterans, an old song comes to mind, the title being "Some Gave All."

Died While in the Service of our Country

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Civil War

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World War I

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World War II

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Korean War

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Tomlinson, J.Q. Varnadore, Lyndon Glenn Waldrop, Bobby Kenneth Walker*, Ralph Carlton Walker, Joe Bob Warren, Clarence Nobel Webb Jr., Joel Shelton Webb, Donald Lamarr Whitt, Leslie L. Wilkins Jr., Audren Charles Westbrook, Billy Charles Wrinkle, Lee Allen Stewart*

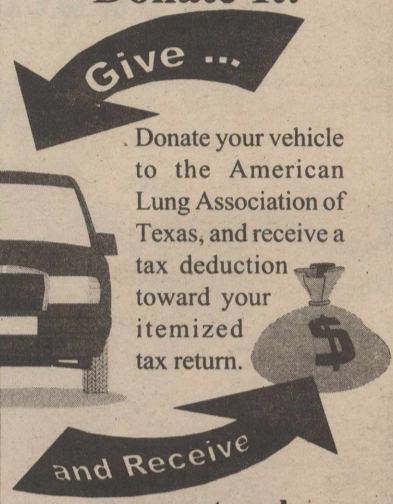
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Joe David, Shawn, and Jason will continue to manage the store and will be employed by Ezell-Key.

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Bronte School News

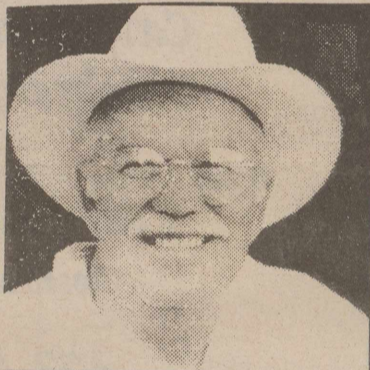
Introducing BISD's new faculty



Kelly and Keri Inman

Kelly, 28, originally from Stanton, Texas, is one of Bronte's newest teachers and coach. Kelly is teaching World Geography at the high school and P.E. out at the Wackenhut facility. He will be coaching varsity and Jr. High football, basketball, and track. His wife Keri, also 28, is teaching 3rd grade for Bronte Elementary. Kelly earned his degree from West Texas A&M University in Canyon while Keri earned her bachelor's degree from McMurry University in

Abilene. They have been married for 4 1/2 years and have two children, Kyle (3 yrs.) and Kayli (10 1/2 mths.). The Inman family feels very proud and fortunate to be a part of Bronte I.S.D.



Jay Farrington

Jay Farrington has been a farm and ranch hand, an oil-field worker, an editor and a teacher. He earned a bachelor's degree from Hardin-Simmons University and a master's degree from the University of Texas at Austin. He was a visiting lecturer in American Literature with a Baghdad University/Texas University Exchange Program. He has spent the last two decades teaching writing and literature at the post-secondary level. Jay and Carole, his wife of 37 years, have a daughter and a grand daughter and live in San Angelo.



Martha Ratliff

My name is Martha Ratliff. I am married to Phillip Ratliff and have three children. I am the Special Education Secretary Aide for Bronte I.S.D. I have lived in Bronte for 7 1/2 years and come from Snyder, Texas.



Frances Williams

Mrs. Williams has previously taught in Abilene ISD and Bastrop ISD. She received her bachelor's degree from Hardin-Simmons University and is currently in the process of completing coursework on a Master's of Education degree in School Administration from Angelo State University. Mrs. Williams and her husband, Tim, a Verizon (GTE) technician, moved to Bronte last summer. In their spare time, they enjoy golfing and adding to their collection of antiques. They live on Meadow Lane with their two cats, Bobby and Callie, and a Golden Retriever named Scout. Frances will be teaching fourth grade at BISD.



Corby and Dawn Kelso

Corby will be teaching Special Education at the CCJJC campus and Dawn will be a Teacher's Aide at CCJJC campus.

They have three children. Chelsea is 8 years old and is in the 3rd grade, Cambri is 2 1/2 years old, and Carson is one year old.

They are happy to be in Bronte and hope to become actively involved in the community.

of the students would be made and sold. Seniors will be invited to attend the Colts game on Sunday, Sept. 3. There will be more on this later. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Look Who's New Matthew Ryan Hortenstine

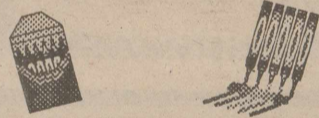
David and Christy (Bivins) Hortenstine of Taylor are proud to announce the arrival of their son Matthew Ryan, born August 7, 2000, at 7:59 a.m. at Seta Hospital in Austin. Matthew weighed 7 pounds and 8 ounces and was 19 inches long.

His big sister is Lauren McKay Hortenstine. Grandparents are Marilyn Bivins of Bronte, Garry Bivins of San Angelo, and Rod and Kay Hortenstine of Taylor. Great grandparents are Tuny and Mary Glenn of Bronte, Nina Bivins of Bronte, Mrs. H.H. Lindell of Taylor and Mrs. R.A. Hortenstine of The Woodlands.

People ask me what I do in the winter when there's no baseball. I'll tell you what I do: I stare out the window and wait for spring.

