



**VP Awards Banquet!** Robert Lee's Vision with a Purpose held their 2nd annual Awards Banquet in Robert Lee Saturday evening, January 25, 2014. Event organizers were extremely proud of the nice sized crowd in attendance.

**Commissioners Court minutes posted**

The Coke County Commissioners Court met in special session January 13, 2014, at the courthouse in Robert Lee. Members of the court present included County Judge, Roy Blair, Commissioner, Pct. #1 Troy Montgomery, Commissioner, Pct. #2 Wendell Lee, Commissioner, Pct. #3 Gaylon Pitcock. Deputy Clerk Martha Ratliff 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. Commissioner Blaylock was absent.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion to approve the minutes for the meetings held December 23, 2013, January 6, 2014 and January 10, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lee. The motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer Hal Spain.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lee. The motion carried.

County Agent Jan Yanez presented the extension reports. Sheriff Wayne McCutchen presented his report.

The Tax Collector's Report was presented by Judge Blair.

Martha Ratliff, Deputy Clerk, presented the Clerk's report.

The Precinct 1 Constable's report was given by Constable Marshall Millican.

Judge Blair presented the Constable Precinct 2 report.

Jackie Walker, Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace, presented her report.

Grady Coulter, Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace, presented his report.

No activity for November and December for D.R. report.

No trapper's report given.

No action was taken on the burn ban. The burn ban will remain in effect. (The Burn Ban was reinstated at the January 27th Commissioners Court.)

Commissioner Lee made a

motion, seconded by Commissioner Pitcock, to approve the budget amendments for road and bridge Pct. 4 and the Clerk's office. The motion carried.

Judge Roy Blair reported he had discussed lease options with the attorney. County Treasurer Hal Spain reported Rollie Ford with TAC will be at the courthouse on February 18, 2014, at 9 am to work on job descriptions for all elected and appointed officials.

No action was taken on private road work.

Commissioner Pitcock made a motion to pay bills, seconded by Commissioner Lee. The motion carried.

**Last Chance CEU classes to be offered**

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service office in Tom Green County will be offering their annual "Last Chance" Continuing Education Unit Course from 12:30 pm to 6:15 pm. Tuesday, February 4, at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center north of San Angelo on U.S. Highway 87.

Five Texas Department of Agriculture credits will be available: one in the integrated pest management category, two

general, one laws and regulations, and one drift minimization.

The course will include presentations on integrated pest management control of fire ants and forage pests, brush control strategies, pesticide laws and regulations, fruit and pecan tree management, and drift minimization and equipment calibration.

"The training is called the last chance course because it's the last time our office will offer Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units before the February 28 deadline," said Josh Blaneck, AgriLife Extension agent in Tom Green County. "All private applicator license holders must earn 15 continuing education units in specific categories over the five-year period the license is valid. Older licenses renew on February 28, though more recently issued licenses renew on the anniversary of the date they were originally issued."

For more information and to RSVP, call the AgriLife Extension office in Tom Green County at 325-659-6522 or 325-659-6524.

**ASU Dean's List Released for 2013 Fall Semester**

Students achieving the Dean's List for the 2013 fall semester have been announced by Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled fulltime at ASU and must maintain a 3.25 or better grade point average on a 4.0 scale. County students attaining this achievement are listed below.

**Blackwell:** Fernando M. Fraune.

**Bronte:** Katie L. Austin, Brooke T. Bedford, Boyd L. Burns, Cadye C. Cauley, Leah N. Jones, Kimberly M. Lee, Savannah S. Martinez, Arlis C. McMullan, Dakota L. Rawls, and Kerwin A. Rawls.

**Robert Lee:** Brandi J. Brosh, Jordan B. Gartman, Justin G. Gartman, Holly M. Murray, Lisa J. Myrice, and Zachary E. Sanchez.

**Midessa Boat, RV, Sport and Gun Show slated for next weekend**

The 32nd annual Midessa Boat, RV, Sport and Gun Show will be held at the Ector County Coliseum Complex in Odessa, Texas, February 6-9, 2014. Those attending can see the new 2014 model RV's, Boats, Trucks, SUV's, and receive the best buys of the season. Check the many booth spaces for free prizes including a \$500 vacation cash giveaway, resort stays and more. Visit the gun show, and a variety of booths including resort areas, RV parks, jewelry, motorcycles, ATV's and used boats and rv's. Plan your vacation or hunting trip in Canada, Colorado, Texas or a safari in Africa.

See the Bass Tub, a 4000 gallon 40 foot long mobile aquarium that travels the country performing at over 25 sports, fishing, boating, hunting and outdoor expos. The fishing seminars and demonstrations with live fish are performed by a professional fisherman, Keith Johnson, perched on top of a mounted boat on the end of the

Bass Tub. Demonstrations are made with a variety of proven fish catching, casting and retrieval techniques. You are able to see the fish swimming and chasing the lures. Each professional fishing demonstration will include a variety of baits and presentations and be packed full of professional angler tips and tactics.

Attendees can also register in Building E for a \$500 Vacation Cash giveaway.

The show promises something for the entire family to enjoy. A free tram will be provided to transport people from building to building. All exhibits are located indoors. For more information, visit [www.midessaboatshow.net](http://www.midessaboatshow.net).

**Texas Big Game Awards 2014-2015 College Scholarship applications now available**

Applications are now available for the 14th Annual Texas Big Game Awards (TBGA) Wildlife Conservation College Scholarship Program, sponsored by Carter's Country Outdoor Stores and the Wildlife Heritage Foundation of Texas. Over \$15,000 will be awarded in college scholarships for the 2014-2015 school year.

All applicants for the TBGA scholarship program must be agriculture and/or natural resource-related majors. One \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded in each of the eight TBGA Regions, and the overall top scholarship applicant will receive a \$3,000 college scholarship.

Any entering college freshman (graduating high school senior), sophomore, or junior is eligible to apply for one of the available scholarships. The scholarship applications will be reviewed and ranked by a statewide scoring committee using set criteria. Applicants do not have to participate in the TBGA to be eligible for the scholarships.

To download the application, please visit <http://www.TexasBigGameAwards.org>.

Applications must be postmarked by March 31, 2014.

*Ladies Spring Tea 2014*

*The Most Exciting 2 Hours in Coke County!*

**Robert Lee Derby**

**"Run for the Roses"**

*Location: Robert Lee JPD Cafeterium*

*Inaugurated: Saturday, April 12, 2014*

*Race Type: Psalm 20:7*

*Distance: 11:30 am to 1:30*

*Qualification: 13 Years & Up*

*Purse: Win, Place & Show for most lavish hat*

*Bonus: You ladies must go the distance to bring the win to the derby*

*For More Information, Call (432) 528-8782*

*Hosted by Victory Assembly of God*