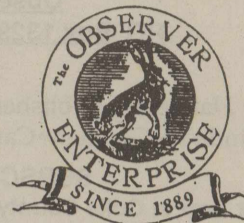


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Outlook for upcoming dove season "dismal"

by Joan Davis
Coke County, and much of the state, is faced with a dismal outlook for the coming mourning dove season. Dry watering holes, runty crops, and bare pasture land point to more of the same during this decade. Once a favorite of shotgunners in the area, the number of birds has declined each year.

Hamilton Road Bridge Closed

By Judge Jackie Walker
The bridge over Antelope Creek on Hamilton Road has been closed, effective August 24, 1999. Commissioner Wayne McCutchen has posted signs as instructed by Texas Department of Transportation. Possibilities are being explored at this time as to the replacement of the structure. Engineers from the Highway Department will be reporting to the County regarding what can and should be done. This will be addressed at Commissioners' Court meeting on September 13. All interested persons are encouraged to attend the meeting.

County game warden Gary Mitchell said he had observed scattered birds around the Silver area and in east Coke County but not enough to provide much shooting. He has also seen a few white-winged birds here, as in the past few years their habitat has moved northwest.

Central Zone dove hunting, which Coke County falls in, begins Wednesday, September 1 through October 17. The short second season will begin December 26, 1999 and ends January 9, 2000. Regulations are pretty much the same as last year for the sport. The bag limit is 15 birds; the limit may be made up of mourning doves, white-winged, and white-tipped (white-fronted) doves, with not more than 2 white-tipped. Shotguns must be plugged back to 3 shells, and hunting hours remain 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset. No motorized vehicle may be used to stir up migratory birds. Doves cannot be hunted over baited areas.

Texas hunting license may be purchased now for the coming seasons. Your cur-

rent license expires August 31, 1999. At the time of purchase you must say whether you will be hunting doves, ducks, geese or other migratory birds. The Harvest Information Program (HIP) is used for record keeping on bird harvest and statistics. The HIP certification will appear on the top of your license and allows you to dove hunt. If you plan to hunt white-winged doves, particularly in other counties to the south, you should purchase a white-winged dove stamp. The fee is an additional \$7.

The best advice to both rookie and veteran hunters is to pick up a free copy of the TPW Outdoor Annual hunting and fishing regulations guide and read from cover to cover. There is much helpful info there and makes for a good read. The guides are free for the asking wherever sporting goods and licenses are sold.

Roland retires

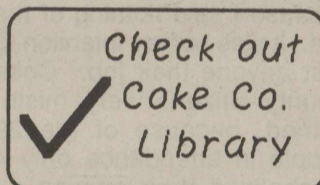
by Blackwell Senior
Stephanie Cantrell

In May 1999 Joyce Roland parked that big yellow bus for the last time. Lane Jackson, Blackwell CISD superintendent, extends his deepest appreciation for her twenty-four years of service and dedication.

Joyce Roland grew up in Post and then in Andrews where she married Charlie Ray Roland, March 15, 1958. She has three children; Charlie Jr., Larry and Gary, and six grandchildren; Chayne, Justin, LaTosha, LaTisha, LaRisa and Gary. Her three children and oldest grandchild graduated from Blackwell High School and it is likely that all the grandchildren will do the same.

Mrs. Roland has lived in Blackwell almost 30 years. She has worked at Blackwell CISD twenty-four of those years - first as teacher's aide for 12 years and then as a bus driver. She also served as pep squad sponsor for two years.

Mrs. Roland plans to spend time with her youngest grandchild, Gary, now that she is retired. The administration, school board, employees, faculty and students of Blackwell CISD will miss Joyce Roland and wish her the best.



Coke Co. Library Story Hour

The Coke County Library will begin its Story Hour program on Tuesday, September 7 from 10:00 to 10:40 am. The program is open to all three to five year old boys and girls in the county. Children can join in any time during the year. Stories and projects will be available.

Anyone interested in volunteering to work with this program is very much welcome. This program provides as much for the presenters as for the receivers.

Some of the new books for Story Hour are *Rockaby Crocodile*; *Ticklemonster and Me*; *We Were Tired of Living in the House*; *12 Ways to Get to 11*.

For the young adult reader *Spy Girls are Forever* and *Teacher Creacher* have been added.

There will be no fines charged for over-due books for the remainder of August. If books turn up that are over-due, just bring them to the Library and put them on the counter. Library hours continue to be 8-12 Tuesday; 8-4 Wednesday; 1-5 Thursday; and 8-12 on Friday. Books may be returned to the Main Street Market in Bronte.

Bass tourney set for September 19

The 12th annual Rannels County Bass Club & Ballinger Chamber of Commerce Open Bass Tournament is scheduled for Sunday, September 19, 1999, at O. H. Ivie Reservoir. For more information, contact the Rannels County Bass Club at PO Box 773, Ballinger, TX 76821, or call (915) 365-2775.

Youth Christian Concert to be held

Several churches in Robert Lee are co-sponsoring a Christian Youth Concert in the amphitheatre, Saturday, September 4th, beginning at 7:00 pm. The concert will feature the Christian band "Sold Out" from San Angelo. The concert is free and soft drinks and hot dogs will be provided.

Football pages to begin

The county football teams, the Robert Lee Steers and Bronte Longhorns, will begin their regular season play next Friday night, September 3rd. As in years past we at the Observer/Enterprise will be offering area businesses and individuals the opportunity to show their support for these hardworking youth by placing their name on the individual football pages. Members of our staff will begin contacting businesses early next week. If we should inadvertently miss you call our office in Robert Lee at 453-2433 or in Bronte at 473-2001.



