

**West Coke County Hospital Board meeting detailed**

By Pat Stephens

The Board of Directors of the West Coke County Hospital District met in regular session December 2, 2014. President Mary Bessent called the meeting to order and declared a quorum was present. Other Board members present were Sarah Green, Pat Stephens and Pat Carwile. Roger Alexander, Financial Consultant, and Janie Munoz, BOM, were also present at the meeting. The invocation was given by Mary Bessent. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved, and absent Board members were excused.

In the census count, there are currently 31 residents in the facility, as of the meeting date.

In the staffing update, the need continues for additional nurses and CNAs, as well as additional kitchen staff. The Board is accepting resumes and continues their search for the position of Administrator. Mary Bessent will be acting Administrator in the interim.

Accounts Receivable/Collections were discussed. The financial statements were discussed and accepted. The next regular meeting date, December 30, was selected.

Checking out the calendar for December, it will be another busy month as the holidays are upon us. On December 3rd, Odessa-Hospice from San Angelo hosted some Christmas carols at the facility, and on the

4th, the Concho Cloggers entertained the residents. On December 9th, John Irish of the San Angelo Symphony, played his trumpet for almost an hour at the facility, much to the delight and enjoyment of residents and staff alike. On December 10th, at 4 pm, the residents who desired to do so, traveled to San Angelo for a tour of the Christmas lights. The monthly birthday party was hosted by the Spanish Club of Robert Lee on December 11th. The birthday celebrants are Billie Curry, Janis Fowler, and Doodle Tinkler. Happy birthday, ladies! The monthly Sing-Along, hosted by the one and only Roger Alexander, was held at 3 pm December 12. At 2:30, on the 16th, Headstart will be singing Christmas carols at the facility, getting everyone ready for the resident's Christmas party the following day, the 17th, at 6 pm. The staff Christmas party will be the 19th, at 2 pm, and longevity bonuses will be given at that time.

On Christmas Day, the residents will enjoy a very special Christmas meal, created just for the occasion by the facility's extra-ordinary kitchen staff, and December 30th, at 2:30, the residents will hold their monthly council meeting. With these events, the month of December, as well as the year of 2014, will wind down. Here's hoping everyone enjoys the richest and best of God's blessings for this Christmas season and the New Year of 2015.



**Petition for Election!** Jennifer Addona provides refreshments and sneak peeks of her renovated building to attendees of Christmas in Olde Bronte Saturday, December 13, 2014. Registered voters in Precincts 2 and 4 were also able to sign the Petition for Election. The purpose of the petition is to allow the issue of on-site consumption of alcohol and wine to be included on the ballot for the May election. Ms. Addona is opening a new restaurant in this building in downtown Bronte in early 2015. As of this weekend, approximately 50 signatures are still needed to meet the requirement for voters to have the chance to vote on this issue. The petition has to be handed in by December 28, 2014.

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