

NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF ROBERT LEE
TEXAS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT PROGRAM**

The City of Robert Lee is giving notice of the City's intent to submit a Texas Community Development Block grant application for a Community Development Fund grant request of \$200,000.00 for water system improvements in Robert Lee. The application is available for review at the City Hall during regular business hours.

John R. Jacobs, Mayor
City of Robert Lee

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF BRONTE
TEXAS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT PROGRAM**

The City of Bronte is giving notice of the City's intent to submit a Texas Community Development Block grant application for a Community Development Fund grant request of \$200,000.00 for water system improvements in Bronte. The application is available for review at the City Hall during regular business hours.

Gerald Sandusky, Mayor
City of Bronte

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**Coke County Retired
Teachers to meet**

The Coke County Retired Teachers will meet Monday, February 16, at noon at the Baptist Church in Bronte for the regular luncheon meeting.

All retired school personnel are urged to join the group to be counted in the Texas Retired Teachers Association (TRTA) efforts to educate legislators, especially the new ones, on the legal aspects of the teacher retirement system. First legislators look at numbers to determine support of retired school personnel. Active members call, email, and write letters to legislators to show support for TRTA as well as all matters of education in Texas. The input from active TRTA members serves all retired personnel, even those who are not members.

Join us for lunch. The information is necessary, and the food is great. Monday, February 16, at noon at the Baptist Church in Bronte.

If scheduling for meetings is not possible, send a check for \$35 to Janet Wommack, Box 365, Bronte, Texas 76933, and your support will be counted.

**Farmers, ranchers set
agriculture priorities for
Texas legislature**

The Texas legislature is back in session, and Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) members from across the state are working with their lawmakers to ensure the future of agriculture is bright.

"Every year, TFB members from Coke County work with legislators on important issues," John Ross Copeland, Coke County Farm Bureau president, said. "We talk about

the issues in our area and the things we'd like to see accomplished."

This year, TFB's legislative priorities include: protecting the water rights of farmers, ranchers and landowners; protecting private property rights affected by the Endangered Species Act; supporting long-term funding for road construction and maintenance; and continuing to advocate for changes to the eminent domain process to better protect private property rights.

"We work hard to have good relationships with our legislators," John Ross Copeland said. "We explain why the issues are important to agriculture and rural Texas."

Coke County Farm Bureau encourages its members to stay in touch with their legislators throughout the session. To find your senator or representative, click the "Voter Voice" link under the Legislative tab on TexasFarmBureau.org.

The legislative section of the website also includes updates on issues facing rural Texas and agriculture throughout the

legislative session.

Resolutions

By Bonnita Bale RN

The holidays are over for 2014 and the wonderful food and family gatherings are only a memory. The down side is that most of us gained an average of 10 pounds - to which we have probably resolved to lose in the New Year, along with living a healthier life.

By now, some of us have already broken those resolutions. As you set your goals for the New Year, think about making small changes toward a healthier lifestyle: If you smoke, stop; there are many aides available to help you. Exercise more; do an activity that you enjoy so you can make it a healthful habit. Lose weight; learn more about nutrition, cut out sweets and lower your total calories. Don't neglect your spiritual health either; it is directly connected to your physical health.

In my role as a Wesley Nurse, I am available to help you achieve your health goals. It is my goal to help build a happier and healthier community. Help me, help you to live a healthier

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life. Call 325-939-1132 for more information, there is never a charge for my services.

**Coke County farmers,
ranchers help shape
national agriculture
policy**

A resolution important to Coke County farmers and ranchers, pushed by the Texas Farm Bureau, helped to create and change national policy at the American Farm Bureau Annual Convention in San Diego earlier this month.

"One of the most important actions was making sure that ranchers drive future decisions on the Beef Checkoff and its marketing and research programs," John Ross Copeland, Coke County Farm Bureau president, said. "It's key that the people raising cattle oversee the programs designed to help them

promote the sale of beef."

The action was made in response to the Secretary of Agriculture's move to collect an additional dollar for the national Beef Checkoff in addition to the dollar already approved by ranchers in a 1986 referendum.

"We support the Beef Checkoff and its programs," John Ross said. "But we feel the secretary's approach doesn't provide safeguards for rancher control of the program we fund."

Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack claimed authority under a 1996 act to ask for the additional dollar per head of cattle sold for the national Beef Checkoff. Due to the Texas delegations' efforts, the AFBF delegates in San Diego rejected the claim.


Texas adopted a state checkoff provision in 2014.



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