Rogers Hornsby

SCHOOL MENU



Breakfast

- Monday, August 28**
Cereal, applesauce, biscuit, milk
- Tuesday, August 29**
Sausage, apple juice, pancake, milk
- Wednesday, August 30**
Scrambled eggs, hash browns, biscuit, milk
- Thursday, August 31**
French toast sticks, mixed fruit, donut, milk
- Friday, September 1**
Breakfast burrito, grape juice, toast, milk

Lunch

- Monday, August 28**
Steak fingers with gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, milk
- Tuesday, August 29**
Fish sticks, macaroni & cheese, black-eyed peas, sliced peaches, rolls, milk
- Wednesday, August 30**
Chicken spaghetti, green beans, tossed salad, bread sticks, milk, chocolate cake
- Thursday, August 31**
Fried pie, chili & cheese, sweet corn, tossed salad, corn chips, chips, milk, jello
- Friday, September 1**
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Bronte Volleyball

Bronte JV Maroon vs. Sweetwater Freshmen

Bronte lost both games 3-15 and 5-15. Team stats were as follows: Logan Acker 2 kills, 2 aces; C J Macon 1 kill, 2 assists; Kailey Howell, 1 kill; Kendra Graves, 1 kill; Kyla McGinnis, 1 assist, 1 kill. Other members are Natalee Reed and Ashley Torres.

Bronte White vs. Bangs JV

Bronte won 15-6 and 15-2. Team stats were as follows: Heather Richey, 5 kills, 2 blocks; Brittany Eldred 4 aces, 1 kill, 2 assists; Joel Sefcik 3 aces, 1 kill, 3 assists; Britney McCutchen 2 assists; Lindsay Springer 3 aces, 1 kill; Lindsey Williams 1 kill.

Bronte White vs. Sweetwater JV

Bronte lost 16-14, 10-15, 11-15. Team stats were as follows: Heather Richey, 6 kills, 5 blocks, 1 ace; Lindsay Springer 4 kills; Kanah Coalson 2 blocks, 2 kills, 1 ace; Melissa Flores 4 aces; Joel Sefcik 3 assists, 1 kill; Brittany Eldred 1 ace; Lindsey Williams 1 assist; Jenna

Arizola attends Firemen's Training School

Filie Arizola, volunteer fireman of Sterling County Fire Department in Sterling City attended the 71st Annual Municipal Firemen's Training School July 23-28. The school, attended by nearly 2,000 students, representing about 750 cities from more than 25 states, was held on the Texas A&M University campus recently.

Fireman could choose a course at the school from a list including Fire Fighting, Fire Prevention, Fire Department Officer Development, Fire Service Rescue Practices, Specialized Fire Protection and Public Safety Emergency Service Dispatcher.

Firemen Arizola was sponsored by Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau and Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies by contributing toward the cost of the school. Since volunteer firemen are interested in attending this school to help do a better job for fire fighting and fire prevention, 125 County Farm Bureaus and the Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies in the statewide program have sponsored 125 firemen at the school.

"The Farm Bureau Insurance Companies believe volunteer fire departments have been very effective in reducing the amount of loss involved by fire in rural areas," said President Donald Patman of Waxahachie. "It is our hope in sponsoring this program that the fireman will help the Sterling County Volunteer Fire Department to better serve the residents of Sterling County."

Herold 1 kill, 1 ace. The girls played a great game and fought hard. They played good defense as a whole and had several impressive digs. They look forward to an exciting year.

Bronte JV White vs. Snyder JV

Bronte lost 15-5, 15-2. Stats are as follows: Heather Richey 3 kills, 1 block; Kanah Coalson 3 kills, 1 block, 1 ace; Melissa Flores 1 ace; Brittany Eldred 2 kills; Lindsey Williams 1 ace; Lindsay Springer 1 kill, 1 ace.

Bronte JV Maroon vs. Denver City JV

Bronte lost 7-15, 15-12 and 1-15. Stats are as follows: Kendra Graves 1 kill, 1 block, 1 ace; Ashley Torres 1 block; Kyla McGinnis 2 kills, 1 ace; C J Macon 1 assist; Logan Acker 1 kill.

Bronte Varsity Volleyball

Friday, August 11, Bronte varsity volleyball scrimmaged Big Spring in Big Spring. On Saturday, August 12th, they scrimmaged Central, Lakeview and Water Valley. Tuesday, August 15th, they had a dual match with Bangs and Sweetwater.

Bronte versus Bangs

Bronte won the matches 15-6, 15-6. Stats are as follows: Kala Arrott 6 kills, 1 block, 3 aces; Stormy White 3 kills, 1 assist, 1 block; Lauren Williams 1 kill, 1 dig; Chrissie Counts 4 kills; Lacy Schoenfield 6 assists; Jade Richards 3 assists; and Brooke McCutchen 1 ace.

Bronte vs Sweetwater

Bronte lost 13-15, 9-15. Stats are as follows: Kala Arrott 5 kills, 10 digs, 6 blocks; Brooke McCutchen 1 kill, 7 digs; Stormy White 1 kill, 2 assists; Lauren Williams 2 kills, 2 digs, 4 blocks; Lacy Schoenfield 2 kills, 7 assists; Tessie McMullan 3 kills, 1 block; Tasha Reed 4 kills, 5 digs; Crissie Counts 3 digs; Britney McCutchen 1 assist.

Bronte Varsity record 1-1.

