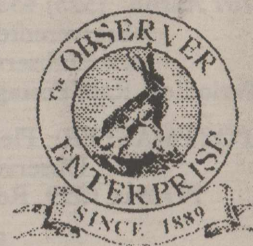


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Movie in the Park to be held Friday

Movie in the Park will be held Friday, June 15, at the Bronte Park Pavilion. The event is set to begin at sunset (approximately 8:45 pm). A concession stand will be available with proceeds going to Restoring Bronte Foundation.

RL Community Watch Meeting set for June 19

A Robert Lee Community Watch Meeting will be held Tuesday, June 19, at 6 pm, at the Family Life Center at First United Methodist Church.

This meeting is open to anyone who wants to be part of the solution and is interested in becoming a member of the Robert Lee Community Watch. Judge Blair will be the guest speaker and Sheriff McCutchen will be there again to answer any questions you may have.

Private Pesticide Applicator Training slated for June 26

Texas A&M Agrilife Extension in Coke County will conduct a Private Pesticide Applicator

Training on Tuesday, June 26, 2018. Registration will begin at 8:30 am with the training from 9 am until 1 pm. This training is for those that are seeking a Texas Department of Agriculture private applicator license. Registration is due upon arrival and includes study materials.

Please RSVP by email to morgan.runyan@ag.tamu.edu.

Cattlemen's Gathering slated for June 22

The Texas Angus Association is sponsoring a Cattlemen's Gathering on Friday, June 22, 2018, from 9 am until 3 pm (lunch will be provided). The event will be held at the Angelo State University MIR Center, located at 7945 Grape Creek Road, in San Angelo.

Mark Gardiner will speak, as well as representatives from the American Angus Association and Certified Angus Beef®. Industry leading information will be provided, as well as open discussion on how to move forward with your cattle, registered or commercial.

Please RSVP to Ronnie Foley



Ribbon Cutting! Vision with a Purpose hosted a semiformal event Saturday evening, June 9, 2018, that included a ribbon cutting ceremony. The event showcased the renovation efforts that have taken place over the last several months on the new VP Headquarters and Event Center, located on Austin Street in Robert Lee. The Event Center is available to rent for weddings, parties, or any kind of celebration or meeting. It has a fully stocked kitchen, tables and chairs, elevator, sound system, and decor.

at (903) 450-6320 or ronnie@foleyangusranch.com or Joel Hopper at (214) 507-8854 or joelhopper@gmail.com.

RLBC summer lunch delivery available

Robert Lee Baptist Church will be delivering lunches to children ages 4 - 18 at home within the city limits of Robert Lee. The lunches are delivered every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday June 11 through August 10. There are no qualifications to be included, just forms for delivery. The forms may be picked up at the church, Monday through Friday, 8 am - 5 pm.

For more information, contact the church at 453-2724 or Erin Oleksiuk at 656-9884.

4th of July celebration set at BHRC

Bronte Health and Rehab Center will host their annual 4th

of July celebration. The event will include a silent auction and the famous Ed Cumbie auction, along with hot dogs, watermelon, and other goodies. Funds raised go to support the BHRC Auxiliary.

However, with deep regret the BHRC Auxiliary will not be hosting fireworks this year. The cost has gone up and the number of patrons at BHRC that can enjoy the fireworks has gone down. The Auxiliary hopes that another organization may consider taking on this project.

RL Mini Cheer Camp slated for July 30 - August 3

The Robert Lee High School Cheerleaders will host their annual Mini Cheer Camp July 30 through August 3. The camp will be held from 9 am until 11 am each day at the school tennis

courts. Snacks will be available for sale and students will need to bring a water bottle each day of camp. Also new Steer shirts will be for sale that week.

For more information, contact Maranda Hood by email at maranda.hood@rlisd.net.

Vacation Bible School set for RLBC

Robert Lee Baptist Church will hold Vacation Bible School July 9 through July 13, from 5:30 pm until 8:30 pm. Children going in to Pre-K through 6th grade are invited to attend. A pool party will complete the week on July 13.

For more information, contact Robert Lee Baptist Church at 453-2724.

Water Aerobics to be held

Ladies water aerobics will be held each Monday and Thursday at the Bronte Pool, beginning at 6:15 pm.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Friday, June 15

Movie in the Park at Sunset (approx. 8:45 pm),
Park Pavilion, Bronte

Monday, June 11

Ladies Water Aerobics, 6:15 pm,
Bronte Pool

Tuesday, June 19

Robert Lee - Silver Lions Club Meeting, 6:30 am,
Old Jail Annex, Robert Lee

Robert Lee Community Watch Meeting, 6 pm,
Family Life Center, First United Methodist Church, Robert Lee

Thursday, June 21

Ladies Water Aerobics, 6:15 pm,
Bronte Pool

Bronte City Council Meeting, 6:30 pm,
Bronte City Hall

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Obituaries



Caudle

Neva Sue Moore Caudle, 78, of Brownwood, formally of Bronte, went to be with her Lord and Savior Monday evening, June 4, 2018. Visitation was held all day Thursday, June 7, 2018 at Shaffer Funeral Home in Bronte with family present from 6 pm until 8 pm. A celebration of life was held at 10 am, Friday, June 8, 2018, at First Baptist Church of Bronte. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Sue was born October 12, 1939, in Putnam, Texas, to F. D. and Ruth (Wink) Moore. She attended and graduated from Cisco Junior College where she played basketball. Sue met J. W. Caudle in 1958 and they were married June 6, 1959. They lived in Ballinger before settling in Bronte where they lived for 53 years.