Joyce Roland

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am a proud citizen of Coke County and as far as I am concerned we all are a large family, neighbor helping neighbors. However, there are times when we don't always agree on everything; and that is okay as long as we keep everyone's best interest at heart. About three weeks ago I was called and asked to attend a Commissioners' Court meeting. I was not told what to say, but I was told what to complain about; which was the ladies in the courthouse and others were told that we need to get rid of the County Auditor. The more I think about that meeting, the more angry I get. Commissioners' Court already has the power and authority over their budget to add expense, cut expenses, raise taxes or lower taxes. Why did they call all of us into the meeting? Comments I have heard was that the Judge and Precinct #1 Commissioner instigated the meeting and had someone else to help do the calling. A list of those who attended this meeting is in the County Clerk's minutes. Call them and ask who invited them to the meeting. During this meeting, the Auditor asked us why we had not already attended some of the budget workshops, since these are open meetings and an agenda is posted telling when and where these meetings will be. I have become very suspicious of this meeting, because apparently there was an ulterior motive. This is not a common practice each year. Why would you want to get rid of the County Auditor when he is the only check and balances we have to make sure our tax dollars are spent according to the budget laws? Also, the Auditor is the only office that audits other offices. Why were we not asked to attend all of the other entities budget

workshops? Why were the county employees singled out? We all had received appraisal district notices earlier that month and were already partly upset about increased property values and I am not really sure why, because I don't think any of us would sell our homes or land at the current appraised values. Several individuals spoke out about taxes, property values, cutting cost and hard times. No one really enjoys paying taxes, but that is what the Constitution is based on. Freedom is not always free, we pay a price for our freedom, privilege and right as a United States citizen in terms of human lives and tax dollars.

About a week after this meeting I saw in the Observer/Enterprise the County Judge's statement about this meeting and I was furious, because she said it was the general consensus of the crowd at the meeting to cut courthouse staff. I felt used, abused, and accused because I said nothing of the sort. It was not my intention to cost anyone their job. Coke County citizens were misinformed, because of the 29 people in attendance only 4 verbalized their opinion on cutting courthouse staff. The majority of us had no intention of costing anyone their job. For over a hundred years, county judges and commissioners have taken the responsibility and made their own budget and did not blame it on someone else. I was dumbfounded to hear the Mayor of Bronte say that he wanted to lay off employees and save tax dollars, when the West Coke County Community Development folks, the Bronte Chamber of Commerce, Commissioners Court (the Juvenile Center) and interested individuals have tried everything to attract families and businesses to Coke County. How are you going to fill up those empty

apartments that Bronte has just built, when you are forcing people out of the county? How can Precinct #4 Commissioner, who is on the Coke County Appraisal Board, cut salaries and jobs out of the courthouse and vote for a pay raise for the Appraisal District employees? That does not make sense. What kind of priorities do our elected officials have when they destroy people's livelihood, but plan to buy new playground equipment? I have also heard that there are plans to build a new sidewalk in front of the courthouse. People and salaries will keep the banks, drugstores, grocery stores, hardware stores, auto dealerships, restaurants, and other businesses' doors open and our community alive. We all depend on each other for goods, services, fellowship and support. Bronte and Robert Lee are basically retirement communities full of older folks, and if there is going to be a future for Coke County, please don't force the younger generation to leave, let's keep them any way we can.

Name withheld by request

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor;

As a Coke County businessman, I feel compelled to respond to the recent attack on the commissioners' court in the Letter to the Editor dated August 13, 1999. Sometimes it's pretty easy to sit back and take pot shots at county officials, especially when you don't have to bear the responsibility of those decisions. However, when you are caught between the rock of laying off employees and the hard place of raising taxes, it's going to be difficult to please everyone involved.

The letter referenced above describes a "safeguard against the type of situation the county now finds itself in --



Effie Corley was honored with a reception Saturday, August 14th on her 80th birthday. The reception was hosted by her children Benny and Jackie Corley and Scotty and Peggy Belew and her grandchildren, Conda & Tammy Richards.

Approximately 90 family and friends attended to wish her well and to view the displays of her paintings, quilts, crafts, and family photographs. A special poem was written and read by Wendell Lee.

the effective tax rate." It is described as some type of "magic bullet" or "rabbit in the hat trick" that can safely deliver us from this evil of balancing the county budget. What the writer has failed to express is that the effective tax rate is a method for county governments to raise taxes at a rate lower than that which would require a vote by the people. The truth is that the effective tax rate is used as an effective tax increase, which automatically raises our taxes and does nothing to solve the problem of declining oil revenues.

The court is experiencing now what most of the local businesses have had to deal with for the past several years. While none of us would prefer to lay off employees or raise taxes, this is the financial reality of running the largest business in the county. I may not

agree with some of the methods that individual court members have employed, but I applaud their efforts to address the problem and make the hard choices.

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An Invitation

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the afternoon and help her celebrate.*

Gifts - No • Cards - Yes

Lacy-Friedel exchange vows

Nicole Lacy of Brenham and Darren Friedel of Waller were united in marriage June 26, 1999 at 2:30 pm at First Baptist Church of Brenham. Brother Steve Ponder performed the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of John and Sherry Lacy of Brenham. She is the granddaughter of Dalton and Joy Lacy of Miles and Connie and Polly Millican of Robert Lee.

The groom is the son of Gary and Kathy Friedel of Hockley. He is the grandson of Margaret and the late George Friedel of Waller and AB and Faye Hegar of Hockley.

Wedding music was provided by Pam Briley, organist; and Stacy Myers, soloist.

Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, the bride wore a gown designed and made by her mother. The white crepe A-line gown featured a scoop neckline and back. The bodice and short sleeves were enhanced by Venice lace. Satin covered buttons extended down the back of the gown and lace appliques were scattered over the chapel length train. A row of Venice lace around the hemline completed the gown. The bride's veil featured a double layer of the lace used in the gown. She carried a mini-cascade of peach, delicate peach and ivory roses and wore her maternal great-grandmother's wedding ring to carry on the tradition of something old.

Natalie Lacy of Austin, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Christy Lacy of San Angelo, cousin of the bride; Melanie Neuhaus of Mercedes, friend of the bride; Heather Hiser of College Station, friend of the bride; and Donna Colley of Bryan, friend of the bride.

The attendants were gowned alike in sleeveless floor-length platinum crepe sheaths. The gowns had matte satin accents at the bodice and featured a square neckline and back with narrow shoulder straps. They carried three long-stemmed peach roses tied with peach ribbon streamers.

Greg Friedel of Hockley, brother of the groom and Glenn Hegar, Jr. of Katy, cousin of the groom, served as best men.

Groomsmen were Darwin Hargrave of Waller, friend of the groom; Jay Williams of Weslaco, friend of the groom; and Rader Gilleland of Uvalde, friend of the groom.

Sarah Friedel of Waller, cousin of the groom was the flower girl. She wore a short, white satin dress with a lace



Mr. and Mrs. Darren Friedel

bodice and a white satin ribbon at the waist. She carried a white basket filled with peach, colored rose petals.

Logan Pelzel of Miles, cousin of the bride, was ring bearer.