Words are Important. Can we all Learn a Lesson From This?

Hear then the Lesson of the Frogs.

A group of frogs were traveling through the woods, and two of them fell into a deep pit. All the other frogs gathered around the pit. When they saw how deep the pit was, they told the unfortunate frogs they would never get out. The two frogs ignored the comments and tried to jump up out of the pit. The other frogs kept telling them to stop, that they were as good as dead.

Finally, one of the frogs took heed to what the other

frogs were saying and simply gave up. He fell down and died. The other frog continued to jump as hard as he could. Once again, the crowd of frogs yelled at him to stop the pain and suffering and just die. He jumped even harder and finally made it out.

When he got out, the other frogs asked him, "Why did you continue jumping? Didn't you hear us?" The frog explained to them that he was deaf. He thought they were encouraging him the entire time.

This story teaches two lessons: 1) There is power of life and death in the tongue. An encouraging word to someone who is down can lift them up and help them make it through the day. 2) A destructive word to someone who is down can be what it takes to kill them. Be careful of what you say. Speak life to those who cross your path.

BRONTE FOOTBALL SCHEDULES

Bronte High School

August 25	Scrimmage - Garden City	Here	6:00
September 1	Robert Lee	There	8:00
September 8	Santa Anna	Here	8:00
September 15	Rankin	There	8:00
**September 22	Roby	Here	8:00
* September 29	Irion County	Here	7:30
* October 6	Miles	There	7:30
* October 13	Water Valley	Here	7:30
* October 20	Eden	There	7:30
* October 27	Menard	Here	7:30
* November 3	Christoval	There	7:30
November 10	Open		

* District Games

** Homecoming

Bronte Junior High

September 7	Santa Anna	There	6:00
September 14	Rankin	Here	6:00
September 21	Roby	There	5:00
September 28	Irion County	There	6:00
October 5	Miles	Here	6:00
October 12	Water Valley	There	6:00
October 19	Eden	Here	6:00
October 26	Menard	There	6:00
November 2	Christoval	Here	6:00

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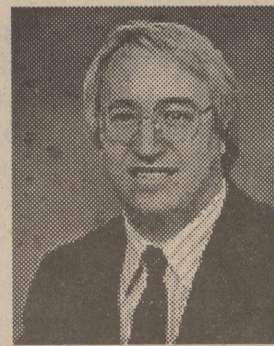
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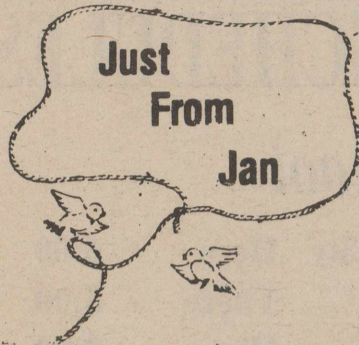
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by Jan Yanez
Coke County
Ext. Agent

Children Benefit from Snack Time

When mid-morning and afternoon roll around, parents face the battle of health food versus junk food when it comes to a child's snack time.

Snacks may seem like a ploy for children to get their hands on some candy, but in reality, children simply need extra helpings of the right foods.

A child's stomach is very small, and cannot digest enough food at meal time to satisfy their need for certain nutrients that will keep them from being hungry between meals. Snacks are a fantastic way to fill the hunger gap between meals.

Not all snacks are going to give a child the vitamins and nutrients they need to grow strong and healthy.

Snacks also may be used to substitute vital nutrients that were missed during a main meal. A parent can plan both meals and snacks at the same time, ensuring that a child receives all the nutrition he or she needs.

Parents are advised to stay away from cookies loaded with

Social Security News Release

The Social Security Board of Trustees' annual report reveals that the long-range financial picture of Social Security's programs has improved since last year. Specifically, the Board announced that Social Security's trust fund assets will not be depleted until 2037.

The Trustees urged bipartisan legislative action to restore the long-term balance to Social Security.

"While the news is positive, we must not delude ourselves with wishful thinking. The Social Security Trust Funds simply will not fix themselves," said Fredi Franki, Social Security manager in San Angelo, Texas. "Our strong economy gives us a window of opportunity to strengthen Social Security for future generations of workers."

The annual report also indicates that in 2015, trust fund expenditures will begin to exceed tax revenues. Beginning in 2025, trust funds assets will be drawn down to pay benefits until the funds are exhausted in 2037.

In its 60th report to Congress, the Trustees also reported the following:

The Old-Age and Survivors and Disability Insurance Trust Funds paid benefits amounting to \$385.8 billion in 1999, and there were 44.6 million beneficiaries on the rolls at the end of 1999.

In 1999 an estimated 152 million people worked in jobs covered by Social Security.

Administrative expenses were \$3.3 billion in 1999, or about 0.9 percent of benefit payments for the year.

sugar, fat and calories. Candy contains few nutrients a child needs and should be distributed sparingly. Fried foods should also be avoided when looking for a healthy snack.

During these hot days, as temperatures rise, parents are looking for quick ways to satisfy their children's hunger and thirst.

An absolute must is water. Nothing is absorbed by the body as fast as water. If the taste of water does not satisfy

a thirst, dress it up with a slice of lemon or lime. This will provide the water with a tart taste. Caffeinated colas and sugared juice drinks should be left on the store shelf. The sweeter the drink, the longer it will delay the absorption of fluid into the body. Caffeine can be particularly harmful because it is a diuretic and will cause the body to eliminate fluid.