Sue was a longtime member of First Baptist Church of Bronte where she was very active. She was a member of the Red Hat Society and an avid golfer.

Sue is survived by her son, David Caudle and wife Jannette of Early; granddaughters, Angela Urban and Michael of Fort Benning, Georgia, and Lindsey Caudle of San Angelo; three great-grandsons, Cannon, Case, and Pierce; brother, Ernest Moore of Brownwood; sisters, Faye Emmons of San Diego, California, and Louise Gonce of Lawton, Oklahoma.

Sue was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, J. W.; daughter, Glenda Caudle; and brother, Clovis Moore.

Online condolences may be made at www.shafferpioneer.com.

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United Way to award Venture Grants

The United Way of the Concho Valley announced that venture grants will be awarded to fund qualifying projects in the 14 counties that comprise the Concho Valley, which includes Coke County.

A venture grant is a small, non-recurring grant designed to fund local projects of non-profit organizations that have a 501(c)(3) IRS tax status. Grant requests may not exceed \$5,000. To obtain a 2018 United Way of the Concho Valley Venture Grant application form or for more information, please contact Robyn Flores at the United Way office at (325) 949-3716. Applications for project grants must be submitted by 4 pm, Friday, June 29, 2018.

The Power of a Table

by James M. Decker

The surprising recent death of Anthony Bourdain brought a couple of topics into focus for me that I feel called to write about today. A celebrity chef, author, television host, and adventurer, Bourdain traveled the world finding the best of food, drink, and people in places that most Americans never get to visit. He seemingly had a dream life, until his troubles overtook him. His passing is a stark reminder that anyone can have struggles, no matter how magical their life seems to be. If a man who got to travel the world eating, drinking,



Art Gallery! The Robert Lee Senior Citizens Center "Lunch Bunch" visits in their art gallery. The group includes (from left to right) Kathleen Wright, Brenda Ellis, Joan Cantrell, Susan Milligan, Joyce Roach, and Rachel McAdoo.

and meeting interesting people still struggled with his life, there's no shame in "regular" folks like us having our own struggles.

That's my hope and prayer for anyone who reads this. If you are struggling in life, whether a passing dark cloud or prolonged difficulties, don't be afraid, ashamed, or hesitant to tell someone. Talk to a friend, family member, or trusted professional, or if you are hesitant to do that, talk to me. On the flip side, don't be hesitant to reach out to others and ask how they're doing. Check on them. Send them an uplifting message. Be a friend. Life can be hard and there's nothing wrong with admitting that. We're all in this life together and we're all going to stumble in the race here and there. When we're able to do so, we should look to help that brother or sister who is stumbling and pick them up until they can get back to running on their own.

Anthony Bourdain had a vision of food that is on my mind and opens up something I want to discuss in more detail next week. *Men's Journal* wrote that Bourdain's career showed the unifying power of food - "how a

shared meal can break barriers, challenge assumptions, and build bridges." Bourdain himself told National Public Radio that the best way for people to understand each other is over a meal. He said, "if you sit down with people and just say, 'hey, what makes you happy? What's your life like? What do you like to eat?' More often than not, they will tell you extraordinary things, many of which have nothing to do with food."

That unifying power of food is on my mind today. Anthony Bourdain showed it on a worldwide level, but how powerful can it be in our local communities? If we're honest, unless we're Mayberry (spoiler alert, we're not), then each of our communities has some form of division to overcome.

Whether reckoning with a segregated past or dealing with recent political tensions, there are bridges to cross in our communities. Crossing these bridges will bring together our people into a single unifying purpose, our most important purpose in 2018, growing our community for a prosperous rural future.

More on this topic is coming in the future, but in the meantime, I leave you with this thought: maybe sharing a meal is the way we bring our communities together as one.

James Decker is a lawyer, farmer, and mayor in Stamford, and the creator of the forthcoming "West of 98" podcast and website. He may be contacted through Facebook at [facebook.com/james.decker](https://www.facebook.com/james.decker).

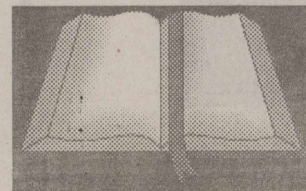
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Bronte
Bronte Church of Christ
 PO Box 346
 118 S. Jefferson • Bronte
 Preacher David Lewis
 Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm
Central Baptist Church
 324 S. Franklin • Bronte
 (325) 473-4811
 Dale Patterson, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School
 11 am & 5 pm Worship
First Baptist Church
 424 S. Washington • Bronte
 (325) 473-2331 • Pastor Lee Bevly
 Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,
 10:55 am Worship, 6 pm Bible
 Study & Worship
 Wednesday 6 pm RA's & GA's,
 6:30 pm Youth & Adults
First United Methodist Church
 Corner of Washington & Holmes
 Bronte
 (325) 473-3281
 Rev. Everette Boyce, Pastor
 Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship
Forgiven Ministries
 117 W. Main, Bronte
 Russ Frasier, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am
 Tuesday 6 pm Table Time
St. James Catholic Church
 215 N. Washington, Bronte
 (325) 365-2687
 Rev. Yesu Mulakaleti, Jr., Pastor
 Sunday Bilingual Mass 8 am
4C Cowboy Church
 Texas Theater, Downtown Bronte
 Pastor James Brunson
 Sunday, 10:30 am