Ushers were John Lacy, Bert Hargrove, Jared Timmerman, Ryan Ripple and Gordon Hegar.

A buffet reception was held at the church fellowship hall.

The bride's five tiered, white cake with white icing was accented with peach roses on top, between tiers and around the base.

The groom's cake was a rectangular chocolate cake with vanilla icing. The icing was green and yellow and adorned with miniature John Deere rice harvesting equipment depicting a rice harvest.

Assisting with the wedding were Haley Lacy, Stacy Lacy, Julie Pelzel, Lacy Pelzel, Erin Ketner, Heather Millican, LuAnn Seay, Jennifer Ripple, Ronda Timmerman and Amy Timmerman.

Following a wedding trip to Durango, Colorado, the couple is residing in Waller.

The bride is a graduate of Texas A&M University and is employed as a first grade teacher in Waller.

The groom is a graduate of Tarleton State University and is a partner in the family farm in Hockley.

LOOK WHO'S NEW

Trace Ryan Davis Teaff

Trace Ryan Davis Teaff was born to Dallas Marie Roe on his Aunt Abilene's birthday, July 18, 1999, 12:32 am, at Community Hospital in San Angelo. Trace weighed in at 7 pounds 6 ounces and was 20 1/8 inches long.

"Mesquite" was welcomed by his nine aunts, twelve uncles, and fifteen cousins. His very proud grandparents are "Diesel" Joe and Sandi Roe. Trace's dedication was held August 1, 1999 at Victory Assembly of God Church in Robert Lee.

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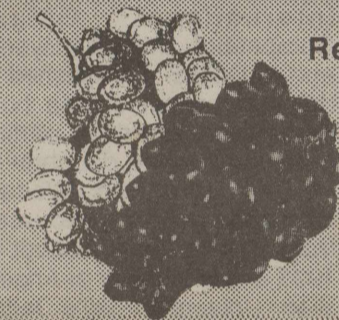
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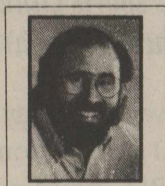
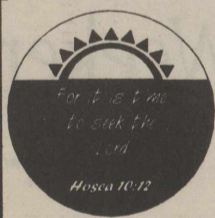
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- Monday — Family Night — Church Wide Ice Cream Fellowship 8 pm
- Tuesday — Children's Hot Dog Supper, 6:00 PM for ages 3 yrs thru 6th grade
- Wednesday — Youth Pizza Night, 6 pm

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Bronte School News

BHS volleyball results

Results from recent BHS volleyball competition are as follows:

Bronte JV teams vs. Sweetwater - white team lost 12-15 and 8-15; Kelly Cooper 1 ace; Crystal Jackson 1 kill and 1 ace; Heather Richey 2 kills and 1 ace; Lindsay Springer 1 kill and Joel Sefcik 1 ace. The maroon team lost 7-15 and 5-15; Chrissie Isreal 2 assists; Jenna Herrold 2 kills; and Kayla Hilliard 1 kill.

Bronte JV dual match in Snyder held August 21, 1999 - 1st match vs. Denver City 8-15 and 7-15; Kelly Cooper 1 kill and 1 ace; Heather Richey 1 kill; Lindsey Springer 1 ace and 1 assist; Lindsey Williams 1 ace; Joel Sefcik 11 aces; Kayla Hilliard 1 assist; Jenna Herold 1 kill. Scores in the second match were 15-9; 13-15 and 15-12 - Kelly Cooper 3 kills, 2 aces; Heather Richey 2 kills; Lindsay Springer 1 assist; Joel Sefcik 1 kill; and Chrissie Isreal 1 ace.

Wink Tournament results - Bronte lost the first game to Marfa 12-15, 16-14 and 14-16; they won the second game Bronte vs. Sierra Blanca 15-5; 15-5; they lost the third game against Fort Davis 13-15; 15-8 and 16-18.

Bronte varsity traveled to Sweetwater August 17 and posted the following results: Game 1 - Bronte 12, Sweetwater 15; Game 2 - Bronte 15, Sweetwater 17. Individual stats for the games were: Kala Arrott 3 kills, 2

blocks; Lauren Williams 2 kills; Jade Richards 3 kills, 3 assists; Lacy Schoenfield 6 assists; Tasha Reed 1 ace; Brooke McCutchen 2 kills; Chrissie Counts 1 kill and Stormy White 1 kill.

The Ladies were up against Midland Lee Sophomores and posted a win in 3 games 14-16; 15-3 and 16-14. Individual stats were: Jade Richards 9 assists, 3 kills; Lacy Schoenfield 8 assists, 1 ace; Lauren Williams 5 kills, 2 blocks; Kala Arrott 4 kills; Brooke McCutchen 4 kills; Britni Adams 1 kill, 1 block; Natasha Reed 3 kills, 1 assist; Chrissie Counts 1 kill, 1 block; Stormy White 1 kill and Cara Sefcik 2 kills.

The next varsity game will be the San Angelo Central Tournament.

Johnson to compete in international competition

Jill Johnson qualified for the International Galaxy Competition this past weekend in Dallas. Jill finished in the top ten out of one hundred North American participants. Jill is the daughter of Teri Gothard and Michael Johnson. She graduated from Bronte High School in 1995 and is a senior at Angelo State University. Jill's Dallas fan club, Teri and Courtney Gothard, Bill and Jane Wheat, and Drew Davis enjoyed the three-day competition.

The Galaxy Competitions is a new type of women's competition redefining the fit female. It's about athleticism, beauty, and strength. It promotes respectability and credibility, which is why it has gained acceptance by women worldwide. The event consists of two categories. The obstacle course - designed by the US Air Force, is a physically demanding race against time and other competitors, that measures endurance, strength and coordination. Score value 50%. Swimwear competition scores the beauty, poise and fitness level of competitors. Score value is 50%.

Jill completed the obstacle course placing 8th. She had to run a 50-yard dash with two running ropes apparatuses.

Miles Cotton Festival

The community of Miles will celebrate its 22nd annual Cotton Festival Saturday, September 11 in the Miles City Park.

Festivities begin at 8:00 am with the opening of the arts and crafts booths, followed by a parade through downtown Miles at 10:00 am.

A variety of events including pork-rib and brisket cookoffs are on the agenda for the day.