When looking for snacks be sure to keep in mind the age of the child. For instance, a child under a year old should not be served peanut butter. Depending on the age some children may have difficulty with certain raw vegetables.

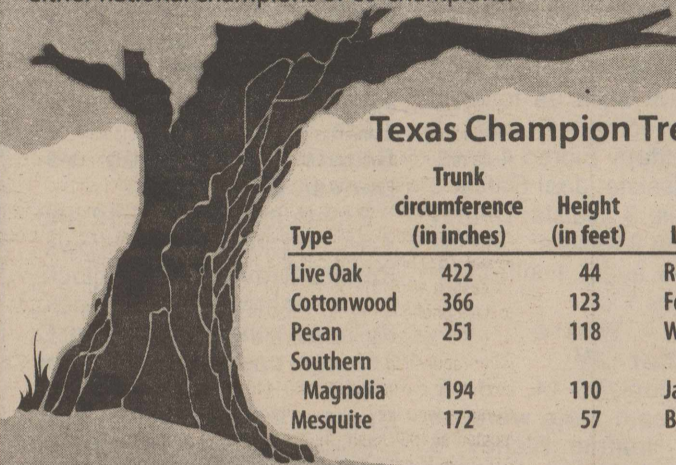
When a child and parent work together they can produce a snack that benefits the child and spend some quality time together. This time spent together can be used to educate the child on nutrition.



Keeping an Eye on Texas

Trees the size of Texas

The Texas Forest Service coordinates the Big Tree Registry program. The registry locates and recognizes the largest known tree species in Texas. Hidalgo County has the most state champions—36—while Brewster County is second with 17. Texas ranks number three in the nation with a total of 83 trees that are either national champions or co-champions.



Texas Champion Trees

Type	Trunk circumference (in inches)	Height (in feet)	Location
Live Oak	422	44	Rockport
Cottonwood	366	123	Fort Davis
Pecan	251	118	Weatherford
Southern Magnolia	194	110	Jasper
Mesquite	172	57	Boerne

SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (www.window.state.tx.us), Texas Forest Service.

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West Texas Utilities Company

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT or Commission) Procedural Rule 22.52(a)(1), notice is hereby given that West Texas Utilities Company (WTU) has filed an application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) with the PUCT for WTU to construct a 345 kV transmission line circuit, approximately 145 miles in length, which will interconnect with a new TXU Electric 345 kV transmission line circuit at the Sterling and Mitchell County lines, then travel in a south to southeast direction until it terminates at a proposed new switching station located west of the City of San Angelo, then exit this proposed switching station to the northwest and turn after some distance to the east and continue in an easterly direction until it terminates at the existing Red Creek Switching Station, and then exit the Red Creek Switching Station to the east and continue in an easterly direction until it interconnects with a new TXU Electric 345 kV transmission line circuit at the Coleman and Brown County lines. The "preferred" route requested will pass through Sterling, Coke, Tom Green, Concho, McCulloch, and Coleman Counties. Persons with questions about this project should contact Jerry Paulson at (915) 674-7426. Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment upon action sought, should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, at 1701 N. Congress, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call the Public Utility Commission's (commission) Office of Customer Protection at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephone (TTY) may contact the commission at (512) 936-7136 or you can call Relay Texas at 1-800-735-2989. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is September 1, 2000 and a letter requesting intervention should be received by the commission by that date. The estimated cost of the project is \$83,480,440.

Persons who wish to view the maps for this proposed project may do so at the WTU office located at 106 South Chadbourne in San Angelo, Texas. Please call Mr. Jerry Paulson at (915) 674-7426 to set a time to view the maps. If a copy of a map is desired please contact Randal E. Roper at (214) 777-2209.

This application is filed in accordance with Sections 37.051(a), 37.053(a), 37.054, and 37.056 of the Texas Utility Code and PUCT Substantive Rule 25.101(c)(1).

DESCRIPTION OF LINE ROUTES

WTU is filing both a "preferred" route and "alternate" routes with the Commission. A description of these line routes follows:

PREFERRED ROUTE DESCRIPTION**Coke/Mitchell County Line to Twin Buttes Switching Station - Segment A (Route 3)**

Segment A of the preferred transmission line route begins at the point where the Sterling/Coke county line intersects the southern boundary of Mitchell County, approximately 1.8 miles west of the Colorado River. The route proceeds south parallel to the Sterling/Coke county line, in Sterling County, for approximately 8.7 miles. From here the route turns southeast for approximately 1.2 miles, crossing into Coke County. The route then heads south-southeast, crosses State Highway (SH) 158 approximately 2 miles east of Mendenhall Lane, and proceeds for approximately 10.7 miles to a 90° bend in Walnut Road, northwest of the Divide Cemetery. From this point the route turns south for approximately 10.7 miles, during which it parallels at different distances the west side of Farm-to-Market Road (FM) 2034, to a point where it crosses U.S. Highway (U.S.) 87, approximately 1.5 miles northwest of its intersection with FM 2034, in Tom Green County. The route then heads southeast for approximately 1.7 miles and crosses FM 2034 just south of the Concho River. Turning further to the southeast, the route runs for approximately 1.0 mile, passes south of McLaughlin Mountain, and intersects an existing WTU transmission line. The route proceeds southeast, parallel to the existing transmission line, for approximately 17.7 miles (with a short segment leaving the existing transmission line to run along the south side of Turner Road for 2.1 miles), terminating at the proposed Twin Buttes Switching Station site. The switching station is located on Arden Road (FM 853), approximately 0.9 mile west of FM 2288.

