



**Drennan Receives Degree!** Carson Louie Drennan graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from West Texas A&M University in Canyon, Texas. He was among 712 students from WTAMU who received their degrees during commencement exercises held December 11, 2015. Drennan has begun his career as an engineer with Mammoet in Rosharon, Texas, and resides in Pearland. Mammoet is a privately held Dutch company specializing in heavy object transportation over water and roads. Carson is the son of Mindi McCabe Drennan of Welch and the late Grant Drennan. His sister is Brittni Drennan and grandparents are Dolores and Rachel Seal of Robert Lee and Joyce and Louie Drennan of Welch. Debbie and Melvin McCabe attended the graduation ceremony in Canyon, Texas.

**VP Work Day held**

If you were around downtown Robert Lee Sat, Jan 9th, you couldn't help but notice Vision With A Purpose members everywhere.

They started with a tear-down of Christmas structures in Memorial Park at 8am (and it was cold!). At 10 am, a ribbon cutting took place at Rangels Mexican Restaurant. Another ribbon cutting at 10:30, was held at Another Place restaurant. Both are under new management and are a wonderful addition to

Robert Lee. Everyone is encouraged to support these great additions to our community.

Then back to Memorial Park members went to complete the tear down of decorations. Next stop was the gazebo where decorations were removed.

Meanwhile, a busy group under the direction of Beverly Hawkins, was in the VP office cleaning and organizing in preparation for remodeling our beautiful building.

This hard-working and devoted group of "Heart Workers" are a wonderful addition to our



**Vehicle Recovered!** At 11:20 pm on Wednesday, January 13, 2016, Coke County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Brandon Neal checked on a suspicious pickup at the Stripes gas pumps. It was discovered that the pickup had been reported stolen from San Angelo on January 11, 2016. The driver, Tiffany Rine, was arrested for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. She and the passenger, Robert Maxwell Jr., were also charged with possession of a controlled substance. Assisting with the arrests and investigation was Deputy Anthony Lopez.

community. Anyone interested in joining to support our community and enjoy great fellowship, can contact any VP member or attend our next meeting to be held Feb 4th, 2016

**Tax package, spending bill pass House, Senate**

Coke County farmers and ranchers can breathe a sigh of relief as Congress passed a pair of bills that provide funding for rural Texas and agriculture programs, save the country \$1 billion in retaliatory tariffs and permanently

extend small business tax breaks for farmers and ranchers.

"The omnibus spending bill, just passed by the House and Senate, calls for funding for rural development, food and drug safety, financial market oversight, nutrition, research and marketing programs across the nation,"Coke County Farm Bureau President John Ross Copeland said.

It also includes a provision calling for the repeal of country of origin labeling (COOL) requirements for beef and pork exports. Mexico and

Canada were poised to impose \$1 billion in retaliatory tariffs if COOL wasn't repealed.

A tax package that will enable farmers and ranchers to deduct costs like tractors and other equipment was also passed by the House and Senate.

"This tax extender package gives farmers and ranchers the tools they need to reinvest in their businesses," John Ross said. "These tools free up cash flow and help farmers and ranchers put their money to work."

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**VOTE**  
**Sidney W. Burns**  
**for Commissioner, Precinct 1**

*Currently on our 6th Generation in Coke County.  
Proud to have 3 generations who have served the citizens.*

Several issues of major concern will need to be considered in the coming year. Most notable the decreased funds available in our budget.

- \* I have proudly served as a Councilman for the past 6 years on the City Council of Robert Lee where we have dealt with the dwindling tax base as well as several other crucial problems.
- \* Currently serving as Chairman on the Appraisal Board for Coke County.
- \* My experience as a company owner in the oilfield for 38 years and having to deal with salaries and expenditures will be beneficial in understanding the needs and problems with a declining oil field.

**PLEASE VOTE March 1st**  
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Pd. Pol. Adv. by Sidney W. Burns