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Addition of older, unreported Coke County Covid-19 cases causes fear of spike

Just glancing at the Covid-19 figures posted last Friday, November 27, 2020, local citizens may have received quite a shock as Coke County's numbers rose by 31 cases overnight. However these are not new cases, but older cases previously unreported according to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). DSHS added 31 cases of Covid-19 to the Texas overall total and Coke County's overall total raising this figure for Coke County from 169 on November 26 to 200 on November 27.

It appears there may have been a partial audit because a number of the counties monitored by this publication on a daily basis also had their overall totals adjusted. Irion County had 13 old cases added to their total and Concho County had 56 cases removed from their total due to duplication.

It is true that Coke County's Covid-19 numbers are continuing to climb as there were 5 new overall cases

reported in the 7 day period ending on November 30. However there were 37 active cases on November 24 and only 38 on November 30. The peak day for active cases during this week was November 27 with 43 cases.

On November 30, DSHS figures for Coke County stood at 204 overall confirmed cases, 38 active cases, 9 fatalities and 157 recoveries. The numbers for our surrounding counties are listed below.

Tom Green - 3,432 overall cases, 481 active, 112 fatalities, 2,839 recoveries

Taylor - 3,443 overall cases, 1,021 active 114 fatalities, 2,308 recoveries

Runnels - 361 overall cases, 24 active, 11 fatalities, 330 recoveries

Nolan - 722 overall cases, 197 active, 10 fatalities, 515 recoveries

Sterling - 38 overall cases, 14 active, 1 fatality, 23 recoveries

Mitchell - 338 overall cases, 86 active, 7 fatalities, 245 recoveries

Irion - 32 overall cases, 7 active, 0 fatalities, 25 recoveries

Coke County

Christmas

Season Activities

Saturday, December 5 Small Town Christmas Downtown Robert Lee

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Friday, December 4

Vision with a Purpose Open House, 10 am
VP Event Center, Downtown Robert Lee

High School Basketball -

Bronte at Roscoe, 6:15 pm

Ira at Robert Lee, 4 pm

Blackwell at San Angelo Cornerstone, 6 pm

Saturday, December 5

Junior High Basketball -

Robert Lee at San Angelo Cornerstone, 10 am

High School Basketball -

Bronte at Winters, 1:30 pm

Farmers to Families Food Boxes Distribution, 10:30 am,

Bronte ISD Parking Lot

Small Town Christmas, 5 pm,

Downtown Robert Lee

Monday, December 7

Junior High Basketball -

Bronte at Robert Lee, 6 pm

Sterling City at Blackwell, 6 pm

Tuesday, December 8

High School Basketball -

Highland at Bronte, 5 pm

Robert Lee at Paint Rock, 4 pm

Blackwell at Rising Star, 6 pm

Friday, December 11

High School Basketball -

Bronte Boys at Ira, 6:15 pm

Coleman Girls at Robert Lee, 4 pm

Miles Boys at Robert Lee, 6:30 pm

Blackwell at Moran, 6 pm

Concho - 128 overall cases, 0 active, 2 fatalities, 150 recoveries

El Paso continues to lead the state in active cases with 37,697.

The second high county was Dallas with 20,868.

Kickapoo Water Board sets election

Coke County Kickapoo Water Control and Improvement District #1 will hold an election on January 12, 2021, for the purpose of electing three directors.

Directors Mark Duncan, Chris Lange, and Ronnie Robbins have filed for re-election.

The election will be held at Bronte City Hall.

For further information concerning the election, contact Clerk Fran Sonnenberg by 5 pm on Friday, December 4, 2020.

Farmers to Families Food Box Distribution set for December 5

The USDA Farmers to Families Food Boxes distribution will be held on Saturday, December 5, at 10:30 am in the parking lot of Bronte ISD. This food is given to struggling families free of charge.

The food is being distributed by the Concho Valley Regional Food Bank. There is no ID or

registration required to receive a box and it is a drive-by pickup. If there is someone that could use a box but is unable to attend, someone else may pick up for them.

The Farmers to Families program was developed to support the US farmers and families struggling because of the Covid-19 pandemic. The USDA purchases fresh produce, milk, and meat products that farmers and ranchers cannot sell because of the restrictions on restaurants, markets, food processing, etc.

Small Town Christmas set for December 5

Vision with a Purpose will host their annual Small Town Christmas on Saturday, December 5, in Robert Lee. The event will begin at 5 pm with activities at VP's Event Center on Austin Street and at the Memorial Park. Santa and his Elves will be handing out gifts for children up to 9 years of age. There will also be free

popcorn and hot chocolate.

Christmas in Ole Bronte canceled

Christmas in Olde Bronte, originally scheduled for Saturday, December 12, has been canceled for 2020. Event organizers decided that due to local Covid-19 cases, it was in the community's best interest to cancel for this year. Vendors who have paid for their booth space will be refunded.

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 at the Old Jail Annex in Robert Lee.