

January 2 is first day to rent county buildings

The first day to rent the Robert Lee and Bronte Large Recreation Halls, Robert Lee and Bronte Senior Citizens Buildings, and the Robert Lee and Bronte Pavilions will be Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

The Coke County Judge's Office will be open at 7 am to begin taking rentals. For more information, please call Lorrie at (325) 453-2641.

Bronte Economic Development Corporation seeking individuals

The Bronte Economic Development Corporation is looking for individuals to serve as Board Members. The ideal candidates will have experience in business, tourism, and/or economic development, coupled with vision and commitment to ensure our community's economic growth and prosperity.

The Bronte EDC also has a voluntary position available to provide assistance to the EDC President, Secretary and Treasurer. The individual must have experience taking minutes and finances.

If you would like to submit your name for consideration for a term appointment as a Board Member or are interested in becoming a volunteer please contact City Hall before January 12 at (325) 473-3501.

Project Fair and Livestock Show set for January 18-20

The Coke County Project Fair and Livestock Show will be held January 18 through January 20, 2018, in Robert Lee. There are several contests scheduled for the Project Fair, as well as new contests this year. The project categories include:

Photography - Photos must be 8x10 (mounted if desired but not required). Two entries per category allowed. Entry card must be filled out and attached to the back of each photo. All entries must be original photography of the person

entering.

Art - Any size and categories will be determined by entries.

Re-Purpose Project (Trash to Treasure) - At least 50% should be from repurposed materials.

Lego/Model Crafts - Includes models made from Legos, model airplanes and the like.

Crafts - Includes paper crafts, wood crafts, and decorative items. The possibilities are endless!

Quilting/Sewing/Knitting - Includes quilts, knitted scarves, anything that was sewn, knitted, or crocheted.

Canning - Can include products such as jellies, jams, salsa, or canned vegetable or fruit.

Kids Korner - For exhibitors who are in pre-school through 2nd grade. Can include any of the categories or anything made by the exhibitor.

There is also a Pies, Cookies, and Cakes Contest. All pies must be in a disposable pie pan to attach to the entry form, along with the recipe. Exhibitors may also submit one dozen cookies on a disposable plate. The recipe must be attached to the entry form. Cakes must be in/on a disposable pan/plate. The pies and cakes will be used as desserts during the Buyer's BBQ.

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Age divisions for the contests are as follows:

Kids Korner - Pre-school through 2nd Grade;

Junior - 3rd grade through 5th grade;

Intermediate - 6th grade through 8th grade;

Senior - 9th through 12th grade;

Adults - 19 years old and up.

Entries will be taken at the Rec Hall in Robert Lee on Wednesday, January 17 between 12 pm and 6:30 pm. They will

continue to be taken on Thursday, January 18 beginning at 8 am. All entries must be received by noon on January 18. Judging will take place Thursday and Friday before the Stock Show. Entry forms will be available at the Rec Hall in Robert Lee. If you would like to drop them off early, please make arrangements with the Extension Office.

For more information, contact Kandice Everitt or Morgan Runyan at the Extension Office at (325) 453-2461.

December VP meeting held

Vision With A Purpose held their December meeting Thursday, December 7 at the Family Life Center at the First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee.

Pastor Cyndi Weidner opened the meeting with prayer. A meal was served. Allyson Crenshaw presented to the group the possibility of sponsoring a family for Christmas. It was voted on and approved.

Crystal Stanford gave the Treasurer's report and the results of the Hunter's Bar-B-Que held in November. A nice profit was made and the money is going toward the Park restoration and improvement for the community.

An update on re-construction of the VP headquarters on Austin Street, was given by Floyd Pettitt. New steel for the elevator had to be re-ordered because of imperfections which delayed the building being finished by Christmas.

Allyson Crenshaw and Kelly Baker will be working on obtaining grants for various improvements in the community.

