



**RLCC Employees of the Month!** Charissa Caston (left photo) was selected as the Robert

Lee Care Center Employee of the Month for November 2016. Charissa graduated from Robert Lee High School in 2015. She attended a Certified Nurse Assistant class given by Howard College in the summer of 2014. She has been working for 2 years at the Robert Lee Care Center as a CNA. Charissa will cover open shifts when needed and she is a very compassionate and patient person. Her passion for nursing shows in her care. Her hobbies are reading and listening to music. Charissa is the daughter of Marty and Cindy Caston. She has sister, Ginny and a brother, Adam.

Robert Lee Care Center recognized Kathy Foster as the October employee of the month. Kathy has been working in the dietary department as a cook for 2 years. She always serves with a smile on her face. Her work ethics are outstanding. She will cover extra shifts when needed and never complain. Kathy has 2 sons Clayton and Justin and a daughter, Taylor.



**Commissioner Sitton weighs in on EPA Lawsuit Regarding Oil and Gas Waste Disposal**

Texas Railroad Commissioner Ryan Sitton has issued a statement regarding the court decision in a civil complaint filed against the EPA: Civil Action No. 1:16-cv-842, which was filed on May 4, 2016. The court decision, announced Dec. 28, directs the EPA to review and update its regulations on oil and gas waste disposal.

In July of 2016, Commissioner Sitton sent a letter to EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy explaining that no additional federal regulation is needed in this area to protect the public and environment and asking EPA not to collude with environmentalists by settling the case.

Commissioner Sitton issued the following statement on the

decision:

“We have hundreds of rules in place at the Railroad Commission specifically to safeguard the public and the environment from any potential risks associated with oil and gas waste disposal. There is no rational basis for EPA to layer additional bureaucracy on top of our regulation of oil and gas waste disposal rules. As stated in my letter to the EPA, at the Railroad Commission we take our duty to regulate these processes seriously and have stringent requirements and comprehensive rules in place to ensure there are no harmful releases.

“The decision by EPA to settle caters only to environmental groups and adds unnecessary, burdensome regulation to an already suffering energy industry and economy. I am confident

that the incoming presidential administration will put an end to this “sue and settle” approach to regulation, stop this type of political gamesmanship and base future decisions on sound science and data, as we do at the Railroad Commission.”

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The Board discussed the District of Innovation plan. Blake Braswell made a motion to approve the plan as presented to the Board. The motion was seconded by Nick Arrott. The motion passed.

The district has been using The West Texas Food Service Cooperative to supply food to the cafeteria last year. Mr. Siler stated that our cafeteria manager has been pleased with this service cooperative and recommends that we continue to work with this service coop.

Nick Arrott made a motion to approve the participation in the interlocal agreement with the West Texas Food Service Cooperative for 2017-2018. The motion was seconded by Blake Braswell and passed.

The board agreed to set the date and time of the First Rating Hearing for 6:30 pm on December 8, 2016. The next board meeting will immediately follow the conclusion of this First Rating Hearing.

The board received Nick

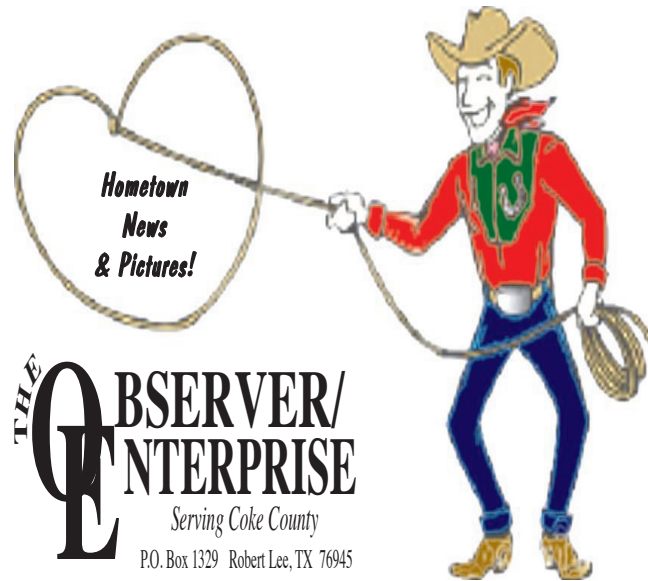
Arrott’s resignation from the board effective December 31, 2106. As the newly elected county attorney, Nick will be stepping down from the BISD Board. Nick’s term expires in May of 2017. The board will discuss options for filling this vacancy at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

Nick Arrott made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Josh Schoenfield seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

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