Twin Buttes Switching Station to Red Creek Switching Station - Segment B (Route 8)

Segment B of the preferred transmission line route will utilize the same structures as Segment A for the first 5.6 miles northwest out of the proposed Twin Buttes Switching Station in Tom Green County. From this point, the proposed route heads northeast for approximately 3.1 miles to the North Concho River. From here, and for the next 2.8 miles, the route parallels a Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD) water pipeline northeast and east to a point on the south side of U.S. 87 near its intersection with Grape Creek Road. The route then crosses U.S. 87, turns east for approximately 1.7 miles, and rejoins the CRMWD pipeline on the north side of U.S. 87. The route proceeds eastward approximately 3.4 miles before it crosses SH 208 near its intersection with Red Creek Road. The route continues along the pipeline south of Red Creek Rd. for approximately 4.0 miles before crossing U.S. 277, and continues eastward approximately 2.5 miles to a point west of the community of Harriet on the north side of U.S. 67. At this point the route makes a 90° turn to the south, crosses U.S. 67 and runs for approximately 1.0 mile to the existing Red Creek Switching Station, located on City Farm Rd., 1.3 miles south of Harriet.

Red Creek Switching Station to Coleman/Brown County Line - Segment C (Route 12)

Segment C of the preferred transmission line route exits the Red Creek Switching Station to the northeast for approximately 0.4 miles, parallel to an existing WTU transmission line. After crossing City Farm Rd., the route heads east for approximately 1.6 miles, turns northeast and runs approximately 1.0 mile, where it once again intersects the CRMWD water pipeline. From here the route parallels the pipeline east for approximately 10.1 miles, at which point the route leaves Tom Green County and enters Concho County. Along this segment of the pipeline in Tom Green County, the route crosses Douglas Loop twice (first, approximately 1.4 miles south of its intersection with U.S. 67 and then again approximately 1.0 mile east of the initial crossing); Mullins Crossing Road approximately 0.4 miles south of its intersection with Smith Road; FM 1692 approximately 1.0 mile south of its intersection with FM 1929; and Dairy Road approximately 1.4 miles south of its intersection with FM 1929. After entering Concho County, the route then heads southeast and east-southeast, paralleling a petroleum pipeline for approximately 11.8 miles. Along this section the route crosses FM 381 approximately 2.4 miles south of its intersection with FM 1929; and crosses FM 380 approximately 6.4 miles west of its intersection with U.S. 83 in Paint Rock. The route then turns back to the east and continues for approximately 16.9 miles, to a point along East Fork of Mustang Creek, south of O.H. Ivie Reservoir. Along this section the route crosses U.S. 83 about 4.2 miles south of Paint Rock and crosses FM 2134 about 2.8 miles north of Millersview. The route then turns slightly east/northeast before crossing Mustang Creek and runs for approximately 3.8 miles before crossing FM 503 after entering McCulloch County. This crossing is approximately 1.6 miles south of the community of Stacy. The route continues east-northeast for approximately 24.0 miles, crossing the Colorado River into Coleman County; crossing U.S. 283 just north of the community of Rockwood, crossing FM 2633 approximately 2.2 miles north of the community of Whon, and finally terminating at a point on the Coleman/Brown County line approximately 4.7 miles north of the Colorado River.

ALTERNATE ROUTE DESCRIPTIONS**Mitchell/Sterling County Line to Twin Buttes Switching Station-First Alternate Segment A (Route 1)**

The first alternate for Segment A of the alternate transmission line route begins at a point on the Mitchell/Sterling County Line, approximately 7.3 miles east of State Highway (SH) 163. From this starting point, the route runs due south for approximately 0.8 miles until it intersects a large water pipeline (aqueduct) right-of-way (ROW). The route turns southeast, running parallel to the pipeline for approximately 4.7 miles, until it reaches the Sterling/Coke county line. Here the route turns south again, paralleling the county line, in Sterling County, for approximately 5.7 miles. At this point, the route turns southeast for approximately 1.2 miles, crossing into Coke County. The route then heads south-southeast for approximately 3.1 miles, crosses SH 158 approximately 2 miles east of Mendenhall Lane, and proceeds for an additional 5.5 miles to a point along Walnut Creek near Shelving Rock Bluff. The route continues down the valley of Walnut Creek for approximately 1.9 miles to a point where it turns due south. Approximately 0.9 miles south of that point the route intersects Walnut Road and continues south parallel, and on the east side of the road, for approximately 4.7 miles. Where Walnut Road turns to the southwest, the route continues

south on the same heading for approximately 1.1 miles, where it crosses U.S. Highway (U.S.) 87 approximately 0.6 miles southeast of its intersection with Walnut Road. The route continues south for approximately 2.6 miles, entering Tom Green County, crossing the North Concho River, and continuing to a point along an existing WTU transmission line. At this point the route turns southeast, paralleling the south side of the existing line, for approximately 2.4 miles, where it crosses Farm-to-Market Road (FM) 2034. The route continues southeast, passes south of McLaughlin Mountain, and continues to run parallel to the existing transmission line for approximately 18.6 miles (with a short detour away from the existing transmission line to run along the south side of Turner Road for 2.1 miles), terminating at the proposed Twin Buttes Switching Station site. The switching station site is located on Arden Road (FM 853), approximately 0.9 miles west of FM 2288, west of San Angelo.

