

## Robert Lee Care Center comes full circle

Submitted by Lyza Frasco, RLCC Administrator in Training

Being involved in Robert Lee Care Center you just never know who you will come across and what story you may get. One thing is for sure, there is a whole bunch of history running through these halls. This never became more apparent than when two new residents were admitted this past month. As each one settled in, a buzz flurried through the hallways from the nurses station all the way to the administrator's office. 'Is it true?' You'd hear one person ask the other. Indeed we have confirmed the fact, and YES it IS true. At this one moment in time we hold a sort of full-circle time capsule. We are honored to help care for the two very people who established this much-loved Care Center of ours!

Starting out in the Hospital District in West Coke County, Nell Hines, a goal-driven gal, was asked by the board to take eight hospital rooms and turn them into long term care units. Ms. Hines set about the duty getting the facility licensed and becoming its very first administrator. Her list of

people wanting those rooms was already at 36! Aptly seeing the great need for more rooms, she set the goal of putting the matter into the hands of the voters of West Coke County. They decided that an expansion of services for nursing home care was in the best favor of our community. When asked how she feels about now reaping the benefits of great care that she labored for so long ago she very humbly admitted, "I don't think like that." She claims the success of this place stemmed from her mother's lessons of setting goals and achieving them. Whether she claims it or not, the Robert Lee Care Center would not be here today without the persevering goal-setting, Nell Hines.

Well, how about the support staff of building this legacy of care? Well every great nursing home not only touts a strong role of leadership, it demands and requires an amazing Director of Nurses (DON), which is the heart of the home. This is where the second resident in our care comes into play. Mrs. Kay Lackey came to Robert Lee Hospital District as a nurse in hopes of gaining a little experience under her belt that she could possibly use as a



Those pictured above (from left to right) include current RLCC Administrator Houston McGuire, initial Administrator and current resident Nell Hines, initial DON and current resident Kay Lackey, and current DON Monica Flanagan.

medical missionary nurse. Apparently God had other plans because she was then chosen to be the DON and work alongside Ms. Hines as the Care Center was being launched. When asked how she felt about making it full-circle back to the very

place that she helped establish she smiled, 'It's kinda like being back home.'

We echo those sentiments and are super proud that we can offer the level of care that was established those many years ago in our community. Ya never

know when what you do now will come around full-circle back to ya. So if you ever stop by the Care Center and enjoy the glimpses of history enjeweled here we hope that you too will feel welcome and just like 'being back home'.

October 25, 2022 in the Board Conference Room.

The meeting then adjourned, and the Board enjoyed a delicious lunch at the facility.

The October calendar moves along into fall.

There will be the regular 3:30 pm church services on the Sundays in October hosted by area churches, and singalongs on Mondays at 3:30. Everyone is

invited to come, participate and enjoy! At 3 pm on October 14, there will be a pumpkin decorating contest at the facility. Fun! Fun! Fun! The monthly birthday party will be on October 18 at 3:30, hosted by FCCLA. Those celebrating birthdays are Agnes Cruz, Twila Cogger, and Jackie Garton. Happy October Birthday to all three celebrants! Jim Gross will be entertaining in

the facility October 21 at 3:30, and on October 25 at 3:00 will be the Resident Council Meeting. There will be a Halloween Festival at 3:00 on October 26 and a costume contest at 3:00 on October 28, so be alert for spooks of all shapes and sizes running around the facility!! And just like that, ladies and gentlemen, October draws to a close....have a safe Halloween!

and was seconded by Mike Stephens. The motion carried with a vote of 4 - 0. The engineering services agreement was tabled as approval is still pending. Republic will be present at the next meeting to discuss a potential future agreement. RA Bagwell will have to be regulated by TCEQ if they wish to continue their business. They will keep the City updated. Fuel cards with Allsup's was requested for a future agenda. A motion was made by Josh Tennison to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 pm and was seconded by Mike Stephens. The motion carried with a vote of 4 - 0.

### RLJH/HS 1st Six Weeks Awards 'A' Honor Roll

- 7th Grade**  
Aferdite Berisha, Major Smith
- 8th Grade**  
Maddison Cogger, Joshua Garcez, Sarah Garcez, Addison Grantham
- 9th Grade**  
Emmersyn Blair, Eli Bradshaw, Carter Fluhmann, Alec Henson, Brennen Hood, Maggie Immel, Garrett Laxton,

- Maci Lee, Nathaniel Samaniego, Brenner Sherwood
- 10th Grade**  
Rhetick Hayes, Brewer Hood, Denver O'Dell, Rhett Rangel
- 11th Grade**  
Abigail Arthur, Brea Cranor-Cummings, Kailey Freeman, Mackenzie Galicia, Tristan Grantham, Natalie Immel, Jimma Richardson, Brayden Sherwood, Ammleigh Smith
- 12th Grade**

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## Robert Lee City Council meeting minutes told

The Robert Lee City Council met in special session on Monday, August 29, 2022, at 6:30 pm at City Hall. Those in attendance included Mayor Jason Moran, and Council Members Jonathan Torres, Mike Stephens, Josh Tennison, and Brantly Robertson. Council Member Tracy Grantham was absent.

A call to order was held, quorum determined, and the meeting was declared open at 6:32 pm.

The Tax Rate 2022 hearing was held. There were no comments made so the hearing closed.

The Budget FY22-23 hearing was held. There were no comments made so the hearing closed.

A motion was made by Jonathan Torres to approve of the second reading of Ordinance 7-22 Budget Amendment FY 21-22. He was seconded by Josh Tennison and the motion carried with a vote of 4 - 0.

The first reading of Ordinance 9-22 Tax Rate 2022 was held. The City is currently at a rate of \$0.439956 per \$100 property value and the proposed new rate

is \$0.401803. A motion was made by Josh Tennison to approve the first reading of the ordinance and was seconded by Mike Stephens. The motion carried with a vote of 4 - 0.

The first reading of Ordinance 10-22 Final Budget Amendment was held. A motion was made by Josh Tennison to approve the first reading and was seconded by Brantly Robertson. The motion carried with a vote of 4 - 0.

The first reading of Ordinance 11-22 FY 22-23 Budget was held. A motion was made by Jonathan Torres to approve the first reading

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