Miles is located on US Highway 67 between San Angelo and Ballinger. For more information contact the Miles Opera House at 915-468-3001 or the Miles Messenger at 468-3611.

two sets of hurdles, over and under bars, a 20-foot cargo net, and a 15-foot wall. The fitness category is Jill's favorite part of the Galaxy Contest.

Jill, along with the other top fifteen participants from competitions held in Finland, California, Florida, and Texas, is eligible to compete at the International Meet held in St. Pete, Florida in November.

Murtishaw reunion

The family of Claude and Grace Murtishaw gathered for a reunion July 10, 1999, at Inn of the Conchos in San Angelo. Thirty-eight attended from six states.

There were eight children, three are surviving: H.C. Murtishaw, Maurine Sparks, and Mary Sharp.

The highlight of the day was a White Elephant Sale. Sue Wojtek and Carla Kristinek entertained all as auctioneers. The children enjoyed this most of all, as long as Papa's money held out. The famous apron appeared, was fashioned and sold again.

The children enjoyed swimming and the adults enjoyed visiting, looking at pictures and eating.

Those attending from Mildred Wojtek's family were Otho and Melba Long, Dale and Sue Wojtek, Walter and Carla, Will, Josh, and Scott Kristinek, and Maranda Wojtek.

Thula Eubanks' family was Darrel, Leona, Seth and Angela Eubanks, Lajuan and Mathew Hayes, all of Lovington, New Mexico; H.C. and Christine Murtishaw from Timberon, New Mexico - had the largest group Jim and Babe Beyerlein, Mark and Dianna Murtishaw of San Angelo, Eric Murtishaw of Iowa, Julie, Tom, Nichole and Tyler Takach of Lake Charles, MO., David, Tyler and Cady Bogart of Texas, and Tyler Takach of Pennsylvania, Maurene Sparks of San Angelo, Helen Murtishaw of Bronte and Ginger Eubanks of Louisiana. From J.A.'s family, Mary Sharp of Carlsbad, Texas had Cliffie and Luran Sensabaugh of Coppel, Texas.

Friends attending were Chris Popp, Martha Carlisle, and Glenda Barton.

The groups enjoyed this location so much that they plan to meet next year at the Inn of the Conchos.

Foreign exchange welcomes students

American Intercultural Student Exchange (AISE), a non-profit educational foundation, is seeking local host families for high school age exchange students for the 1999/2000 school year. AISE students live with American families and attend local high schools during their ten month cultural exchange. Host families, including single parents, provide these young ambassadors with a bedroom, meals, and a family atmosphere in which to live. The



Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hines of Bronte would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Tina Hines to Shane Sanders of Water Valley. The couple is planning to be married on the twenty-fifth of September, 1999 in Water Valley.

Miss Hines is a 1989 graduate of Bronte High School. She received a Bachelor's degree in Administrative Systems from Tarleton State University.

Her fiancé is a 1988 graduate of Water Valley High School. He received a Bachelor's degree in agriculture from Tarleton State University.

students are eager to learn about our government, history, and customs while leaving a lasting impression of their culture in the hearts of their host families and peers.

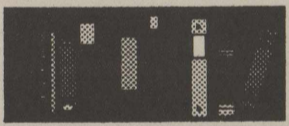
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SCHOOL MENU



Breakfast

Monday, August 30

Cereal, Applesauce, Biscuit, Milk.

Tuesday, August 31

Sausage, Apple Juice, Pancake, Milk.

Wednesday, Sept. 1

Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns, Biscuit, Milk.

Thursday, Sept. 2

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

Friday, Sept. 3

Breakfast Burrito, Grape Juice, Biscuit, Milk.

Lunch

Monday, August 30

Steak Fingers w/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Brownies, Milk.

Tuesday, August 31

Fish Sticks, Macaroni & Cheese, Blackeyed Peas, Roll, Sliced Peaches, Milk.

Wednesday, Sept. 1

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

Thursday, Sept. 2

Frito Pie w/Chili & Cheese, Sweet Corn, Tossed Salad, Corn Chips, Jello, Milk.

Friday, Sept. 3

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Blackwell CISD receives grant

Blackwell CISD has received a Non-Competitive Grant for Texas Public Schools in the amount of \$50,000 from the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund Board, a state agency in Austin, Texas.

These Public School Technology Advancement and Distance Learning Grants will allow Blackwell CISD to purchase the necessary equipment to enhance Internet access or to improve distance learning capabilities. Non-competitive grants for up to \$600,000 will fund workstations, networking hardware, ISP costs, video-conferencing equipment and other related telecommunications costs in order for the qualified public schools to expand upon their existing network. These grant projects begin September 1, 1999.

The public school applicants were required to complete a detailed application. These public school districts and campuses were also required to provide, in matching funds, a minimum of 10% of the funds requested from the TIF Board.

"We are very pleased to receive this award," said Lane Jackson, Superintendent. "We will use the TIF Board funds, along with the matching funds we have committed to the project, to enhance our current infrastructure. This grant will give us the opportunity to purchase equipment for expanded Internet access and the means to move towards using distance learning as an advanced teaching tool."

Since its creation by the 74th Legislature in 1995, the TIF Board has awarded approximately \$202 million in telecommunications grants to 1018 school districts and

charter schools (out of 1145), 57 community colleges (out of 57), 69 public and private institutions of higher education, 592 public libraries and branches (out of 789), 300 public and not-for-profit healthcare facilities (out of 742), 11 collaboratives of model projects, and 13 collaboratives of rural school districts. The agency receives approximately \$150 million per year in revenues from telecommunications assessments to disburse over a ten-year period.

For more information, please contact the TIF Board at (512) 344-4300 or 1-888-533-8432. Additional information is available on the web at <http://www.tifb.state.tx.us>.

Sawyer Reunion held in Kerrville

The family of Floy Sawyer and the late "Buz" Sawyer, gathered at the Guadalupe River and RV Resort in Kerrville, Texas the weekend of August 20-22. It was a combined family reunion and belated 87th birthday celebration for Floy. The group traveled to Medina on Saturday afternoon to the home of Floy's grandson and family, Glenn and Colleen Davis, for a barbecue meal and birthday celebration. They enjoyed eating, visiting, swimming, and the very enjoyable surprise viewing of a video - "A Loving Tribute to Floy Sawyer", produced by Floy's son-in-law, Dr. Ronnie Sims. Later the group participated in a Chinese gift exchange, which was enjoyed by all.