Twin Buttes Switching Station to Red Creek Switching Station - Segment B (Route 7)

Segment B of the alternate transmission line route will utilize the same structures as Segment A (Route 3, 1 or 4) for the first 5.6 miles northwest out of the proposed Twin Buttes Switching Station, in Tom Green County. From this point, the proposed route heads due north for approximately 3.2 miles continuing to utilize the same structures as Segment A (Route 4) if this alternate route is used, otherwise 3.2 miles of new structures are utilized, to a location approximately 0.5 miles south of the North Concho River. At this point the route turns east and then north for approximately 1.3 miles, crossing the North Concho River. The route turns back to the east for approximately 1.0 mile, where it intersects an existing WTU transmission line approximately 300 yards southeast of the intersection of North Shore Drive and U.S. 87. The route then turns southeast, parallels the existing transmission line for approximately 1.0 mile to a point near the intersection of FM 2288 and North Shore Drive. From this point the route turns east-northeast and parallels a Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD) water pipeline for approximately 2.0 miles to a point on the south side of U.S. 87 at its intersection with Grape Creek Road. The route then crosses U.S. 87, turns east for approximately 1.7 miles, and rejoins the CRMWD pipeline on the north side of U.S. 87, just north of its intersection with Grape Creek Road. The route continues east, parallel to the south side of the CRMWD pipeline, for approximately 3.4 miles before it crosses SH 208 near its intersection with Red Creek Road, and then continues east along the pipeline south of Red Creek Road for approximately 4.0 miles before crossing U.S. 277. From this point the route continues east approximately 2.5 miles to a point southwest of the community of Harriet, on the north side of U.S. 67. Here the route makes a 90° turn to the south, crosses U.S. 67 and runs for approximately 1.0 mile to the existing Red Creek Switching Station, located on City Farm Road, 1.3 miles south of Harriet.

Red Creek Switching Station to Coleman/Brown County Line - Segment C (Route 11)

Segment C of the alternate transmission line route exits the Red Creek Switching Station to the northeast for approximately 0.4 miles, parallel to an existing WTU transmission line. After crossing City Farm Rd., the route heads east for approximately 1.6 miles, then turns northeast and runs approximately 1.0 mile, where it once again intersects the CRMWD water pipeline. From here the route parallels the pipeline east for approximately 10.1 miles, at which point the route leaves Tom Green County and enters Concho County. Along this segment of the pipeline in Tom Green County, the route crosses Douglas Loop twice (first, approximately 1.4 miles south of its intersection with U.S. 67 and then again approximately 1.0 mile east of the initial crossing); Mullin's Crossing Road approximately 0.4 miles south of its intersection with Smith Road; FM 1692 approximately 1.0 mile south of its intersection with FM 1929; and Dairy Road approximately 1.4 miles south of its intersection with FM 1929. After entering Concho County, the route continues east for approximately 1.1 miles, crossing FM 381 approximately 1.4 miles south of its intersection with FM 1929, and parallels the water pipeline for another 3.5 miles. At this point the route turns east-northeast, leaving the pipeline ROW, and extends for an additional 5.7 miles, where it crosses FM 1929, approximately 1.3 miles west of its intersection with U.S. 83. The route continues on this heading for approximately 1.3 miles, where it crosses U.S. 83 approximately 0.5 miles north of its intersection with FM 1929. Continuing on this course to the east-northeast the route covers another 2.0 miles, to a point just south of the Concho/Runnels County line. Here the route turns more to the northeast and, crossing into Runnels County, runs for approximately 4.7 miles to a point on the south side of County Road (CR) 129, just east of its intersection with CR 115. At this point the route turns back to the east for approximately 1.5 miles, paralleling the south side of CR 129, and crosses the Colorado River alongside the CR 129 bridge. After crossing the river, the route turns back to the north-northeast, crosses CR 129 approximately 0.7 miles from the bridge, and runs for approximately 2.9 miles, until it intersects a petroleum pipeline. Here the route turns east-northeast and parallels the pipeline ROW for approximately 5.8 miles before crossing into Coleman County, 5.4 miles south of Talpa. The route continues for approximately 7.6 miles, paralleling the pipeline ROW, until it intersects another pipeline about 1.0 mile southwest of Bead Mountain. At this point the route turns east-southeast and parallels the new pipeline ROW for approximately 2.9 miles, and crosses FM 503 about 1.8 miles south of Valera. The route continues along the pipeline ROW for approximately 4.0 miles, and crosses FM 1026 about 3.0 miles south of its intersection with U.S. 67. Continuing east, the route traverses another 3.1 miles, then crosses FM 2131 about 2.5 miles south of U.S. 67. From here, the route continues east-southeast, still parallel to the pipeline, for approximately 5.7 miles, where it crosses U.S. 283, about 3.1 miles south of its intersection with U.S. 67 in Santa Anna. The route then runs approximately 4.0 miles east along the pipeline ROW, crossing FM 1176 about 0.8 miles south of its intersection with FM 567. Finally the route runs east-southeast for an additional 3.7 miles and terminates on the Coleman/Brown county line, about 3.2 miles south of U.S. 67.

