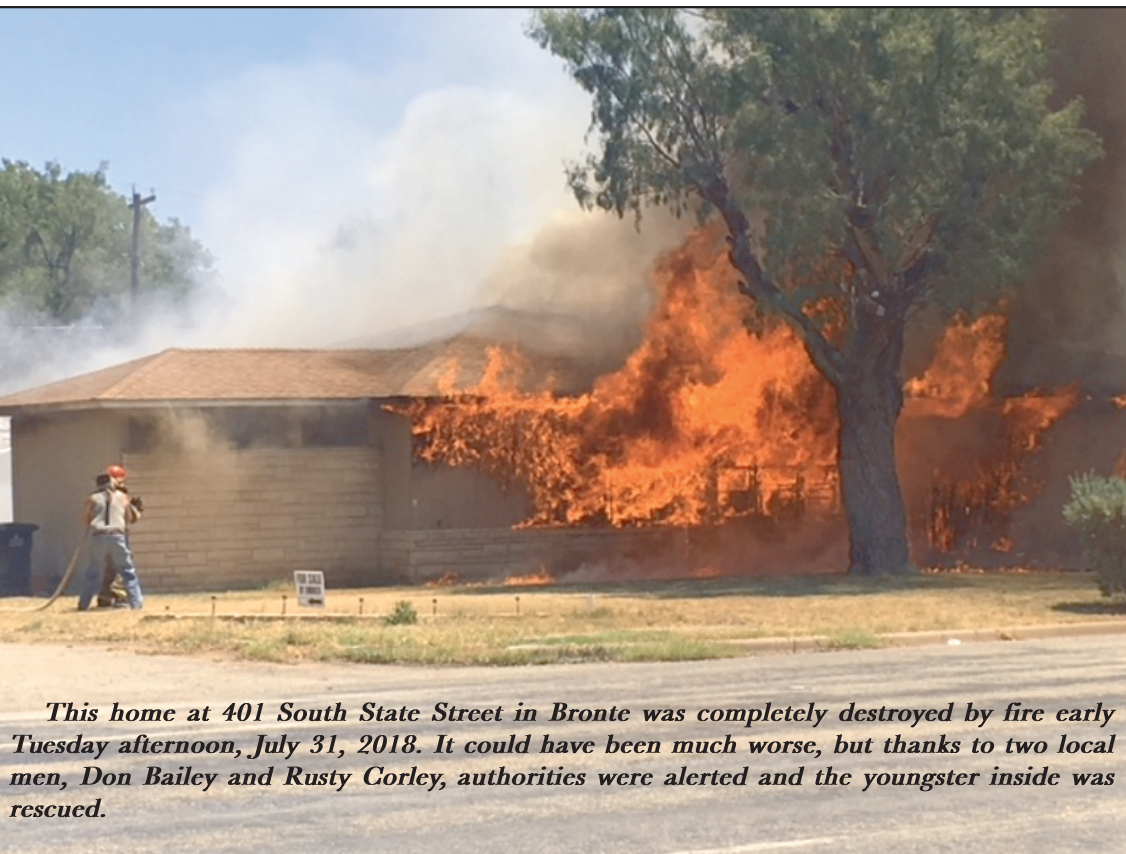


On Thursday morning, April 19, 2018, a truck loading condensate (drip gas) at the compressor station approximately 6 miles north of Bronte on US Highway 277 caught fire, possibly due to a wind change blowing vapors across the truck's engine. The experienced driver, Tony Holland, was able to shut off valves before escaping to safety. This action prevented the fire from reaching the storage tanks at the site. Traffic was diverted onto Morrow Loop and Old Highway Road for over an hour as the truck burned. Emergency responders included members of the Coke County Sheriff's Office, Bronte Volunteer Fire Department, Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department and Coke County Constable Marty Boyd. The two fire pictures to the right were from grass fires last spring.



This home at 401 South State Street in Bronte was completely destroyed by fire early Tuesday afternoon, July 31, 2018. It could have been much worse, but thanks to two local men, Don Bailey and Rusty Corley, authorities were alerted and the youngster inside was rescued.



The creek pictures are from the creek west of Blackwell (far bottom right and above left) which filled Oak Creek Lake. The other picture shows Dripping Springs west of Robert Lee. All three pictures were from the rains which fell in September and October.

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and Rain!**

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