There were 40 people in attendance including Floy's three children, Rosie and Garland Davis, Tom and Gay Sawyer, and Kenney and Ronnie Sims. Also all eight of her grandchildren, Tom and Sandy Sawyer, Wes and Gina Sawyer, Jami and Teri Sawyer, Glenn and Colleen Davis, Gary and Carmela Davis, Copie Davis, Penne Sims Roll and Kelly Sims and her 12 great-grandchildren. Also in attendance were a niece, Johnnie Stenberg and her two sons and a daughter-in-law and four guests. It was a very enjoyable time for everyone.

St. Therese Festival

St. Therese Catholic Church in Carlsbad will host their annual festival Sunday, September 12. The event will begin at 11:00 am and will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall on 3636 N. Bryant Blvd. in San Angelo.

"Meet the Steers" night announced

Robert Lee Sports Boosters and Robert Lee Band Boosters will host "Meet the Steers" night Friday, August 27th in the Robert Lee park at the pavilion. The event will begin at 7:00 pm.

Because of scheduling conflicts there will be no home scrimmage this year, so the old tradition of a hamburger supper was scrapped. This year the event will feature homemade ice cream and cookies.

Squad members of the Robert Lee Steers, Robert Lee Jr. High Dogies and the "Stompin' Steer" band will be introduced.

Make plans now to bring your lawn chairs, sit in the shade while enjoying homemade ice cream and support our local kids.

Personal

Sondra Hester of Robert Lee and Mindy Wright of Gardendale left Thursday, August 12 to pick up Donya Wright, who with her friend Stephanie, have spent the summer working on a dude ranch in Cuchara, Colorado. Their last working day was Sunday, so the visitors, along with Ed Wright, who is temporarily working in Wyoming, had a couple of days for sight seeing. Some of the beautiful and interesting places they visited were Chama, New Mexico; La Veta Pass, Colorado; Alamosa, Del Norte, South Fork, Fun Valley, the spectacular Wolf Creek Pass (13,000 feet), Pagosa Springs, and Pueblo, Colorado.

One of the high points was seeing the head waters of the Rio Grande River. The scenery was glorious and many elk and deer were spotted.

The group stayed in a log cabin at Yellow Pine Lodge in Cuchara. They also saw a large bear in a dumpster one night. Ed left for Wyoming early Tuesday morning and the rest started home at about noon. They stopped atop the extinct Capulin Volcano in New Mexico and then on to Gardendale. Sondra returned home on Tuesday.

"What the world really needs is more love and less paperwork."

Pearl Bailey

RL students graduate at ASU

Three Robert Lee students at Angelo State University were among 238 students to receive degrees during the Summer commencement at the university.

Terri J. Blair received a Master of Education, with a major in Guidance & Counseling, Terri M. Lord received a Bachelor of Arts, with a major in Communication, and Donna L. Schultz received a Bachelor of Arts, with a major in English.

RL Senior Parent Meeting

All Robert Lee High School seniors and their parents are invited to a meeting with the counselor to discuss planning for post-secondary education. The meeting will be held on Monday, August 30 at 7:00 pm in the school cafeteria.

If you have any questions regarding this meeting, please contact Nita Rowley at Robert Lee High School at 453-4555.

Sheep & Goat Field Day set

The annual Sheep & Goat Field Day will be held Thursday, September 2, 1999 at the A&M Research and Extension Center located

on North Highway 87 near San Angelo.

Following registration at 9:30 am morning tours will include information on raised lamb feeding floor for fiber quality trials; a discussion on trade offs in selection emphasis for meat and wool production; Sheep and Hot Carcass Grading; vaccine resistant soremouth outbreak and finally status of nature tourism to enhance ranch income.

Lunch and industry updates will be from noon to 1:15 pm.

The afternoon will include topics on animal selection based on dietary preferences; discussion on Senate Bill 1 regional planning group efforts and finally update on the North Concho Watershed Project. The day's activities will conclude at 3:30 pm.

WCCCD Memorials

Recent contributions to the West Coke County Community Development's Pavilion Fund include the following memorials:

Laura Brown

Joan Davis, Jackie Walker

Wilma Carville

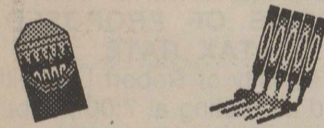
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Jackie Walker

Memorials may be given to the Pavilion project by mailing to: WCCCD, P O Box 226, Robert Lee, Texas 76945.

SCHOOL MENU



Breakfast

Monday, August 30
Orange Juice, Breakfast Burrito, Milk.

Tuesday, August 31
Orange Juice, Blueberry Muffin, Cold Cereal, Milk.

Wednesday, Sept. 1
Orange Juice, Donut, Cold Cereal, Milk.

Thursday, Sept. 2
Orange Juice, Breakfast Pizza, Milk.

Friday, Sept. 3
Orange Juice, Cinnamon Roll, Cold Cereal, Milk.

Lunch

Monday, August 30
Chicken Nuggets, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Homemade Rolls, Pears, Milk.

Tuesday, August 31
Frito Pie w/Cheese, Corn, Pinto Beans, Cake, Milk.

Wednesday, Sept. 1
Fish w/Tarter Sauce, Tator Tots, Blackeyed Peas, Hushpuppies, Peaches, Milk.

Thursday, Sept. 2
Roast w/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Homemade Rolls, Fruit Cocktail, Milk.

Friday, Sept. 3
Ham & Cheese Sub Sandwich, Potato Wedges, Pickle Spears, Fruit, Rice Krispy Treats, Milk.

BAND CALENDARS

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05-1tp

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124 Howard behind Chevron station in Bronte. Saturday, August 28th. Clothes, furniture, movies, toys, quilt scraps, craft supplies, yarn, clocks, and lots of misc. medical equipment.
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49a-EOW

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LORENZO DELAGARZA BENEFIT SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

On August 13, 1999 when Lorenzo threw out the first pitch to kick-off the Lorenzo DeLaGarza Midnight Madness Coed Softball Tournament, that in itself was a tremendous success after the three to four months he has had to endure. Follow that up with 30 hours of head-to-head competition, sportsmanship, donations and contributions and most of all, caring individuals and I had a setting for what would turn out to be a very rewarding and successful fundraiser.