Coke/Mitchell County Line to Twin Buttes Switching Station - Second Alternate Segment A (Route 4)

The second alternate for Segment A of the alternate transmission line route begins at a point where the Sterling/Coke county line intersects the southern boundary of Mitchell County, approximately 1.8 miles west of the Colorado River. The route proceeds south parallel to the Sterling/Coke county line, in Sterling County, for approximately 2.9 miles, where it intersects a water pipeline (aqueduct). At this point the route turns southeast, parallel to the pipeline, and enters Coke County. The route proceeds for approximately 4.8 miles, where it crosses Farm-to-Market Road (FM) 2742, about 0.7 miles from its intersection with FM 2059. In another 0.9 miles, the route crosses FM 2059, then continues to roughly parallel the road, first to the northeast, then south, then east, and then west for the next 8.6 miles, to the intersection of FM 2059 and State Highway (SH) 158. From here, the route crosses SH 158, intersects a petroleum pipeline ROW, and proceeds southeast for approximately 2.7 miles. At this point, the route turns south and traverses approximately 2.8 miles to the top of a mesa, approximately 1.6 miles west of FM 2034. Here the route turns southwest and runs for approximately 2.3 miles, where it crosses FM 2034, 1.3 miles east of its intersection with Walnut Road, near the community of Divide. From this point, the route turns southeast and traverses approximately 7.3 miles to a point along the West Fork of Grape Creek, on the east side of March Road. The route then turns due south, crosses March Road, and extends for an additional 1.4 miles, where it enters Tom Green County. The route continues south for approximately 2.9 miles to a point about 0.6 miles northwest of the 90° bend in Walnut Grove Road, where the route turns southwest. The route heads southwest for only 0.7 miles before turning back to the south. The route runs south for approximately 3.2 miles, parallel to, but about 0.3-0.4 miles west of, Glass Road. At this point the route turns back to the southeast for approximately 0.7 miles, crosses Glass Road and parallels the east side of the road for approximately 0.5 miles, where it crosses U.S. Highway (U.S.) 87 approximately 2.2 miles southwest of the community of Carlsbad. Continuing south, the route runs for approximately 1.1 miles, where it crosses the North Concho River. From here the route continues south for approximately 3.8 miles, where it intersects an existing WTU transmission line. At this point the route turns southeast and parallels the existing line for approximately 5.6 miles, terminating at the proposed Twin Buttes Switching Station site. The switching station site is located on Arden Road (FM 853), approximately 0.9 miles west of FM 2288, west of San Angelo.



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**"Controlled" Burns
in Summer**

Bruce Deere, NRCS Just like most medications, fire on rangeland can be beneficial or harmful, depending on how it's used. To benefit, rangeland needs a "prescription" based on such factors as goals, soil and plant moisture, weather conditions, plant stress, fuel load, and more.

With very few exceptions, prescribed burns are conducted during the winter dormant season during very specific weather conditions. In country like ours, that's when we get the most benefit with the least damage to our grasses and the least danger of a wildfire. Summer burns have a place, but generally not in Coke County and particularly not during a drought.

Grass burned during high temperatures, low humidity, and dry soil conditions sustain greater damage and take much longer to recover. Lengthy rest periods, often 1 1/2 years or more, are usually needed, depending on rainfall.

Standing vegetation and litter on the soil surface protect the soil from erosion and preserves soil moisture. Summer burns leave the soil bare during the year's second-highest rainfall period, early fall, and the highest wind period, late winter and early spring. That's one reason most burns are conducted just prior to greenup.

Most of the undesirable species such as redberry cedar, mesquite, prickly-pear, whitebrush (beebrush), saltcedar, and willow baccharis are root-sprouters. Mature plants may be top-killed, but most will resprout from the base. The results are usually not worth the damage to warm-season grass during a summer burn.

The danger of the fire escaping is multiplied during a summer burn. Range professionals use the 80-20-20 rule. We don't burn if the temperature is above 80 degrees, the humidity is below 20 percent,

or the wind is above 20 mph. Beyond that, the potential for "controlled" burns to get out of control increases dramatically, not to mention the pure physical toll on the fire crew. And Texas law holds the one starting the fire and/or the landowner liable for any damage to other property from an escaped burn.

Finally, think about the other fellow whenever you burn. When we assist with a burn, all nearby fire departments, law enforcement agencies, TNRCC, TxDOT, utility and oil/gas companies, and neighboring landowners are notified.

More information on prescribed burning is available at our office in the Ag Service Center at 214 East 7th in Robert Lee, or call 453-2623, ext. 3.

**Help for our
Hospitals**

by Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senator

Too many hospitals in Texas and across the country are on the brink of financial disaster. As a result, institutions that are the cornerstones of their communities may have to reduce or eliminate many of the vital services they provide in order to stay afloat.

A good example of how this is unfolding can be seen at Henderson Memorial Hospital in East Texas. This facility, which serves the 45,000 or so residents of Rusk County, has experienced a 10 percent increase in patients this year. But as a result of changes in the way Medicare reimburses hospitals, Henderson Memorial is collecting less money than it did the year before: realizing only 51 cents for every dollar it bills. You don't need an accountant to figure out that this picture is drawn in red ink.

