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Robert Lee VFD receives grant for rescue tools

The use of rescue stabilization struts creates a safer emergency scene and helps save lives. Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department recently received a \$10,200 grant from Texas A&M Forest Service to help enhance their rescue capabilities with the purchase of rescue struts.

"We are glad to have tools that will help us to be of greater assistance to the public. The tools can be used for auto stabilization and extrication, structural shoring and trench stabilization," said Fire Chief Ross Torres.

Stabilization is an important aspect for many rescue situations. It helps protect the rescuers and the victims from the shifting weight of unstable hazards. In the case of automobile extrications, the use of stabilization devices can improve scene safety.

"Safety is very important for the firefighter as well as the person involved in the accident," Torres said.

Highways 208 and 277 are the main thoroughfares that create the most demand for Robert Lee VFD's need for rescue tools. They get a number of calls for auto accidents.

"People drive too fast and don't pay close enough attention when passing other vehicles. We are glad to have the tools that

will help us to be of greater assistance to the public." Torres states.

Since 1947, the Robert Lee VFD has provided a valuable service to the community and surrounding area. The service continues today as the department strives for safe operations on emergency scenes and participates in specialized training to enhance their skills.

Volunteer firefighters operate 85 percent of the fire departments in Texas. This year TFS will pass approximately \$24.3 million along to VFDs across the state. The grants aid in purchasing equipment and obtaining vital firefighter training, giving them greater capabilities to protect life and property in their communities.

"I think it is great that TFS offers grants to volunteer fire departments. We have received training to enhance our skills, bunker gear, wildland gear and much needed equipment to help improve our capabilities," says Torres.

Desserts needed for Holiday dinner at BHRC

Bronte Health and Rehab Centers Activity Director, Michelle Hopson is asking BHRC Auxiliary members to furnish desserts for the residents and their families at the



Rescue Tools! Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department has been awarded a grant of rescue tools like the ones shown above.

Thanksgiving dinner set for 12 noon Saturday, November 14, 2015. Desserts need to be delivered to BHRC by 10:30 am Saturday, November 14.

Community Thanksgiving service set for November 22

The annual Thanksgiving service will be held at 6 pm Sunday, November 22, 2015, at Robert Lee Baptist Church. For all new people in town this is something where all the churches join together to support the Coke County Food Pantry. The food pantry feeds

anyone in need of a little extra help in feeding their families. At the current time, the food pantry is in need of funds. This is the perfect time for all of us to step up and share with the less fortunate.

Normally, the community enjoys finger foods and a lot of good Christian fellowship following the Thanksgiving service. This year, the process is

a little different because the whole community of Robert Lee and surrounding neighbors is invited to come to the service and support the food pantry. There will be good music and devotion, followed by hot dogs with all the trimmings in fellowship hall. There is no charge, but donations to the food pantry would be greatly appreciated.



Annual Potato Bake! The Sorosis Study Club hosted their annual Potato Bake Luncheon Tuesday, November 3, 2015. The fundraiser, held on election day in the fellowship hall of First United Methodist Church in Bronte, features loaded baked potatoes, salads and desserts and is always well-attended.

POST SEASON FOOTBALL!



Robert Lee Steers vs. Garden City Bearkats

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7:30 pm

Robert Lee

Bronte Longhorns vs. Van Horn Eagles

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7:30 pm

Crane



Blackwell Hornets vs. Rising Star Wildcats

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