

**Organization seeking new members**

Vision With A Purpose is looking to add new members to their organization. They would also like to welcome past members to come back to the fold.

VP's purpose is "Restoration and Beautification" for Robert Lee. Anyone interested in improving the quality of life in Robert Lee is encouraged to please come out and get involved in this great organization.

They meet monthly, the first Thursday; and often work weekends to beautify the town, weather permitting. This is a great group of people from all walks of life with one aim—to improve Robert Lee.

The group's next meeting, open to all who are interested, will be held at Victory Assembly of God on Thursday, February 2, at 6:30 pm. A meal will be provided. Please join them for a great meal and comradeship with one goal, "Restoration and Beautification".

**Midessa Boat, RV, Sport and Gun Show set for next weekend**

The 35th annual Midessa Boat, RV, Sport and Gun Show will be held at the Ector County Coliseum Complex in Odessa, Texas, next weekend, February 10-12, 2017.

Those attending can see the new 2017 model RVs and boats and receive the best buys of the season. Visit the new expanded gun show, and a variety of booths including resort areas, RV parks, jewelry, ladies apparel, pet boutique, motorcycles, ATV's, hot tubs and used boats and rv's. Plan your vacation or a safari in Africa. Let the kids fish in the Army Bass Anglers Kids Fishing Tank. Visitors may also register for a \$500 vacation cash giveaway and a \$500 shopping spree.

A free tram will be provided to transport people from building to building. All exhibits are inside.

**Noel & Co.**  
**Sunday Dinner Buffet**  
 11200 W. St. Hwy. 158  
 Robert Lee  
 \$12 adults, \$8 children under 12, tax included  
 Door opens at 12 noon.  
 Cash or Checks Only  
 Everyone is Welcome.  
**Menu changes weekly**  
 Please make your in house or take out reservations by 5 pm, Friday prior to Sunday by calling  
 453-2149 or 763-8890

**Texas chosen as testing ground for automated vehicles**

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) has named Texas a national Automated Vehicle (AV) Proving Ground for the testing of connected and automated vehicle technologies. The designation establishes Texas as a leader in the research and development of new transportation technologies that could make roads safer and less congested.

"With five of the nation's 15 fastest-growing cities in Texas and our population expected to potentially double by the year 2050, Texas must be a leader in new technology that addresses transportation challenges," said Texas Department of Transportation Deputy Executive Director Marc Williams. "This partnership puts Texas at the forefront of automated vehicle technologies that likely will shape the future of transportation around the world."

Texas' booming population and economy make it an ideal test site for automated and connected vehicle technology. This technology is increasingly being developed and tailored to address congestion and increase safety, by reducing human error. It also offers opportunities to improve how people and goods move throughout their communities and the nation at large. Testing it, in different environments and uses, is an important step in assuring these technologies will be safe and reliable.

Texas was one of 10 regions



**Ribbon Cutting!** *Tomes of Technology officially joined Main Street in Bronte as a new business Friday, January 13, 2017, with a Ribbon Cutting ceremony officiated by members of Bronte Economic Development. Stephen Tomes is joined by partner Chris Pelfrey in this new business offering computer repair, coffee, and free wifi. The business is located in Kickapoo Creek Lodge in downtown Bronte. Shown are Lee Wommack, George Tomes, Stephan Tomes, Chris Pelfrey, and Gerald Sandusky.*

selected from an applicant pool of more than 60. Texas offers a unique statewide capability, starting with existing controlled environments on research campuses such as Texas A&M University, The University of Texas at Austin and the Southwest Research Institute (SwRI) Campus in San Antonio. Texas' additional testing environments are available in several municipal and regional areas, and include unique settings such as barrier-separated lanes, medical

districts, transit bus corridors and border crossings. These guidelines for automated vehicle varied and unique test sites will


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 *Love is in the Air*

*Valentines Dinner and Dance*


*Saturday, February 11th, 2017*

*6:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.*

*Please join us for a special night of dining and dancing! You can dress formal or business casual, whatever your heart desires!*

*Dinner will start at 6:30 in the Blue Goose, dancing, silent auction, and photo booth will follow afterwards.*

*Tickets will be sold in advance only, so pick yours up from Bronte Hardware or from Marlayna Schoenfeld today!*


 Tickets:  
 \$20 per person

*For more information email  
 restoringbrontefoundation@gmail.com*

*All proceeds go to Restoring Bronte Foundation.*

**It's time!**


Now is the time to start saving for a vacation home, special anniversary trip or even your retirement. We have many savings ideas for you to consider. Come see us. **You'll feel good!**



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