I would like to thank all of the teams that, thru competition, supported and made the tournament possible. Thanks also to the following busi-

nesses for their sponsorship: Robert Lee State Bank, Bronte First National Bank, Ivey Motor Company, Inc., Angelo Awards, Frito-Lay, Inc., Host Ice, Co., Main Street Market, Texas Best DeFlooding and Carpet Cleaning, and Howell Woodrow Ice Machine Company.

* Thanks to Doug and Angie Hoyt for all of their help - you were life savers!

Thank you to the following individuals for their contribution: Danny Hoyt, Marty Boyd, David Rawlings, Rocky Rawls, Twanette Kelly, Terri Puentez, Estella Puentez, Mary Jane Cooper, Kenny White, Scottie McCorkle, and Rudy Balderas.

A very special thank you to my family - Dad, Mom, Bobby, Sally, Kathy, and Carol - just when I needed you most - Thanks again.

Lorenzo did the honors again in closing the tournament by presenting trophies and T-shirts to the winning teams. 1st place - Always Late - Sweetwater; 2nd place - Mix Company - Big Lake; 3rd place - IC Crew - Mertzon. MVP trophies were also presented.

Once again - thanks to everyone!!

Veronica Reyes
05a-1tc

NOTICES

SMALL TAXING UNIT NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX RATE

The City of Bronte will hold a meeting at 7:00 pm on September 9, 1999 at Bronte City Hall, located at 114 S. Washington, Bronte, Texas, to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 1999. The proposed tax rate is 0.370729 per \$100 of value.
05B-1tc

SMALL TAXING UNIT NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX RATE

The City of Robert Lee will hold a meeting at 7:00 pm on September 13, 1999 at Robert Lee City Hall, located at 6 E 7th St., Robert Lee, Texas, to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 1999. The proposed tax rate is 0.347908 per \$100 of value.

The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in City of Robert Lee by 3.62 percent.
05a-1tc

SMALL TAXING UNIT NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX RATE

The West Coke County Hospital District will hold a meeting at 5:00 pm on September 21, 1999 at the Robert Lee Care Center Board Room, 307 W. 8th St., Robert Lee, Texas, to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 1999. The proposed tax rate is 0.250000 per \$100 of value.
05a-1tc

ORDINANCE NO. 321 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AN ELECTION TO BE HELD FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSITION ADOPTING AN ADDITIONAL ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX WITH THE CITY TO BE USED FOR THE

...Classifieds

PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW OR EXPANDED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES ON THE FIRST TUESDAY AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY IN NOVEMBER, 1999, IN THE CITY OF BRONTE, TEXAS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRONTE, TEXAS:

Section 1. An election is hereby called to be held in the City of Bronte, Texas, on November 2, 1999, (being the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November), for the purpose of considering a proposition adopting an additional one-half percent sales and use tax within the City to be used for the promotion and development of new or expanded business enterprises authorized by Section 4A, Article 5190.6 V.T.C.S., as amended (The Development Corporation Act of 1979).

Passed and approved this 12th day of August, 1999.

Martin Lee, Mayor

Attest: Pat Martindale, City Secretary
05B-1tc

ORDENANZA MUNICIPAL NUMERO 321

UNA ORDENANZA MUNICIPAL PROVEINDO PARA UNA ELECCION DIRIGIDA PARA LA CONSIDERACION DE UNA PROPOSICION PARA ADOPTAR UNA MITAD DE UN PERCENTO DE IMPUESTO ADICIONAL SOBRE LAS VENTAS Y USOS CON EL PROPOSITO PARA PROMOVER EL DESARROLLO DE LAS EMPRESAS NUEVAS O EXPANDIDAS EN EL PRIMER MARTES DESPUES DEL PRIMER LUNES DE NOVIEMBRE, 1999 EN LA CIUDAD DE BRONTE, TEXAS.

LO SEA ORDENO POR EL CONSEJO MUNICIPAL DE LA CIUDAD DE BRONTE, TEXAS.

Seccion 1 Una eleccion por esto es llamado en la ciudad de Bronte, Texas en el dos de noviembre, 1999 (siendo el primer martes despues el primer lunes de noviembre) para una proposicion para adoptar una mitad de un percento de impuesto adicional sobre las ventas y usos por dentro de la ciudad con el proposito de promover el desarrollo de las empresas nuevas o expandidas que esta autorizado por Section 4A, Article 5190.6 V.T.C.S. como esta enmendado (The Development Corporation Act of 1979).

Pasado y aprobado este dia de doce de agosto, 1999.

Martin Lee, Alcalde

Attestigar: Pat Martindale, Secretaria de la Ciudad
05B-1tc

ORDINANCE #322 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #177 BY ADDING THERETO CERTAIN INTERSECTION AT WHICH YIELD SIGNS WILL BE PLACED.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRONTE, TEXAS, that Section 8, Schedule II of Ordinance #177 is amended by adding

thereto the following inter-section:

East McCaulley and Briarwood facing East & West.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 12TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1999.

APPROVED: MARTIN LEE Mayor

ATTEST: Pat Martindale, City Secretary
05B-1tc

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CONDUCT WEATHER MODIFICATION OPERATIONS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS

Date of the first of three weekly publications of this notice: August 20, 1999, in the Observer/Enterprise, published in Coke County.

1. Notice is hereby given that the Colorado River Municipal Water District, PO Box 869, Big Spring, Texas 79721-0869, has filed an application with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission for a State permit to conduct weather-modification operations to change, or attempt to change, the natural development of clouds for the purpose, objective, period, and by the method summarized herein below.

2. The Colorado River Municipal Water District has a valid Texas weather-modification license that was originally issued in 1975 and has been renewed annually. The most recent license renewal was granted by the Commission on October 16, 1998 and expires on August 31, 1999. An application by the District for renewal of its license for 2000 was filed by the CRMWD on June 15, 1999 and is now being considered by the Commission.

3. The purpose of weather-modification operations is to increase rainfall to affect the inflow of fresh water into the J.B. Thomas and E.V. Spence reservoirs located in Borden, Coke, and Scurry Counties of Texas. The requested period of the permit is four years from the date of issuance by the TNRCC.

4. The proposed weather-modification operation is to be conducted by and on behalf of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, PO Box 869, Big Spring, Texas 79721-0869.

5. The proposed weather-modification operation is to be carried out in both an operational area and a target area to cause the intended effects to occur only in the target area. The operational area includes the counties of Lynn, Garza, Kent, Fisher, Nolan, Coke, Sterling, Glasscock, Martin, and Dawson.