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 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship



Robert Lee
Bible Baptist Church
 PO Box 938 • 9th & Austin
 Robert Lee, John Fiore, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School, 11 am
 Worship, Wed 5:30 pm Bible Study
Emmanuel Pentecostal
 PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy
 Pastor Kevin Millstid 453-2360
 Sundays 10 am, Wednesdays 7 pm
First United Methodist Church
 PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
 Robert Lee • (325) 453-2417
 Cyndi Weidner, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School
 11 am Worship, 5 pm Choir Practice
Iglesia Bautista Betel
 101 Houston • Robert Lee
 Sun. 9:45 am • Sunday School
 11 am Service • Bible Study Wed. 6 pm
Southside Church of Christ
 PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
 Robert Lee (325) 453-2176
 Recardo Reyes, Preacher
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6 pm, Worship
Northside Church of Christ
 PO Box 508
 9th & Chadbourne • Robert Lee
 (325) 453-2685, (806) 543-2118 or
 (325) 473-1053
 Services: Sun. 10 am
Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
 601 W. 10th, Robert Lee
 (325) 365-2687
 Rev. Yesu Mulakaleti, Pastor
 Saturday Vigil Mass 5 pm
Robert Lee Baptist Church
 PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
 (325) 453-2724
 Danny White, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship
 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting
Victory Assembly of God
 (325) 453-2208, PO Box 638
 6th & Houston, Robert Lee
 Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study
Tennyson
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 Hwy 277 • Tennyson
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 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
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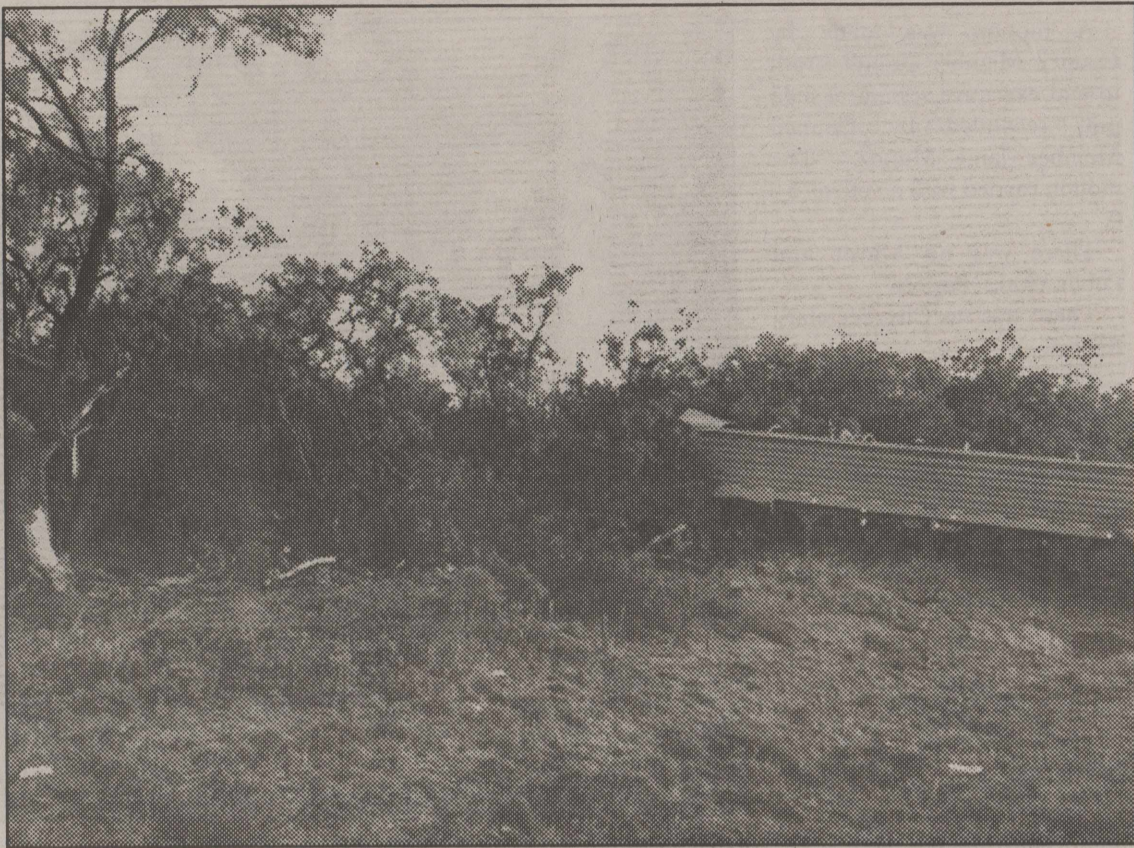
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Accident! This truck took a little detour in to the pasture attempting to avoid a deer in the road. The accident happened early Tuesday morning, June 12, 2018, near Tennyson Baptist Church on Highway 277.



Robert Lee City Council Meeting Minutes

The Robert Lee City Council met in regular session May 28, 2018, at 6 pm at City Hall.

Those present included Mayor Allyson Crenshaw, Mayor Pro Tem Roger Alexander, Council Member Brandi Brosh, Council Member Ricky Green, Council Member Janie Munoz, and Council Member Billy Williams.

A quorum was established and the invocation was provided by Roger Alexander.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

There were no citizen comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Roger Alexander made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2018, Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ricky Green and the motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Mayor Pro Tem Roger Alexander made a motion, seconded by Council Member Brandi Brosh, to discuss allowing the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department (RLVFD) to maintain and control all of the fire department accounts and signature cards.

