

UPCOMINGS!

Christmas Light Contest to be held

Restoring Bronte Foundation is hosting a Christmas Light Contest for residents of Bronte. There will be prize money distributed as follows: 1st - \$200, 2nd - \$150, 3rd - \$100, 4th - \$50, 5th - \$50. To participate, contact City Hall by Thursday, December 17, to register your house or to nominate one that you like. Judging will take place and winners will be announced the week of December 21.

Santa Letter Deadline set for December 16

Deadline for *The Observer/Enterprise* to receive Letters to Santa Claus to be printed in this year's Christmas edition has been set for Wednesday, December 16, at 12 noon. We will forward these letters straight to Santa after we get through typing them up for the paper. This 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.

Christmas Greetings Deadline is December 14

It is time once again for Christmas Greetings! *The Observer/Enterprise* would like to remind businesses and individuals wishing to place a Christmas greeting in the newspaper to call or stop by and choose your greeting for the December 25th issue.

Deadline for this year's greetings is Monday, December 14 at 12 noon. For more information or to place your greeting, contact the O/E office at (325) 453-2433 or Morgan at (325) 277-9210 or Melinda at (325) 473-8863.

Monday, December 14, is also the deadline for the annual Year in Review issue set for publication January 1, 2021.

Year in Review Issue deadline set for December 14

The first issue of *The Observer/Enterprise* for 2021 will be published New Year's Day, January 1. Deadline for this issue is Monday, December 14, 2020, at 12 noon.

This is the annual Year in Review issue. We hope readers will enjoy looking back at a few of the stories making headlines this past year, although it is impossible to include everything noteworthy from 2020.

The majority of this issue will be dedicated to 2020 with current news listed in the rear of this special edition.

VP hosting coat drive

Vision with a Purpose is hosting a coat drive. Gently used coats may be dropped off to the box located between the VP Building and Bella B's on Austin Street in Robert Lee. Coats for all ages are needed.

WCCHD to meet December 15

The West Coke County Hospital District Board of Directors will meet on Tuesday, December 15, 2020. The meeting will begin at 9:30 am and will be held via Zoom.



Maybe Even California

By James M. Decker

If you have read my weekly essays for a while, you know my favorite Christmas song is Merle Haggard's "If We Make It Through December." I have written about it every year that I have penned these essays. I hope my readers do not grow tiresome of this topic, but it is a song that affects me deeply.

In the past, I have told people this is my favorite Christmas song and they often raise their eyebrows. On its face, it does not exactly put a listener in a holly, jolly mood. It is, however, highly relatable. Merle, as the

first-person narrator, plaintively relates a struggle of miserable weather, hard times, and worries about making children happy. He just got laid off in a manufacturing job, which was devastating to a man who "wanted Christmas to be right for daddy's girl." It is a gut punch when you comprehend what is happening in these lyrics:

"I don't mean to hate December

It's meant to be the happy time of year

And my little girl don't understand

Why daddy can't afford no Christmas here."

And yet, despite the overwhelming sadness of a loving parent who is struggling to provide for a child that he loves deeply, the narrator is hopeful. He looks past the hardship of winter and he sees warmth and opportunity ahead:

"Got plans to be in a warmer town come summertime

Maybe even California

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NOTICE OF DEADLINE TO FILE APPLICATIONS FOR PLACE ON THE BALLOT

(AVISO DE FECHA LÍMITE PARA PRESENTAR SOLICITUDES PARA UN LUGAR EN LA BOLETA)

Notice is hereby given that applications for a place on the Robert Lee ISD School Board Trustee (name of political subdivision/party) (Regular/Special/Primary) Election ballot may be filed during the following time: (Circle one)

(Se da aviso por la presente que las solicitudes para un lugar en la boleta de la Elección

(Regular/Especial/Primaria) de Robert Lee ISD School Board Trustee se pueden presentar (marcar una con círculo) (nombre de la subdivisión política/partido)

durante el siguiente horario:)

Filing Dates and Times:

(Fechas y Horario para Entregar Solicitudes)

Start Date Wed., Jan. 18, 2021
(Fecha Inicio)

End Date Fri., Feb. 12, 2021
(Fecha Límite)

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m - 3:30 p.m weekdays except Fri., Feb 12, 2021 til 5:00 p.m.
(Horario de la Oficina)

Physical address for filing applications in person for place on the ballot:
(Dirección a física para presentar las solicitudes en persona para un lugar en la boleta)

Robert Lee ISD
Administration Office
1323 Hamilton
Robert Lee, TX 76945

Address to mail applications for place on the ballot (if filing by mail):
(Dirección a donde enviar las solicitudes para un lugar en la boleta (en caso de presentar por correo))

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