6. The area to be affected by the proposed weather-modification operation is the target area. The target area described as bounded by a line beginning at a point of origin at Big Spring, in Howard County, and running along Highway 87 in a northwesterly direction to Lamesa; thence, north-northeast on Highway 87 to the north border of Dawson County; thence, east along the northern boundary lines of Dawson, Borden, and Scurry Counties to Highway 84; thence, southeast along Highway 84 to Roscoe, in Nolan County; thence, south-southeast to Maryneal; thence, southerly to Robert

Lee, in Coke County; thence, westerly to Highway 87 at a point approximately thirteen miles northwest of Sterling City, in Sterling County; and thence, northwesterly along Highway 87 to the point of origin at Big Spring, Texas. That is, the target area includes all or part of Howard, Dawson, Borden, Scurry, Nolan, Coke, and Sterling Counties.

7. The methods and materials to be used in conducting this operation include a licensed meteorologist who will select cumuloform or other appropriate clouds for seeding, using a weather-radar display, standard meteorological analyses, forecast techniques, surface weather observations, and pilot reports. The licensed meteorologist will direct one or more aircraft equipped with flare racks or generators to dispense either glaciogenic or hygroscopic seeding material into the updraft portions of selected clouds to perform seeding operations.

8. Persons interested in knowing more about the technical aspects of the proposed operation should contact George Bomar, MC-160, TNRCC, PO Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, (512) 239-0770.

9. A public hearing on this application may be called by mailing a petition that requests a hearing to the Executive Director, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, PO Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. The petition must contain (1) the signature, full name, address and phone number of each person requesting the hearing; (2) a statement that each person is at least 18 years of age and resides or owns property in the operational area; and (3) a description of each person's interest and how that interest would be adversely affected. Requests for hearing must be received by the Commission within 30 days of the last day the Notice of Intention is published in week one of the mandatory three-week period required by 289.17(j) of Commission rules. If at least 25 eligible persons make written request, the Commission shall hold a public hearing on an application prior to issuance of a permit.

Individual members of the public who wish to inquire about the information contained in this notice, or to inquire about other agency permit applications or permitting procedures, should call the TNRCC Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. For more information concerning citizen participation, contact Blas J. Coy, Jr., Public Interest Council, MC-103, TNRCC, PO Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, (512) 239-6363.

04a-3tc

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COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

by Tommy Antilley
Coke County Agent

Preparation for small grain production

Hopefully, we will receive some showers to be able to sow our winter small grain crops either for grazing or grain production. There are several important decisions to make before we sow our grain.

First, fertility is probably the most limiting factor besides moisture. The best source of information for fertility is a soil test to see what is actually available in the soil. If a soil test has not been taken, there are a few rules of thumb to assist in determining fertilizer needs. For forage production, small grains will use about 60-70 pounds of nitrogen per ton of forage, 20-40 pounds of phosphorous and 20-40 pounds of potassium for each ton of forage produced. Another way of figuring fertility requirement is that for each 100 pounds of beef produced per acre small grain will use 30-40 pounds of nitrogen. For grain production, it takes 2 pounds of Nitrogen and 0.8 pounds of phosphorous to produce one bushel of grain.

Secondly, moisture is the most limiting factor we have. Through several field trials where grain was sown at different intervals of mid-August, early October and mid-November results show the August planted wheat used most of the available moisture before spring resulting in lower forage production in the spring. In contrast, the November planted grain couldn't use the early moisture and produced most of its forage in the spring. The October planted grain produced about half its forage in the fall and about half in the spring. If you need early grazing, plant early, if you need spring grazing wait until October.

Field preparation is also very important to consider. Small grains need to be sown in a weed free, firm seed bed. This firm seed bed is very important for emergence of all small grains. One of the worst practices you can do is sow right behind the tandem. If your drill does not have depth bands, sowing grain behind the tandem can cause the seed to be planted too deep. When the seed has enough moisture to sprout and send up the coleoptile, or first emerged leaf, if the seed is too deep the coleoptile will not emerge through the soil line and die, resulting in poor stands.

If grain is to be grazed, about 2/3's of the nitrogen needs to be applied at or near planting. If it is for grain production only, then 30-40% needs to be applied in the fall and the rest in the spring, if moisture conditions are favorable. With the unpredictability of our rainfall, it is a wise idea to split the fertilizer applications so that you don't put all your eggs in one basket, so to speak. One major important fact of small grain fertility is that the fertility levels at or near emergence of small grain can genetically determine the future production of that crop. If the fertility level is too low at this critical time, no amount of fertilizer and moisture can greatly enhance the pre-determined genetic potential of a grain crop.

Another key factor is what kind of small grain to sow. If you are going to strictly graze the crop out, there are several options to use. Beardless varieties of wheat such as WinTex, WinMaster or Russian have performed well in forage tests in this area, plus the awnless heads allow for more complete graze out by livestock. Also, if grazing is the only purpose of the crop, a producer might want to mix early and late maturing varieties together for extended grazing or mix oats, rye, and Triticale for increased forage production.


For more information on varieties or small grain production, contact the Coke County Extension office at (915) 453-2461.

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4-H seeks members

The Coke County Extension Agents will be conducting 4-H meetings in Bronte and Robert Lee to kick off the 4-H year. Any youth who is either 9 years old or 8 years old and in the 3rd grade and has not reached their 19th birthday by August 31, 1999 is eligible to become a 4-H member. Meetings in Robert Lee will be held the first Wednesday of the month beginning September 1, 1999. The senior 4-H group for grades 7-12 will meet during the lunch break in the Home Economics room and the junior 4-H group for grades 3-6 will meet at 3:30 in the cafeteria. Bronte 4-H meetings will be held the 2nd Wednesday of the month beginning September 8, 1999. The senior 4-H group will meet during the lunch break in the Ag building and the junior 4-H group for grades 3-6 will meet after school in the library.

All 4-H members must attend at least one half of scheduled 4-H meetings prior to any major event or activity (ie: food show, stock show, etc.) to be eligible to participate.

4-H is open to any youth regardless of sex, religion, race, socio-economic level, color, disability, or national origin, who meet the age requirement listed above.

Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in these meetings are encouraged to contact the Coke County Extension Office at 915-453-2461 to determine how reasonable accommodations can be made.