A request was made by Mark Sides to include the following as signators for fire department accounts and signature cards for the following accounts:

RLVFD Checking - Ryan Stanford, Mark Sides, Ross Torres, Rick Drennan, Roger C. Alexander, Jr.;

RLVFD Savings - Ryan Stanford, Mark Sides, Ross Torres, Rick Drennan, Roger C. Alexander, Jr.;

Relief & Retirement Checking - Ryan Stanford, Mark Sides, Ross Torres, Rick Drennan, Roger C. Alexander, Jr.;

Relief & Retirement Savings) - Ryan Stanford, Mark Sides, Ross Torres, Rick Drennan,

Roger C. Alexander, Jr.

Crystal Stanford will maintain the RLVFD bank statements and records.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roger Alexander to approve of appointing Ryan Stanford, Mark Sides, Ross Torres, Rick Drennan, and Roger C. Alexander, Jr. as signators for the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department. The motion, seconded by Council Member Janie Munoz, carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

A motion was made by Council Member Brandi Brosh, seconded by Council Member Ricky Green, to discuss an easement request from AEP. The easement goes through the City landfill and revenue will be in the amount \$1,230. The easement request needs to specify installation only. The Council requests City Attorney Jeff Betty to review the easement request documents. A motion was made by Council Member Brandi Brosh to table the easement request from AEP and was seconded by Council Member Janie Munoz. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

A motion was made by Council Member Janie Munoz, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Roger Alexander, to discuss a citizen's request for water and sewer connections from the City of Robert Lee. City staff state water services may be accessible from the City of Robert Lee, however a sewer connection may be unavailable due to elevation of property. The citizen understands and agrees to find other options for sewage. Water and sewer tap fees shall be paid by citizen if connections are available.

A motion was made by Council Member Brandi Brosh to allow City staff to install a water tap and sewer if accessible. The motion,

seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Roger Alexander, carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roger Alexander to discuss municipal judge options for the City of Robert Lee and was seconded by Council Member Janie Munoz. Judge Jackie Walker resigned from the City of Robert Lee as Municipal Judge in October 2017. Judge Walker is willing to reinstate her duties as Municipal Judge. The monthly salary for Municipal Judge services will be in the amount of \$150 per month. A motion was made by Council Member Billy Williams, seconded by Council Member Brandi Brosh, to appoint Judge Jackie Walker as the Municipal Judge for the City of Robert Lee. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roger Alexander to discuss water billing issues and was seconded by Council Member Brandi Brosh.

The Fire Department \$2.00 donation has always been optional; however the current application for city utility services left this option off. Utility applications will be revised or a separate form will allow citizens an option to donate funds to the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department.

City office computers were not networked properly and have not been sharing data with each other causing numerous issues.

Various citizens have multiple accounts and accounts will be consolidated prior to the June bills being mailed out.

In the fall of 2017, the City Council voted and passed a motion that the City of Robert Lee no longer offer payment extensions and/or payment arrangements to citizens. City staff and previous mayor

continued to provide payment extensions against Council's request.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roger Alexander to consolidate accounts with a past due balance and allow citizens until August 31, 2018, to pay consolidated and past due balances. The motion, seconded by Council Member Ricky Green, carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Council Member Ricky Green made a motion to remove extension agreements and was seconded by Council Member Billy Williams. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Council Member Janie Munoz made a motion to list the minimum disconnection amount to be \$100.00 and was seconded by Council Member Ricky Green. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roger Alexander and seconded by Council Member Janie Munoz to table discussion on collection accounts until accounts have been consolidated. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Mayor Pro Tem Roger Alexander made a motion, seconded by Council Member Brandi Brosh, to discuss ordinance and code enforcement.

Sheriff Wayne McCutchen presented ordinance enforcement services available to the City of Robert Lee. The Coke County Sheriff's Office can enforce city ordinance and codes within the Robert Lee City limits for \$1,000.00 per month, which would include 4 full time deputies, 24 hour a day/7 days a week coverage, equipment, dispatch, and back-up for officers and animal control worker.

The Council requests an agreement between the City of Robert Lee and the Coke County Sheriff's Office be reviewed by City Attorney Jeff Betty.

A motion was by Council

Member Billy Williams to have City Attorney Jeff Betty review the contract and that a budget amendment include code enforcement expense. The motion was seconded by Council Member Janie Munoz and carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Mayor Pro Tem Roger Alexander made a motion to discuss animal control and was seconded by Council Member Brandi Brosh.

Mayor Allyson Crenshaw reported the possibility of creating an interlocal agreement with the City of Bronte for one animal control officer and animal shelter for both cities. No action was taken.

A motion was made by Council Member Brandi Brosh, seconded by Council Member Janie Munoz, to discuss the Convenience Center hours and salary.

A suggestion was to hire someone (not a City employee) and contract them as a Convenience Center operator or pay a current city employee their regular hourly wage for the time at the convenience center.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roger Alexander to pay City staff the same amount they are paid as City employees when working at the Convenience Center. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ricky Green and carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Mayor Pro Tem Roger Alexander made a motion to begin/continue the process of hiring of the City Superintendent and was seconded by Council Member Billy Williams. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Council Member Brandi Brosh made a motion to discuss a bid from Precision Construction and was seconded by Council Member Janie Munoz.

