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Robert Lee Food Pantry honored for 20 years of service to the area

The Robert Lee Food Pantry has been serving the area for 20 years beginning in the First United Methodist Church with donated goods. When that space was outgrown, the group moved in to and repaired for use an unused parsonage, with Fred Williams doing the labor and Coke County Hardware donating the supplies. When that building became unavailable, the volunteers moved the pantry to the outlying buildings of the Robert Lee Care Center on Hamilton Street, where it remains in service today. The Food Pantry is open each Wednesday.

Fred and Mary Williams (pictured right) recently accepted an award from the San Angelo RSVP for the Robert Lee Food Pantry's service. Fred and Mary arrive early every Tuesday at the San Angelo Food Bank to load supplies for the Robert Lee Food Pantry. They unload the supplies in Robert Lee that morning to be stocked by volunteers. The number of patrons fluctuate but the Food

Pantry volunteers have served up to 35 people a day from around the area. Volunteers maintain the foods and distribution as necessary. There is a record keeping demand, which has been handled by the same volunteer for many years. As is the case in rural areas, much volunteerism flies under the radar.

Many volunteers in rural areas, like Fred and Mary Williams, are hopeful that the services that they have supported for years will be tended to by the next generation. If not for volunteers, rural towns would not be in existence today. Most volunteers in rural areas serve in more than one or two capacities. Rural citizens man the EMS and and VFD and the organizations volunteering in the care centers, churches, school organizations, governmental boards and councils, and social service groups. Many volunteers serve their communities as they see a need - those folks are the unsung rural volunteers. Volunteerism is vital to the quality of life in West Texas.



the back of each angel.

Robert Lee Open House celebrations set for today

The opening of the Christmas season in Robert Lee is Friday, December 6. A number of local offices and businesses hold open houses to serve refreshments and celebrate the season with their valued customers and friends.

The Coke County Courthouse will have an open house from 8 am to 1 pm. Robert Lee State Bank is having their open house from 9 am to 3 pm and Ivey Motors will celebrate from 11 am to 2 pm.

Other businesses and offices participating with open house celebrations include Robert Lee City Hall, Bella B's Boutique, Floyd C. Pettit Insurance, DJ's Merle Norman and Especially For You, Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau, and This 'N That Shop.

Christmas Greetings deadline set for December 13

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 and choose your greeting for the December 20 issue.

Deadline for this year's greetings is Friday, December

13, at 12 noon. For more greeting, contact the O/E office information or to place your at (325) 453-2433.

Vision with a Purpose donates for park

Vision with a Purpose presented a check to RL4Restoration for \$12,170, on Friday, November 22, at VP Headquarters on Austin Street in Robert Lee.

The money presented represented proceeds from the Hunter's BBQ, San Angelo Gives, and VP's hard work on other community projects VP has done in the past. This money had been earmarked for

the Robert Lee park improvements and RL4Restoration intends to continue on with this plan.

Those present at the presentation were Jeffie Roberts, VP Parliamentarian; Sheri Millican, VP Secretary; Floyd Pettitt, VP Treasurer; Dianne Hefner, VP Sergeant of Arms; Nancy Wilson, VP President; Skyler Rainwater and Crystal Stanford, representing RL4Restoration.

Small Town Christmas set for Saturday

Small Town Christmas, hosted by Vision with a Purpose, will be held in downtown Robert Lee on Saturday, December 7. The event will kick off at 5 pm with the arrival of Santa. Food will be served at VP Headquarters

on Austin Street and vendors will be set up outside and inside the building. Hayrides will start after dark (children must be accompanied by an adult) to view Christmas lights around town.

Robert Lee Angel Tree kicks off today

It is once again that time of year! Folks will have the opportunity to ensure the children of Robert Lee will have gifts under their Christmas trees.

Angels will be available for selection at DJ's Merle Norman beginning Friday, December 6, during Christmas Open House. As in year's past, both boy and girl angels will be placed on the tree with "wishes" listed on

Football Playoffs!

Blackwell Hornets vs. Motley County Matadors

Friday, December 6, 2019

6:30 pm Knox City



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Friday, December 6

- Robert Lee Businesses Christmas Open House ****
- School Holiday - Blackwell CISD ****
- High School Basketball - Bronte at Miles Tournament

Saturday, December 7

- VP's Small Town Christmas, 5 pm, Downtown Robert Lee ****
- Junior High Basketball - Bronte, JV Tournament

Monday, December 9

- Junior High Basketball - Winters at Robert Lee, 5 pm
- Blackwell at Robert Lee, 6 pm
- Bronte at Veribest, 6 pm

Tuesday, December 10

- High School Basketball - Blackwell at Hermleigh, 4 pm
- Bronte at Highland, 4 pm
- Ira at Robert Lee, 4 pm

Thursday, December 12

- High School Basketball - Blackwell Oak Creek Classic

Friday, December 13

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