Being a member of 4-H offers vast opportunities to gain valuable experience in leadership, learning responsibility, interaction with others and knowledge in several project areas. Many people have the misconception that 4-H members only learn to cook, sew or have livestock projects, but 4-H is "more than just cooking and cows". Youth can participate in project areas including: gardening, horticulture, electricity, shooting sports, archery, government, wildlife, dog care and training, poultry, and numerous other learning experiences. Through project work, being on judging teams, public speaking, method demonstrations and other 4-H areas, youth can learn valuable lessons in responsibility, being able to think for themselves, be able to speak in front of groups and other beneficial lessons to help them in their lives later.

Festival set for September

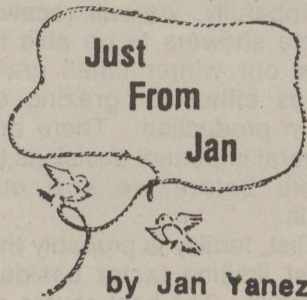
It's a red-hot weekend of cool jazz and blues when the fifth annual Cactus Jazz and Blues Festival heats up this September 9-11 in San Angelo.

Thursday, September 9, guitarist Stanley Jordan will perform, followed by jazz and blues vocalist Sweet Baby J'ai on Friday, September 10th and saxophonist Tom Braxton on Saturday September 11th.

For more information call 915-653-6793.

on. Also, 4-H is not just for youth - adults and parents are encouraged to become involved as volunteer leaders to assist in club meetings and various project groups.

Additional information can be obtained from the Coke County Extension Service office in the county courthouse or by calling 915-453-2461.



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Caffeine pick-me-up

Caffeine, a non-nutrient substance commonly used all over the world, is a drug naturally present in many foods and beverages and is a common addition to others. Caffeine acts as a stimulant. It stimulates the central nervous system.

Many people use caffeine to help them stay alert or awake or to "jump start" their day. Caffeine also stimulates intestinal movement. Gastric acids in the stomach are stimulated by caffeine. This may cause problems for individuals with gastrointestinal disorders and it may aggravate existing ulcers.

Caffeine affects the urinary tract. It is a diuretic and increases urine output and speeds up fluid losses. Caffeine is a potent drug that affects many systems of the body. Too much caffeine has been shown to cause symptoms like dizziness, agitation, irritability, upset stomach and nausea.

For most people, moderate doses of caffeine, the equivalent of 2 to 3 cups of coffee a day, are probably harmless. It is possible to take in too much caffeine. Mega doses, exceeding 1000 mg daily, can lead to "caffeine intoxication".

Pregnant and lactating women should remove caffeine from their diets.

Establishing back-to-school routines

Back to school means new clothes, new shoes, and a new routine. "Parents can help their children get ready for school by establishing guidelines for bedtime, schoolwork, chores, and extracurricular activities," said Dr. Michelle Forrester with the Learning Support Center at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston.

If there have been no bedtime restrictions during the summer, a couple of weeks before school begin to send your child to bed a little earlier

each night until you arrive at an appropriate bedtime. Include time for bathing, selecting clothes for the next day, and a bedtime story.

Prioritize activities and establish an appropriate time for your child to complete homework assignments.

Prepare lunch and breakfast items in the evening, when possible. Also gather books and other materials that need to be taken to school and place near the door.

Pruitt celebrates 95th birthday

Mrs. Ella Leona Pruitt was honored Saturday, July 10, 1999 with a 95th birthday party in the fellowship hall of Central Baptist Church, the church she grew up in. She was born July 15, 1904 near Bronte. She is the daughter of early day pioneers, Joseph Warren "Collie" Caldwell Warner and Lennie Esther Herron Warner. She was the third daughter of seven children.

She was married to Noah Lafayette Pruitt, Sr. on January 28, 1922 and they celebrated 61 years of marriage before his death in 1983. They were the parents of four children, all of whom were born northeast of Bronte, Noah L. Pruitt, Jr., Kenneth Dwain Pruitt, Maxine Pruitt Labenske, all presently living in Bronte and Donald Francis Pruitt of Fairfield, Texas who was unable to attend the celebration.

Ella has six granddaughters, Carolyn Diane Pruitt of Ft. Lupton, Colorado; Janice Dell McCalman of Cypress; Donna Suzanne Hooper of Denver, Colorado; Deborah Sue Ball of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Norma Lynn Allbright of Hot Springs Village, Arkansas; and Cynthia



Ella Leona Pruitt

Ellen Pruitt of Fairfield, Texas.

Ella lives in the family home, drives her car and is active in Central Baptist where she taught Sunday school for many years. One of the highlights of her days is attending the Senior Citizen Center playing a great game of dominoes and quilting every time the door is open. She continues to send food to families she has been associated with throughout her life.

Other immediate family attending the party were Billy Dan Labenske, Bernice Pruitt, Dorthey Pruitt, all of Bronte, and Brooks Ball of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The tea table held 12 long stemmed roses with a decorated birthday cake, mints, nuts, and punch served by her granddaughters alternating with the register.

A table displayed a large picture of the honoree with numerous pictures dating back to WWII. Many people graced her with their presents as well as numerous cards.

Those attending were

Warren and Betty Beaver, Jacie, and Tasha of Ingram; Ollie K. Hogue of Dallas; Doug and Tricia Duboise of Austin; Montie Sanker and Mary Webster of Ozona; Fred Wood of Odessa; Fred Wood of Odessa; Karla Nadia of Abilene; Norman Hogue of Duncanville; Larry Galzo of Wichita, Kansas; Doris Conley of San Angelo; Mary Snyder, Dumas; Jimmy and Lola Beth Rogers of San Angelo; Christine Clark, Helen Kirkland, Ida Lou Oliphant, J.L. Alexander, Royce Clark, Maude Clark, Randy and Georgia Johnson, Joyce Decker, Pearl Mae and Murl Andrews, Paul and Joyce Pruitt, Dora Galloway, Mary Percifull, Eddie and Earlene Alexander, Geneva Minnick, Bill Foreman, Lorene Phillips, Earnest and Mary Gowdy, Carl and Pauline Blair, Bill and Diane Luckett, Dean Pope, Karla Clark, and Effie Corley and all her immediate family.

The immediate family had a dinner later in the evening in the fellowship hall.



Child Find

Do you know of a child, ages birth to 22, who needs special help to succeed in school or who isn't developing on level, and is not currently receiving services?

If you do, please contact:

Small Schools Cooperative
Marsha Lindahl, Director

3132 Executive Drive • San Angelo, Texas 76904
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