A quote was obtained from a previous City Council meeting for glass security at the front desk in the amount \$5,400.00. The City had purchased security cameras months earlier, but cameras had never been utilized.

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...RL City Council Meeting Minutes

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A request was made to not install glass security at the front desk as the cameras had been installed by city staff at the request of current mayor. The Council was asked to consider a quote for the installation of lights, air conditioning unit, electrical outlets, and doors to convert a storage room into a Mayor's office in the amount \$3,450.00.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roger Alexander to approve of the quote for a Mayor's office and was seconded by Council Member Ricky Green. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Council Member Brandi Brosh made a motion to combine agenda items 5.12 and 5.13 for discussion, seconded by Council Member Ricky Green. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

The office of mayor is an elected official and not considered an employee; each elected official has the ability to fulfill duties of the office as each official sees fit.

Mayor Allyson Crenshaw requested that the pay raise requested by previous mayor be rescinded and the pay be returned to \$300 monthly.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roger Alexander to rescind previous motions declaring the Mayor position as a full-time position and rescind the increase in pay, seconded by Council Member Ricky Green. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

In order for the Mayor to be covered by City vehicle insurance, the Council must vote to allow or prevent the Mayor from driving a city vehicle. Mayor Crenshaw made it clear she would only occasionally be using a city vehicle and only to conduct city business or attend out of town training.

Mayor Pro Tem Roger Alexander made a motion to approve of the mayor driving a City vehicle to conduct City business and was seconded by Council Member Janie Munoz. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Council Member Brandi Brosh, seconded by Council Member Ricky Green, made a motion to discuss the lift station update and bid.

Beginning in February 2018, 3D's Plumbing had been pumping sewage out of the lift station 2 to 3 times per week for at least six weeks, possibly as long as 12 weeks, costing approximately \$3,500 - \$4,000 each week.

A temporary pump was installed and plumbed in May 2018 and costing \$2,500.00. Broken pipe, chain, and other debris were cleared from the lift station.

The new rail system and permanent pumps will be installed after determining if the current fiberglass floor and walls can be repaired or must be

replaced.

No action was taken, discussion only.

A motion was made by Council Member Brandi Brosh to discuss invoices not paid within reasonable timeframe, seconded by Council Member Janie Munoz.

Numerous bills incurred by the City of Robert Lee had not been paid in several months and some accounts had not received payment since 2017. Some delinquent invoices not paid by the City had been sent to collections. The city is sending payments owed to vendors in efforts to become current as quickly as possible. Accounts in collections will be paid directly to the vendor instead of to the collection agency.

No action was taken, discussion only.

A motion was made by Council Member Ricky Green to discuss TCEQ letter of enforcement, violations, and fines, seconded by Council Member Brandi Brosh.

TCEQ had submitted letters to the City of Robert Lee requesting response for violations that had not been corrected since before December 2017. TCEQ stated Robert Lee would receive a letter of enforcement and fines for the violations and lack of response to requests for information and action. City attorney, Jeff Betty, contacted TCEQ on behalf of the City and was able to negotiate an additional 30 days to comply with TCEQ before fines would be assessed.

No action was taken, discussion only.

A motion was made by Council Member Ricky Green to discuss Comptroller's Office issues and seconded by Council Member Janie Munoz.

Previous City staff had not submitted the Texas Sales and Use Tax report to the Texas Comptroller's Office since November 2017. The Comptroller's Office froze City accounts in March 2018 and withdrew estimated tax owed. Sales tax reimbursement was withheld starting in April 2018 and will continue to be withheld until the City files reports and made sales tax payments.

Current City staff will submit delinquent reports and make payments as well as remain current from this point forward.

No action was taken, discussion only.

Mayor Pro Tem Roger Alexander made a motion to exit into Executive Session at 8:31 pm and was seconded by Council Member Janie Munoz.

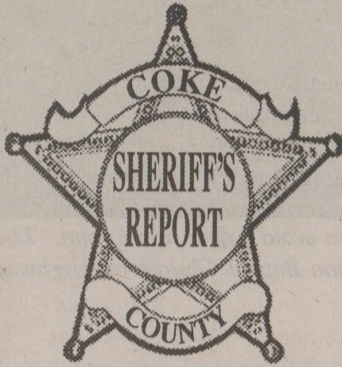
A motion was made by Council Member Brandi Brosh to end executive session at 8:35 pm, seconded by Council Member Janie Munoz. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

There was no Mayor and Public Works Report.

There was no City Secretary Report.

There was no request of future agenda items.

Council Member Brandi Brosh made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm and was seconded by Council Member Janie Munoz. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.



Arrests and Dispositions May 2018

Goldsmith, Matthew, Driving While License Invalid, 5-2-18;

Hyatt, Christopher, Motion to Revoke Probation, 5-2-18;

Canales, Leslie, Driving While Intoxicated, 5-5-18;

Bilbrey, Gary, Criminal Trespass, Parole Warrant, 5-7-18

Torres, Jacob, Theft of a Firearm, 5-23-18;

Torres, Damacio, Driving While License Invalid, 5-29-18.

There were no District Court Dispositions.

There were no County Court Dispositions.

Sheriff's Report

The following reports were made by Coke County Sheriff's Office for the month of May 2018.

