

# Death Notices

## Winkler

Melva Dean Gartman Winkler of Robert Lee passed from her earthly home on Wednesday, November 21, 2018, at Shannon Hospital in San Angelo, after a long fight with Lupus and CIPD (Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy), which is a rare neurological disorder similar to ALS or Lou Gehrig’s Disease.

A memorial service was held at 11 am on November 26 at Robert Lee Baptist Church with William Hood and Chris Walls officiating. Melva’s funeral service was held at 11 am on November 27 at Zion Lutheran Church in Abilene with Pastor Clyde Kieschnick officiating. Burial was held at Elmwood Memorial Park in Abilene.

Melva leaves behind her husband Thomas Lee of Robert Lee; son Dan Winkler and wife Donna Ayers of Houston; sister Ann Walker and husband Curtis of Robert Lee; three grandchildren, Teri Burselson and husband Lonnie, Rachel Jackson and husband Bryan, and Erick Winkler; and two great-grandchildren, Hayden Burselson and Parker Burselson.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bryan Douglas and Sally Mae Gartman; husband Gotthilf “Butch” Winkler; daughter Debra Lindsey; sister Winnie Pitcock; brother Douglas Gartman; and special nephew Gaylon Pitcock.

**Santa Letter Deadline set for December 12**

Deadline for Letters to Santa Clause to be printed in this year’s Christmas edition has been set for Wednesday, December 12. We will forward these letters straight to Santa after we get through typing them up for the paper. That is why we have to have them early.

As in the case of Letters to Santa which are delivered to the post office, we will pick them up, type them for the paper, and mail them on to Santa as fast as we can.

**“Paint the Town” Improvement Project**

The RL4Restoration Foundation is accepting applications for the “Paint the Town” Improvement Project. Since home is where the heart is and their hearts are for Robert Lee, the foundation decided their first project should be geared towards the homes and people in our town. The “Paint the Town” Improvement project is an opportunity to receive assistance in repainting or cleanup of homes in the community.

The project will be carried out by volunteers of the RL4Restoration Foundation and volunteers from groups or individuals that feel led to contribute their time and efforts.

Applications are being accepted through December 31, 2018, for project houses in 2019. You can fill out an application for your own property or nominate a neighbor. This is a great way to help each other make the town a better place to live and for future generations.

For more information on the project or about RL4Restoration Foundation, you can join their Facebook group or feel free to contact Crystal Stanford or Erin Oleksiuk through their Facebook pages.

**Christmas in Olde Bronte set for December 15**

Christmas in Olde Bronte will be held Saturday, December 15, beginning with a parade at 10 am. Vendors will be set up from 10 am until 3 pm in downtown Bronte and the Cookie Crawl will be held from 11 am - 1 pm. A Fish Fry is set for the Texas Theater from 11:30 am until 1 pm and Mrs. Claus will host Story Time at the bank at 1 pm. Head on over to the Quilt Shop at 2 pm to get a photo with Santa and then settle in for a movie at the Texas Theater at 3 pm. Awards will follow at the theater at 4:15 pm and then the Bronte Longhorn Band will perform their Christmas Concert at 5 pm.

The music doesn’t stop there though as the Alvarado Road Show concert will start at 6 pm.

Other events taking place throughout the day include an essay contest, Gingerbread House competition, funnel cakes by the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department, cocoa and eggnog bar, kids crafts, and more!

**Fall into Good Planting Habits**

by Erin Oleksiuk-District Technician, Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District

Fall is the time for planting in West Texas! Tree roots and branches grow whenever the

temperature is roughly 40 degrees. Planting in the fall and winter months give trees time to establish and ready themselves for the harsh summer months. If cared for properly, your trees will be bursting with life in the spring!

It is very important to plant and care for your new trees properly. Trees can easily become damaged during transportation from the nursery to the home. If moving a tree by truck or trailer, make sure the limbs and leaves are wrapped with burlap or a bed sheet to protect them from the wind. An uncovered ride home can break limbs and cause leaves to drop after planting. During the first growing season it is crucial to make sure the tree has received proper watering; a new tree will need to be slightly watered every day for the first week after planting, every other day the second week, every third day the third week, and once a month thereafter. Trees do not need fertilizer after planting, spring is the time to fertilize but even then, it is recommended to go light on the fertilizer to avoid burning the roots. Staking or tying down a tree should be a last resort; ropes can damage tree bark and will weaken a tree by not allowing it to strengthen itself against the elements.

It is very disheartening to have a tree die; these are the top 10 reasons trees don’t survive:

10. Tree is not suitable to live in West Texas heat. Do some research to find the best trees for your area.
9. Not adapted to the local, clay soil. Clay soil can form a slick surface on the sides of the hole that will prevent root growth if not broken up properly.
8. Trunk was damaged during transport or planting.

The vascular system of a tree is just below the bark. Young trees have thin bark and can be easily damaged.

7. Wire stake and tags were not removed from tree. Remove all tags from tree and avoid staking.
6. Tree was planted too deeply. The top of the root ball should be even with the surrounding soil.
5. Tree was not healthy when purchased. Check tree for splits, broken branches, insects or disease, and the root system. Do not purchase a tree with encircling roots because the root system will strangle the tree. If already purchased, spread out the roots and cut through them (new roots will grow where you cut the circling roots).
4. A weed eater or mower damaged the tree trunk. Be careful when doing yard work around trees.
3. Roots over dried while waiting to be planted. Make sure tree has adequate water if you are unable to plant after purchase.
2. Leaves dehydrated while being transported. Remember to cover limbs and leaves for the ride home.
1. Lack of water or over watering during the first growing season is the #1 killer of trees. Especially in heavy, clay soils. Use weekly soil wetness tests to ensure proper watering.

The Coke County Soil and Water District is currently

hosting a Tree Sale. Several different species of evergreen and hardwood trees are available this year. Stop by the office at 214 E. 7th Street to pick up an order form and view pictures of mature trees. Call 453-2623 ext. 3 for more information.

**Commissioners Court meeting minutes November 13, 2018**

The Coke County Commissioners Court met in regular session on November 13, 2018, at the county courthouse in Robert Lee.

Those in attendance included County Judge Roy Blair, Commissioner Precinct 1 Donald Robertson, Commissioner Precinct 2 Paul Williams, Commissioner Precinct 3 Marshall Millican, Commissioner Precinct 4 Joe Sefcik, and Clerk Mary Grim.


The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag and prayer was offered by Commissioner Williams. Judge Blair announced the presence of a quorum.

Commissioner Millican moved to approve the minutes for October 23 as written. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Sefcik, carried.

The Treasurer’s Report was presented by Treasurer Hal Spain. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Millican. The motion carried.

Commissioner Millican moved to approve the payroll as presented.

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*Friends & Customers*


# IVEY MOTORS

*are invited to their Christmas Open House*

*Friday, December 7*

*11 am to 2 pm*

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# Christmas Open House

## Friday, December 7,

*9:00 am to 3:00 pm*



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