

4 simple steps to stop a cyber-thief

In recognition of National Data Privacy Day on January 28, Robert Lee State Bank is urging customers to take an active role in protecting their data.

“Robert Lee State Bank’s first priority is to protect our customers’ money and information,” said Stephen Meyers, President. “We use a combination of safeguards to protect our customers’ information, and we encourage our customers to partner with us in that effort.”

To help ensure the safety of personal information, the Bank suggests following these four tips:

1. Create cOmplic@t3d passwords. Avoid birthdays, pet names and simple passwords like 12345. It is also important to change password at least 3 times a year. Because friendly theft - theft by someone the victim knows - is the most common type of identity theft or fraud, don’t share your passwords with family members and be mindful of who has access to your personal information
2. Keep tabs on your accounts. Check account activity and online statements often, instead of waiting for the monthly statement. You are the first line of defense because you know right away if a transaction is fraudulent. If you notice unusual or unauthorized activity, notify your bank right away. When a customer reports an unauthorized transaction in a timely manner, the bank will cover the loss and take measures to protect the account.

3. Stay alert online. Be sure computers and mobile devices are equipped with up-to-date anti-virus and malware protection. Never give our personal financial information in response to an unsolicited email, no matter how official it may seem. Your bank will **NEVER** contact you by email asking for your password, PIN, or account information. Only open links and attachments from trusted sources. When submitting financial information on a website, look for the padlock or key icon at the top or bottom of your browser, and make sure the Internet address begins with “https.” This signals that your information is secure during transmission.

4. Mobilize your defenses. Use the passcode lock on your smartphone and other devices. This will make it more difficult for thieves to access your information if your device is lost or stolen. Before you donate, sell or trade your mobile device, be sure to wipe it using specialized software or using the manufacturer’s recommended technique. Some software allows you to wipe your device remotely if it is lost or stolen. Use caution when downloading apps, as they may contain malware and avoid opening links and attachments - especially from senders you don’t know.

Tips for Victims:
If you are a victim of fraud and suspect your personal

information has been compromised, you should take the following steps:

- * Call your bank and credit card issuers immediately so they can take necessary steps to protect your account.

- * File a police report and call the fraud unit of the three credit-reporting companies.

- * Consider placing a victim statement in your credit report and a fraud alert on your account.

- * Keep a log of all the contacts you make with authorities regarding the matter. Write down names, titles, and phone numbers in case you need to re-contact them or refer to them in future correspondence.

- * Contact the FTC’s ID Theft Consumer Response Center at 1-877-ID THEFT (1-877-438-4338) or <http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft>

Daddy-Daughter Date

Night set for February 21

The 6th annual Daddy-Daughter Date Night, “Once Upon A Time”, will be held Saturday, February 21, 2015, from 5 to 8 pm at the Robert Lee Rec Hall.

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. Bring your own camera to take a group phot at 6:15 pm and the girls may bring their own camera to capture special moments of the evening. B’s Blossoms ‘n’ Bloom will be offering a special on corsages and boutonniere in conjunction with the dance. Details will be sent home on the flower special being offered.

Tickets go on sale February 1 and may be purchased in advance until February 17. Tickets will be available at DJ’s Merle Norman in Robert Lee and in Bronte at Hometown Hardware. Tickets purchased at the door will cost more.

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



Valentine’s Day! Robert Lee’s Vision with a Purpose have dressed their downtown Robert Lee planters for Valentine’s Day.

Commissioners Court minutes posted

The Coke County Commissioners Court met in regular session December 22, 2014, at the courthouse in Robert Lee. Members of the court present included County Judge, Roy Blair, Commissioner, Pct. #1 Troy Montgomery, Commissioner, Pct. #3 Gaylon Pitcock, Commissioner, Pct. #4 Bobby Blaylock. Clerk Mary Grim was also in attendance.

The meeting opened with prayer given by Judge Blair and pledge to the flag was recited.

Judge Blair announced the presence of a quorum. Comm. Lee was absent.

Comm. Montgomery made a motion to approve the minutes for December 8. The motion was seconded by Comm. Blaylock. Motion carried.

There was no action taken on the burn ban.

Comm. Pitcock made a motion to approve the bonds for County Judge Roy Blair, County/District Clerk Mary Grim, County Treasurer Hal Spain, J.P. Pct 1 Jackie Walker, incoming Commissioner Pct. 2 Paul Williams, incoming Commissioner Pct. 4 Joe Sefcik and Lorrie Martin. The motion was seconded by Comm. Blaylock. Motion carried.

Comm. Pitcock made a motion

on the Resolution authorizing support for passage of State Legislation establishing refundable deposits on aluminum, glass and plastic beverage containers sold in the State of Texas. The motion was seconded by Comm. Blaylock. Motion carried.

Comm. Blaylock thanked the court for their support.

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

Comm. Montgomery made a motion to pay bills. The motion was seconded by Comm. Pitcock. Motion carried.

Judge Blair adjourned the meeting at 9:10 am.

The Coke County Commissioners Court met in regular session January 13, 2015, at the courthouse in Robert Lee. Members of the

court present included County Judge, Roy Blair, Commissioner, Pct. #1 Gene Montgomery, Commissioner Pct. #2 Paul Williams, Commissioner, Pct. #3 Gaylon Pitcock, Commissioner, Pct. #4 Joe Sefcik.

The meeting opened with prayer given by Judge Blair and pledge to the flag was recited.

Judge Blair announced the presence of a quorum. Judge Blair welcomed Comm. Williams and Comm. Joe Sefcik.

Comm. Montgomery made a motion to approve the minutes for December 22. The motion was seconded by Comm. Sefcik. Motion carried. Comm. Williams abstained.

Treasurer Hal Spain presented his report. Comm. Pitcock made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented.

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