Sheriff's Info Report - 5

Civil Matter - 5

Criminal Mischief - 2

Burglary of a Vehicle - 1

Burglary of a Building - 1

Theft - 1

Claiming Lottery Prize by

Fraud - 1

Graffiti - 3

Public Service (includes

Funerals, Court, Motorist Assist,

and Alarm Calls, etc) - 340

Civil Process - 1

Prisoner Transport (including

arrest and to and from court) -

10

Warrants Served - 2

Livestock Calls - 36

Accidents - 5

Accident Assist - 0

Traffic Stops - 31

Traffic Stops resulting in

citations - 21

Total inmates in Runnels



Hummer House! Iris Standifer holds a hummingbird in her hand during an outing to the Hummer House in Christoval. The trip was arranged by Abby Bounds, the new director of the Robert Lee Senior Citizens Center.

County Jail as of Thursday, June 7, 2018:

Males - 6.

Area farmers, ranchers encourage farm bill passage

The recent failure of the U.S. House of Representatives to pass a full, five-year farm bill has farmers and ranchers across Coke County and the nation concerned with the future of programs vital to the safety and security of the American food system.

"Every day, farmers, ranchers and dairymen contend with the weather, low commodity prices and the steady drop in farm income, but they still work to ensure we have a safe and affordable food and fiber supply," John Ross Copeland, Coke County Farm Bureau president, said. "Agriculture needs farm safety net programs like those outlined in the farm bill to address critical shortfalls in risk protection for farmers and funding for threats to livestock health."

Over the past five years, American farmers have struggled with a 50 percent decline in net farm income.

"The farm bill doesn't make farmers and ranchers wealthy," John Ross Copeland said. "Instead, it helps agriculture stay afloat when Mother Nature delivers her worst."

The Agriculture and Nutrition

Act of 2018, most commonly called the farm bill, provides landowners with better access to conservation programs, supports trade and provides funding for outreach and assistance to socially-disadvantaged, veteran, young and beginning farmers and small farmers and ranchers.

"This is a food bill. Eighty percent of the farm bill is allocated to nutrition programs that help people across the nation," John Ross Copeland said. "Millions of Americans are touched by farm bill funding. It's vital for farmers and ranchers. It's vital to families. We need to get this bill passed."

The farm bill failed in the House on its first consideration Friday, May 18. House Speaker Paul Ryan has called for another vote to reconsider the bill, and that vote is expected to be taken soon.

The Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry is expected to release their draft of the farm bill in the coming days.

The current farm bill expires September 30.

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Science! Robert Lee Elementary School 4th grade students traveled to the Science Spectrum in Lubbock to explore the science exhibits and to watch a movie in the IMAX theater. They enjoyed the hands-on lights, sounds, and movement activities.

Agriculture fertile ground for college graduates

With an expected 57,900 high-skilled job openings annually in the U.S., agriculture is a field of opportunities that reaches far beyond the farm gate.

"Agriculture is a growing industry, but there aren't enough graduates to fill those positions," John Ross Copeland, Coke County Farm Bureau president, said.

A report by the U.S. Department of Agriculture shows there are only about 35,400 graduates to fill those jobs, leaving 22,500 vacant.

As college students graduate this spring and look for career opportunities, John Ross encourages them to take a close look at agriculture.

"One of those jobs could belong to a college graduate, especially with the wide variety of careers available," John Ross Copeland said. "Diversity drives agriculture. There are veterinarians, culinary experts, communicators, engineers, teachers and more."

The list of careers goes on to include food safety professionals, economists and mechanics, John Ross noted. It also includes farmers, ranchers and dairymen. Farm and ranch products contribute about \$100 billion in economic activity for the state, and one in seven jobs in the state is related to agriculture.

"Working in agriculture is rewarding, yet challenging," John Ross Copeland said. "It generates jobs and activity throughout the Texas and U.S. economies, and a strong economy makes for a dependable state and nation."

Texas Wildlife Assoc. scholarships available

The Texas Wildlife Association Foundation (TWAF) and the San Antonio Livestock Exposition, Inc. (SALE) have joined forces to offer San Antonio Livestock Exposition, Inc. Scholarships. Scholarships in the amount of \$10,000 will be awarded to incoming freshmen at all Texas universities and colleges.

The scholarship application is available on the Texas Wildlife Association website, <http://www.texas-wildlife.org>. Applications must be postmarked by July 31st.

Winners will be announced by August 15th.

"As our population has grown, the strain on our natural resources has grown proportionately," said TWAF Trustee Charles Davidson. "Our future depends on our ability to manage our natural resources wisely, balancing the needs of man and nature. It just makes sense to identify our future leaders and support them while they are getting their educations. We all will benefit from their expertise in the years to come."

This is the twelfth year that TWAF and SALE have teamed up to offer scholarships to future natural resource stewards. To date, \$500,000 has been awarded through this scholarship program.

Selection Criteria:

- Participation in activities, internships, and experience related to the field of natural resource conservation in high school and/or college.

- Honors, awards, and leadership skills
- Degree plan option and academic achievements

- Answers to four essay questions

- Recommendations

Students receiving a San Antonio Livestock Exposition, Inc. Scholarship through the Texas Wildlife Association Foundation, Inc. must comply with the following guidelines:

- Must be a citizen of the United States and provide proof of citizenship.

- Must be a Texas high school graduate enrolling in a Texas college within 1 year of high school graduation.

- Must attend an accredited Texas college or university; no online degree programs.

- Must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5 per semester on a 4.0 scale each semester (not cumulative) of each academic year to remain eligible.