The Texas Hospital Association estimates that 70 percent of the hospitals in our state will be in the red by the end of this year if planned adjustments in Medicare payments continue as sched-

uled. The biggest dollar pressure on hospitals is a proposed reduction in the annual inflation adjustment for standard Medicare payments - what the hospitals are paid for treating Medicare patients with specific illnesses.

Last year Congress passed legislation restoring nearly \$17 billion over five years to scheduled cuts in Medicare reimbursement payments. While some of the proposed cuts were mandated by the 1997 Balanced Budget Act, which laid the historic foundation for the balanced federal budget we enjoy today, many were a direct result of policies set by the Health Care Financing Administration, not Congress. All told, Medicare providers faced an estimated \$200 billion in reduced payments over the next five years, far in excess of the 1997 Balanced Budget Act estimate of \$116 billion in savings.

All this spells disaster for hospitals - the backbone of our nation's health care system. Last year, I and many of my colleagues began to hear from hospital administrators, trustees and health professionals about their struggles to maintain the quality and variety of the services they provide patients in their communities. As a result of cuts that the Health Care Finance Administration was imposing, many highly regarded, efficiently run hospitals were beginning to run deficits.

So earlier this year I introduced the "American Hospital Preservation Act," a bill aimed at boosting Medicare reimbursements to hospitals struggling with higher than expected medical and administrative costs. This legislation is designed to get them back on their feet by giving hospitals the same "cost-of-living adjustment" other federal programs recipients get each year.

Last year, we passed my bill to restore the cost-of-living

adjustment for "sole community provider" hospitals, where the hospital is the only such health-care facility serving a community. This year, I hope to extend that same relief to all hospitals. If passed into law, my bill could restore approximately \$4 billion to Texas hospitals over the next 10 years.

Our hospitals continue to struggle to meet continued increases in personnel costs, to purchase high-tech equipment and to maintain their higher-cost blood supplies, just to name a few of their routine outlays. At the same time, they are also being squeezed by the rapid expansion of cost-conscious, managed-care private insurance. While Medicare should not be called upon to shoulder the burden of cuts in private-sector payments, the program does need to pay for what it costs to provide care for the nation's seniors.

We are lucky to be living in an era of medical breakthroughs, the likes of which previous generations of Americans could only dream. We must continue to invest in the core infrastructure of our nation's health delivery system - our hospitals.

**Look Who's New
Toby Ryan Blair**

Gary and Cathy Blair of Waco are proud to announce the birth of a son. Toby Ryan arrived on August 21, 2000, weighing 7 pounds, 7 ounces. Grandparents are Frank and Marty Blair of Round Rock. Great grandmothers include Ruth Stevens of Monahans and Vivian King of Robert Lee.

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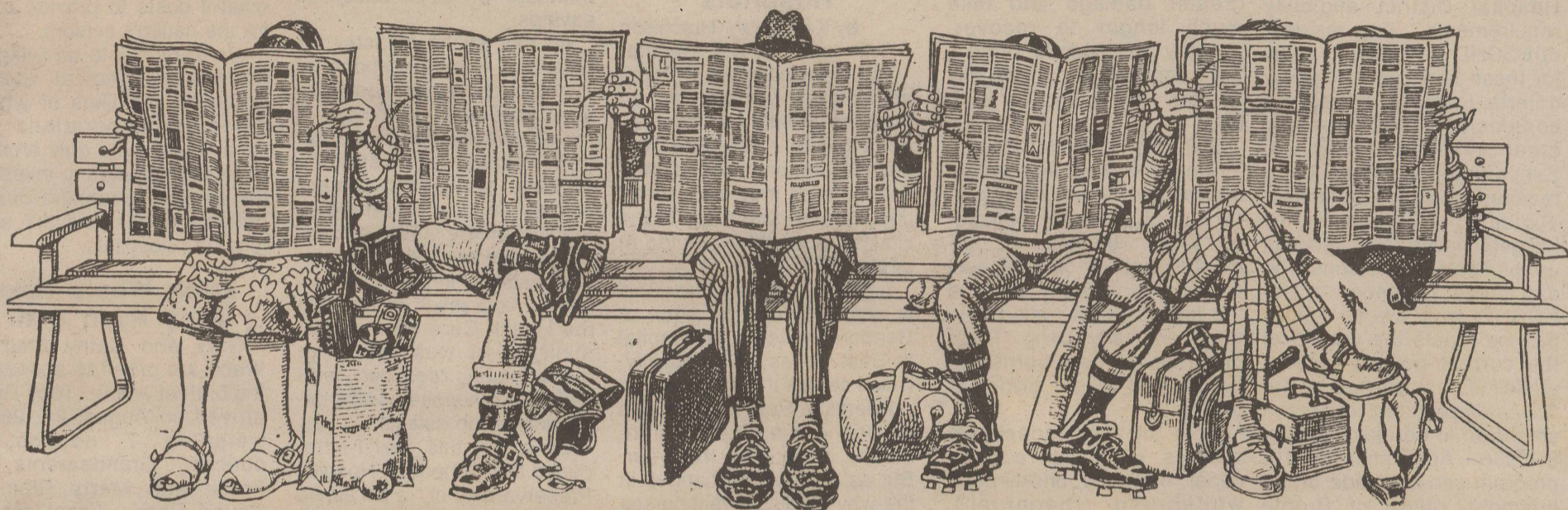
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