

**Daddy - Daughter Date Night slated for January 27**

The 9th annual Daddy - Daughter Date Night, "Blooming Beauties", will be held Saturday, January 27, 2018, from 5 pm to 8 pm at the Robert Lee Methodist Church Family Life Center.

This event offers dads, step-dads, granddads, big brothers, uncles, cousins, or that special friend the opportunity to let their little girl know how special they are. This evening is for girls in Pre-K through 6th grade. There will be light appetizers, music and a complimentary 5x7 photo of the couple. Girls and their dates are encouraged to bring their own cameras to take a group photo at 6:15 as well as take pictures throughout the evening.

Tickets go on sale Thursday, January 11 and may be purchased in advance until Wednesday, January 24. Tickets will be available at DJ's Merle Norman in Robert Lee and in Bronte at Bronte Hardware. Tickets purchased at the door will cost more.

For more information, call or text Katie Drennan at 473-0112 or Erin Oleksiuk at 656-9884.

**...VP meeting**

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It was discussed to have our second annual city wide garage sale the first Saturday in May and be called Robert Lee Annual Trade Days. It will be scheduled the same day Bronte has their Trade Days.

This year VP donated money and gifts to a family in need of help as part of Small Town Christmas. Allyson Crenshaw was in charge of the project.

The Restoration Committee will have a meeting in the near future to proceed with playground improvements at the Park. VP welcomes anyone interested in helping. Keep watch for future

announcements.

A Beautification Committee is planning future restoration and improvements in Memorial Park and the gazebo area. Again all are welcome to help and ideas are appreciated.

Marshall Millican, past president, was presented with a "Thank You and Recognition" plaque by Debbie Childers. She then presented two more awards. One went to Dianne Hefner as the Heartworker for 2017 and MVP was awarded to Crystal Stanford.

New officers for 2018 were sworn in by Debbie Childers. They are President - Nancy Wilson, Vice President - Crystal Stanford, Secretary - Sheri Millican, Treasurer - Beverly Burdett, Sergeant at Arms - Anthony Lopez and Dianne Hefner, Parliamentarians - Bobby and Jeffie Roberts, Long Range Planning Commissioner - Floyd Pettitt, Reporter - Dianne Hefner, and Photographer - Leta Caston.

A large check was presented to VP in order to continue the restoration and improvement of the playground.

The meeting closed with prayer led by Marshall Millican.

The next meeting will be Thursday, February 1 at 6 pm in the Family Life Center of First United Methodist Church, Robert Lee. A meal will be served and all are welcome.

**Commissioners Court posts minutes**

The Coke County Commissioners Court met in regular session on December 12, 2017, at 9 am at the County Courthouse in Robert Lee. Those in attendance included County Judge Roy Blair, Commissioner Precinct 1 Donald Robertson, Commissioner Precinct 3 Marshall Millican, Commissioner Precinct 4 Joe Sefcik, and Deputy Clerk Monica Reyes.

The meeting opened with prayer, given by Judge Blair, and

the pledge to the flag was recited.

Judge Blair announced the presence of a quorum. Commissioner Williams was absent.

Commissioner Millican moved to approve minutes for November 28, 2017. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Sefcik, carried.

The burn ban is still in effect. no action was taken.

Commissioner Sefcik moved to approve payroll for the pay period 12/15/17. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Robertson, carried.

Commissioner Robertson moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Sefcik seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Commissioner Millican moved to approve and pay bills. Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Kandice Everitt and Morgan Runyan gave reports of all of the activities that they have done for the months of November and December.

Sheriff Wayne McCutchen discussed the reports made to the sheriff's office for the month of November 2017.

Tax Assessor/Collector Josie Dean reported on the November 2017 Tax Collector's Report.

The District/County Clerk's Report for the month of November was presented by Judge Blair.

Justice of the Peace Jackie Walker reported her collection for the month of November.

Judge Blair presented the D.R. Report.

Commissioner Robertson moved to appoint Commissioner Williams as the Judge Pro-Tem for the calendar year 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Millican and carried.

The request that U.S. Highway 277 in Coke County from the north side city limits of Bronte to the Runnels County line, 12 miles north of Bronte, be designated as The Gold Star Families Memorial Highway. Commissioner Sefcik moved to approve the request and Commissioner Millican seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Millican moved to include the Sorosis Study Club to the Recreational Hall no charge list. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Sefcik, carried.

Commissioner Sefcik moved to approve the payment of bills. Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Judge Blair reports that he is healing well, and is on his way to making a full recovery.

Commissioner Sefcik reported that his road hands will soon be taking vacation.

Commissioner Robertson reported that the wife of Charles York, Yvonne, was diagnosed with lung cancer.

Commissioner Millican reported that the FAA may close the airport.

There being no private road work requests, no action was taken.

Judge Roy Blair adjourned the meeting at 9:28 am.

**VP hosts Clean Up Days**

Vision with a Purpose hosted Clean Up Days on Saturday, January 5, and Sunday, January 6. They spent time taking down Christmas decorations from Memorial Park and the gazebo area. Members participating included Nancy Wilson, Debbie Childers, Kay Hurst, Claire Guidici, Kelly Baker, Dianne Hefner and Marshall Millican.

The next Clean Up Day will be held on Saturday, February 3. Any and all are welcome to join.

**A New Series**

[Editor's Note: The following is the second in a series of articles submitted by Brandon Broadbent.]

**Love Is.**

Love. A subject that countless books, poems, movies and songs have been written about that show someone else's understanding or perception of what love truly is. From a young age we are constantly bombarded by what others believe love to be. I think that, in truth, most of what we understand about love has weakened what the true meaning of love is.

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