- Must take a minimum of 12 hours per semester. Only one (1) online 3 - 4 hour course, taken at the college or university in which recipient is enrolled full time, will be funded per semester. The online course must be a curriculum requirement. Any additional online courses will not count towards the minimum 12 hours per semester and will not be funded.

For more information contact Kassi Scheffer at kscheffer@texas-wildlife.org

USDA resumes continuous CRP enrollment

As part of a 33-year effort to protect sensitive lands and improve water quality and wildlife habitat on private lands, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will resume accepting applications for the voluntary Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

Eligible farmers, ranchers and private landowners can sign up at their local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office between June 4 and August 17.

"The Conservation Reserve Program is an important component of the suite of voluntary conservation programs USDA makes available to agricultural producers, benefiting both the land and wildlife. On the road, I often hear firsthand how popular CRP is for our recreational sector—hunters, fishermen, conservationists and bird watchers," U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue said. "CRP also is a powerful tool to encourage agricultural producers to set aside unproductive, marginal lands that should not be farmed to reduce soil erosion, improve water quality, provide habitat for wildlife and boost soil health."

FSA stopped accepting applications last fall for the CRP

continuous signup, excluding applications for the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) and CRP grasslands.

This pause allowed USDA to review available acres and avoid exceeding the 24 million-acre CRP cap set by the 2014 Farm Bill. New limited practice availability and short sign up period helps ensure that landowners with the most sensitive acreage will enroll in the program and avoid unintended competition with new and beginning farmers seeking leases.

CRP enrollment currently is about 22.7 million acres.

2018 CRP signup

For this year's signup, limited priority practices are available for continuous enrollment. They include grassed waterways, filter strips, riparian buffers, wetland restoration and others. Visit <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/conservation-programs/conservation-reserve-program/crp-continuous-enrollment/index>.

FSA will use updated soil rental rates to make annual rental payments, reflecting current values. It will not offer incentive payments as part of the new signup.

USDA will not open a general signup this year, but a one-year extension will be offered to existing CRP participants with expiring CRP contracts of 14 years or less. Farmers and ranchers eligible for an extension will receive a letter with more information.

CRP grasslands

FSA established new ranking criteria for CRP grasslands. To guarantee all CRP grasslands

offers are treated equally, applicants who previously applied will be asked to reapply using the new ranking criteria. Farmers and ranchers with pending applications will receive a letter providing the options.

About CRP

In return for enrolling land in CRP, USDA, through FSA on behalf of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), provides participants with annual rental payments and cost-share assistance.

Landowners enter into contracts that last between 10 and 15 years. CRP pays farmers and ranchers who remove sensitive lands from production and plant certain grasses, shrubs and trees that improve water quality, prevent soil erosion and increase wildlife habitat.

Signed into law by President Reagan in 1985, CRP is one of the largest private-lands conservation programs in the United States. Thanks to voluntary participation by farmers, ranchers and private landowners, CRP has improved water quality, reduced soil erosion and increased habitat for endangered and threatened species.

The new changes to CRP do not impact the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, a related program offered by CCC and state partners.

Farmers, ranchers and landowners wanting to apply for the CRP continuous signup or CRP grasslands should contact their USDA service center.

To locate your local FSA office, visit <https://www.farmers.gov>. More information on CRP can be found at www.fsa.usda.gov/crp.

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DESCRIPTION: Reshaping the crown and slopes of structure to as-built conditions. Heavy equipment required (i.e. maintainer, dump truck, backhoe, etc.) Seedbed preparation along the slopes. Approx. 8-10 acres.

As-built blueprints, NRCS report, and structure history can be seen at the COKE COUNTY SWCD OFFICE, 214 E. 7th Street in Robert Lee, TX.

Contractor will need to provide the following documents along with the bid: proof of licensing, proof of insurance, and three prior completed job references.

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For more information or questions, contact the SWCD office at 325.453.2623 ext. 3.

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STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF COKE

51st JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT CITATION BY PUBLICATION CJ1800343

To: UNKNOWN FATHER
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. YOU MAY EMPLOY AN ATTORNEY. IF YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY DO NOT FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER WITH THE CLERK WHO ISSUED THIS CITATION BY 10:00 AM ON THE MONDAY NEXT FOLLOWING THE EXPIRATION OF TWENTY DAYS AFTER YOU WERE SERVED THIS CITATION AND PETITION, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU.

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the petition of plaintiff at or before 10 o'clock am of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of service of this citation before the Honorable 51st JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, COKE COUNTY, TEXAS, at the courthouse in the city of ROBERT LEE, TEXAS.

Said petition was filed in said court, on the 22nd day of May, 2018, in cause number CJ1800343 on the docket of said court and styled:

IN THE INTEREST OF JJ.,
D.J., L.B, CHILDREN

vs

UNKNOWN FATHER

The nature of this cause is IN THE INTEREST OF

The officer executing this citation shall promptly served

the same according to requirements of law, and mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court at ROBERT LEE, COKE COUNTY, TEXAS, this the 30th day of May, 2018.

MARY GRIM, CLERK
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By: Monica Reyes, Deputy Clerk

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:

AMY LUHRS

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BRONTE HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBER VACANCY

The City Council has requested citizens residing in East Coke County or in the city limits, that would like to be a candidate for appointment to the Bronte Housing Authority Board, to come by or call City Hall to add their name to the appointment list. If you are interested in making a difference and serving the community, this is your chance. The Board will have a meeting four times a year. Appointment to the Board will follow restrictions related to the Nepotism law.

