plat of record in Drawer 6, File No. 78, Plat Records of Coke County, Texas.

CAUSE NO. CV15-04533; COKE COUNTY V. EUGENIA PUTMAN TRACT 1: GEO: R000000370 All of Lots 10, 11 and 12, Block 55, Original Town of

All of Lots 10, 11 and 12, Block 55, Original Town of Robert Lee, Coke County, Texas; being more particularly described by metes and bounds referred to in the Warranty Deed recorded in Volume 278, Page 80 of the Official Public Records

of Coke County, Texas; such description being incorporated herein by reference.

CAUSE NO. CV1604597; COKE COUNTY V. HALL JUNE, ET AL

TRACT 1: GEO: R0000000068

Being an undivided 1/2
interest in Lot 7 & 8, Block 6,
OT Robert Lee.

TRACT 1: GEO: R000000069
All of lots Seven (7) and Eight (8) Block Six (6) of the Original Town of Robert Lee, Coke County, Texas; being more described in a Deed recorded in Volume 255 Page 120 of the Official Public Records of Coke County, Texas, such description being incorporated herein by reference.

CAUSE NO. CV1604636; COKE COUNTY V. IB PROPERTY HOLDINGS LLC

TRACT 1: GEO: R000000914 A 0.321 acre tract of land out of Section Twenty-Three (23), Block One (1), Riverview Addition, Robert Lee, Coke County, Texas; being more particularly described in a Special Warranty Deed recorded in Volume 177 Page 449 of the Official Public Records of Coke County, Texas, such description being incorporated herein

reference. Upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgment, interest, penalties, and costs; subject, however to the right of redemption by the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem said property, or their interest therein, in the manner provided by law, and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest, penalties and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

I have appointed the following as agent to conduct the sale, to-wit:

Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, L.L.P. Attorneys at Law 1031 Andrews Hwy, Ste. 210 Midland, Texas 79701 (432) 522-2427

At the time the sale begins, all bidders at the sale must be

registered with the above named agent conducting the sale and be eligible to bid according to the Property Tax Code.

Dated at Robert Lee, Coke County, Texas, this the 1st day of November, 2018.

Wayne McCutchen SHERIFF, COKE COUNTY 18-4tc

## ...Commissioners Court meeting minutes

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Commissioner Robertson moved to approve the payroll as presented. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Sefcik, carried.

Commissioner Millican moved to approve accounts payable for payroll and was seconded by Commissioner Sefcik. The motion carried.

Judge Blair reported that he had a good school and that it will be a tough year for legislation. He also reminded that the courthouse will close at 1:00 pm on Wednesday and that it will be closed Thursday and Friday. He reminded everyone about the appreciation party on December 3 at 6:30 pm.

Judge Blair adjourned the meeting at 11:25 pm.



## Making It Through December, Part 2

by James M. Decker Last year, shortly before Christmas, I wrote about my favorite Christmas song, Merle Haggard's "If We Make It Through December." This year, I wanted to turn my attention to that song right as the calendar rolls over into December, to carry us through the next month.

As I wrote last year, "If We Make It Through December" is about the brutal realities of Christmas time for too many people: miserable weather, hard times, and worries about being able to make your children happy. And yet, the entire song if filled with hope. Merle sings:

Got plans to be in a warmer town come summertime

Maybe even California

If we make it through December, we'll be fine

If Merle can just make it through December, life will get better. If you study the lyrics, there's no real guarantee that life will actually improve. There's nothing tangible happening in January: no new job, pay increase, or anything like that. He simply has hope that there IS something out there. If you don't have hope, the world can be a mean, dark, miserable place, but as long as you still have hope, you've always got a chance.

In this day and age, it's very easy to become inundated and annoyed by the Christmas season. Christmas cheer can drown in a tsunami of television ads, harried shopping trips, and exhausting efforts to "win" Christmas with your children, family members, or neighbors.

Our rural communities are the same way. We can drive through other towns and lament that our downtown Christmas decorations are not as impressive as theirs. How do their lights on the main street look so perfect? Why do some towns have an excellent Christmas parade and others struggle to keep a parade going?

struggle to keep a parade going? Ultimately, there's nothing wrong with the commercial aspects of Christmas. Our lives can be happier with children taking pictures with Santa Claus, family members exchanging gifts, and streets full of beautiful Christmas lights. But was it worth what it took to accomplish it? Sure, our communities can look great when they're all decked out for Christmas. But how much stress and in-fighting did it take for the community to look that good? None of that is

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We the be-all, end-all of the a truly legendary Christmas for

the be-all, end-all of the Christmas season. Christmas can be successful whether your gift cost \$2.00 or \$2,000.00. The be-all, end-all was born in a manger in Bethlehem so many years ago.

As the Christmas season ramps up in the coming weeks, we'll all be stressed, exhausted, or annoyed at some point or another. We'll wonder if we're doing Christmas well enough to satisfy our family and friends or to make our communities proud. But when we face those inevitable struggles, think back to Merle Haggard. He wasn't worried about a downtown full of Christmas lights or providing

a truly legendary Christmas for his children. He was just hoping to afford to buy SOMETHING, ANYTHING for his kids.

When you get down this next month, think about Merle and think about hope. Think about the hope provided by the birth of Jesus Christ and think about the hope in your own life. All of us will make it through December and we'll be fine.

James Decker is a lawyer, farmer, and mayor in Stamford, Texas, and the creator of the forthcoming "West of 98" podcast and website. He may be contacted through Facebook at facebook.com/james.decker.



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