New officers were elected for the coming year. They are:

President - Nancy Wilson, Vice President - Crystal Stanford, Secretary - Sheri Millican, Treasurer - Beverly Burdett, Long Range Planning Commissioner - Floyd Pettitt, Seargent of Arms - Anthony Lopez, Parliamentarian - Jeffie Roberts, Reporter - Dianne Hefner, and Photograper - Leta Caston.

Floyd Pettitt closed the meeting with prayer. Next month's meeting is scheduled for January, 4, 2018, at 6 pm at the Family Life Center. Vision with a Purpose is always looking for old and new members, so please join us for a meal and discussion and plans for new projects.

Commissioners Court meeting minutes

The Coke County Commissioners Court met in regular session November 28, 2017, at 9 am at the courthouse in Robert Lee.

Those in attendance included Commissioner Precinct 1 Donald Robertson, Commissioner Precinct 2 Paul Williams, Commissioner Precinct 3 Marshall Millican, Commissioner Precinct 4 Joe Sefcik, and Deputy Clerk Monica Reyes.

The meeting was opened with prayer, given by Judge Pro-Tem Williams, and the pledge to the flag was recited.

Judge Pro-Tem Williams announced the presence of a quorum. Judge Blair was absent.

Commissioner Millican moved to approve the minutes for November 14, 2017. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Sefcik, carried.

The burn ban is still in effect. No action was taken.

Commissioner Sefcik moved to approve payroll. The motion, seconded by Commissioner

Robertson, carried.

Commissioner Sefcik moved to approve and pay \$2.00 per yard for caliche to the land owner. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Robertson, carried.

Judge Pro-Tem Williams moved a motion to approve the new 2-year agreement with Frontier for the telephones. Commissioner Sefcik seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Commissioner Millican moved to accept the request to lay a waterline down county road right of way to OHV Park, located by the old city lake. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Sefcik, carried.

Judge Pro-Tem Williams moved to approve the bonds for Misti Hayes, Julie Privitt, and Jose Dean. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Sefcik, carried.

Judge Pro-Tem Williams moved to approve the 2016 annual tax report. Commissioner Millican seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Commissioner Millican moved to approve the agreement plan for 2018 between Coke County and the Texas County District Retirement System. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Sefcik, carried.

Judge Pro-Tem Williams moved to approve the refund of \$708 to the Tocker Foundation and Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Judge Pro-Tem Williams moved to approve the contract for hardware and software for TEEH IBM 8203E4A. Commissioner Sefcik seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Sefcik moved to approve the payment of bills. Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

There being no private road work requests, no action was taken.

Judge Pro-Tem Williams adjourned the meeting at 9:38 am.



Christmas in Olde Bronte
Saturday, December 16
Schedule of Events

- 9:30 am** - Christmas Parade
- 10 am** - Downtown Shops Open, Vendor Fair at The Rusty Bell, "Sip, Shop, and Spa" at the Kickapoo Creek Lodge
- 11 am - 1 pm** - Lunch behind The Blue Goose (sponsored by Bronte VFD)
- 1 pm** - Storybook Time with Mrs. Santa at The Rusty Bell
- 1:30 pm** - Santa Arrives! Pictures with Santa will be taken at The Rusty Bell
- 3:30 pm** - Special Showing of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" at the historic Texas Theater
- 5:45 pm** - Awards Ceremony (Parade Winners, Best Decorated Yard and Business, Ugliest Sweater Competition and more!)
- 6 pm** - "Winter Wonderland" lighting, Tree Lighting with the Bronte Longhorn Band, 12 Days of Christmas

Deadline for December 29, 2017, issue is Monday, December 18, at 12 noon.

I would like to announce my candidacy for the office of **Coke County Judge**.

Having served as the owner/publisher of your local newspaper for twenty-eight years, and as your County Treasurer for two terms, I believe that I have the necessary experience to tackle this pivotal position in our county government.

I will appreciate your vote and support in the upcoming primary election.

Hal Spain
Candidate for Coke County Judge

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