The Bronte Housing Authority oversees both public housing and voucher programs, if available.

The housing authority owns and manages one facility which totals thirty units across the city. Public housing agencies, including the public housing agency in Bronte, are required to submit and receive approval from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Texas State Office every five years. They detail the housing authority's strategy, outreach programs, operations, and policies. The facility complies with the Fair

Housing Act and related Equal Housing laws along with our Board of Directors.

If you would like to submit your name for consideration as a Board Member, please contact City Hall before June 15th at (325) 473-3501.

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RL Senior Citizens Center News

Robert Lee's Senior Citizen Center welcomes seniors on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays at noon.

"Come early, stay late," they say. Staying late often includes a

game of dominoes. Meanwhile the seniors work to assemble puzzles. When Susan Millegan was director, she began making the puzzles into pieces of art and displaying them on the walls of the Center at the Coke County Park on Austin Street. The walls of the Center are made interesting and inspiring with the displays.

There are puzzles made permanent for sale and the funds are used to purchase more puzzles and provide materials for other activities.

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Recently the new director, Abby Bounds, arranged for the group to visit the Hummer House in Christoval. They say that anyone who has not had that opportunity should find a way to go. Abby has other plans for trips, including one to see the Christmas lights in San Angelo.

Also fifteen meals are delivered to homebound seniors, three days a week, by Bounds. To join in a lunch, call (325) 453-2314 before 9 am so the correct number of meals can be prepared.

The "Lunch Bunch" related that any of the group who needs something finds plenty of support among members. They will find a way to help out, whatever the concern. Also an occasional Bingo game is held with members supplying the prizes themselves.

Old friends and new friends find a welcoming time at the Senior Citizens Center. The only prerequisite is to be 60 or older. Guessing the age of a Lunch Bunch member is impossible. They are an upbeat and knowledgeable group.

ShareLunker Program Seeking Big Bass Entries

Beginning in 2018, the Toyota ShareLunker program launched a new year-round participation season that encourages Texas anglers to share information

about their big bass catches with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) in exchange for prizes and recognition. So far, anglers have entered nearly 300 largemouth bass ranging from 8 to 15.48 pounds from 64 water bodies across the state.

Of the fish entered so far, 194 qualified as "Lunker Class," or 8 pounds or larger; 72 qualified as "Lunker Elite Class," or 10 pounds or larger; three qualified as "Lunker Legend Class," or 13 pounds or larger; and six qualified as "Lunker Legacy Class," those over 13 pounds loaned to TPWD for the selective breeding and stocking program.

"Stocking offspring from the Lunker Legacy Class entries we collect during the spawning season is incredibly important to fulfill our mission of creating bigger, better bass in Texas; but the size and genetic data we collect from all of the entries 8 pounds and larger is another important piece of the puzzle," said Kyle Brookshear, Toyota ShareLunker Program Coordinator. "In addition to helping us evaluate the impact of the ShareLunker offspring we've stocked since the beginning of the program, it allows our biologists to better understand the Lunker bass potential of a reservoir, as traditional population sampling methods do not collect consistent data on bass 8 pounds and larger."

Anglers can enter Lunker bass in the program year-round using the Toyota ShareLunker app - available for free download from the Apple App Store and Google Play - or by using a form online at <https://texassharerlunker.com>. The digital entry forms on both platforms allow anglers to quickly and easily submit photos of the fish being properly measured, weighed and held. These forms also include simple instructions for anglers who would like to provide a sample of fish scales from their Lunker bass to TPWD researchers for genetic analysis.

Anglers receive a prize package for every certified Lunker bass they enter throughout the year. This package includes a Toyota ShareLunker Catch Kit containing branded merchandise, an achievement decal, merchandise and other giveaways; as well as an entry into the year-end ShareLunker Prize Drawing for an annual fishing license and \$5,000 Bass Pro Shops shopping spree.

"All of the corporate sponsors that support our program help us greatly in our efforts to make the best bass fishing possible in Texas," Brookshear said. "The

Bass Pro Shops shopping spree is the icing on the cake - we are very grateful to be able to offer that and other exciting prizes to recognize bass anglers in Texas and encourage participation in our program."

The six anglers who entered a Lunker Legacy Class fish through the entry cutoff date March 31 were eligible for an even bigger prize package that included a replica of their fish presented on stage at Toyota Bassmaster Texas Fest in May. These anglers were also entered into a separate \$5,000 Bass Pro Shops shopping spree drawing, won by ShareLunker 572 angler Michael Terrebonne of Cut Off, Louisiana.

Each of the six Lunker Legacy Class fish loaned to TPWD in 2018 have since been released back into their home lakes, which includes Sam Rayburn Reservoir, Kurth Reservoir, Twin Buttes Reservoir and Lake Fork. These lakes will receive a portion of the offspring produced from spawning the fish at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center hatchery based on the number of fish entered. Other pure Florida largemouth bass offspring from the Kurth Reservoir fish will be retained as hatchery broodstock so that

TPWD can stock these big bass by the millions statewide in coming years.

The Toyota ShareLunker Program is made possible by a grant to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Foundation from Gulf States Toyota. Toyota is a longtime supporter of the Foundation and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, providing major funding for a wide variety of education, fish, parks and wildlife projects.

For program updates, photos and to keep up with Texas Lunker catches, join the ShareLunker community online at <http://www.facebook.com/sharelunkerprogram/>.

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