

what the activity director and the residents would like to have before we can get bids on constructing the gazebo. A three member committee was appointed to set up a meeting with the activity director, residents, and facility administrator to get input on the design and any specific requirements which might need to be met under the Care Center regulations.

A report was given on the success of the Brown Bag Fund Raiser held on January 9, 2019, and plans were discussed to have one more fundraiser before the summer break. This will be finalized at the February meeting.

The resignation of Debbie Haveman as auxiliary secretary was accepted. Harriet Demere was voted in to fill the remainder of the current 2-year term.

Other projects discussed to be taken on by the auxiliary were welcome baskets for new residents, care baskets for the families of residents at end of life, and birthday appreciation gifts for the facility employees. Committees were appointed to take on both of these projects and report back at the February meeting with ideas and cost.

Discussion was held and a motion made and passed to change the time of the monthly meeting from 6 pm to 10 am, as this better serves the schedules of the majority of the members.

The next meeting of the Friends of the Robert Lee Care Center will be held on Monday, February 25, at 10 am in the Eastside Activity Room of the Robert Lee Care Center.

Going Native in West Texas

by Erin Oleksiuk, District Technician, Coke County SWCD

Spring will soon be upon us in Coke County, which means planting time for most folks. While many people think of spring planting to include flowers and ornamental foliage, it is also a good time to plant grass seed. Grass will not only create a beautiful lawn, it prevents soil erosion on slopes around water storage tanks and ponds as well. Soil can easily be eroded by wind and our fast, sudden rains if not protected.

How do you tend to your land and not break the bank? You "go native"! Native grasses provide many benefits to the landowner and wildlife, providing food sources and habitats. When used in lawns and slopes; native grasses require less maintenance, tolerate and resist local pests and drought, minimize the use of fertilizers and pesticides (reducing water pollution caused by runoff), and add to the natural landscape. The benefit that most landowners like is the reduction of cost and the increased gains.

Some popular and productive types of seed used in our area are: blue grama, bluestem, lovegrass, green spangletop,

sand drop, sideoats, and Indian grass. Your local Soil and Water Conservation District can help determine a blend best suited for your soil type and project needs. They can even place a seed order for you that can be delivered to the Robert Lee office.

For questions or more information on native grasses and seed orders, visit the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District office at 214 E. 7th Street or call at 453-2623 ext. 3.

Daddy - Daughter Date Night held

The 10th annual Daddy-Daughter Date Night, "Shimmer and Shine", was held Saturday, January 26, 2019, from 5 pm to 8 pm at the Robert Lee Methodist Church Family Life Center. Eighty-nine beautifully dressed girls and their handsome dates attended the dance.

The Family Life Center was decorated with silver and gold tables topped with mirrors, gold chargers, black and gold vases with black feathers, glitter covered silver and gold stars, and black, gold, and silver beads. The photo backdrop featured stripes of black, gold and black gossamer with gold stars. The backdrop was also adorned with black/silver/gold tassels and holographic stars. Each couple had their picture taken in front of the beautiful backdrop and will be receiving a 5x7 photo. The dance floor was highlighted with dancing white lights. The food tables were overflowing with snacks and punch for the girls and their dates. The girls enjoyed dancing the night away to the music of our favorite DJ, David Sheldon, and his assistant,

Internship! Halee Sanderson (right), a 2017 graduate of Blackwell High School, and an Agricultural Communications and Journalist and Agricultural Leadership and Development major at Texas A&M University, recently began a Spring 2019 internship in Austin, Texas. Halee will spend the semester as an integral part of the Office of Senator Bryan Hughes.

Halee is one of nine students selected for a policy internship through the Agricultural and Natural Resources Policy (ANRP) Internship Program at Texas A&M University. Halee's duties include monitoring legislation, attending committee hearings and briefings, researching and responding to constituent requests, and preparing reports for senior staff members.

"This internship program plays an integral role at Texas A&M," says Stephanie Webb, director of the ANRP Internship Program.

"It gives agricultural students the opportunity to gain real world experience in a challenging and rewarding environment. The ANRP Internship Program is one of few programs in the nation specifically geared toward transforming today's agricultural students into tomorrow's leaders."

The program is in its 13th year of sending students to Austin to work in legislative offices and other agricultural organizations. Since its inception, more than 800 Aggies have worked in Austin and Washington, DC, through the program. Each student receives course credit for their internship, as well as a monthly stipend. To learn more about Halee and her experiences, visit the program's website at anrp.tamu.edu.

Halee is the daughter of James and Heather Sanderson.



Brandi Sheldon.

This event offers dads, step-dads, granddads, big brothers, uncles, cousins, or that special friend the opportunity to let their little girl know how special they are. This evening was for girls in Pre-K through 6th grade. Tickets were sold at DJ's Merle Norman in Robert Lee and in Bronte at Bronte Hardware.

A new adventure has begun

by Rev. Brandon Broadbent
It's been a while since I have written. Our lives have been busy chasing after Jesus. Not really having to chase Him, as He says, "I will never leave you or forsake you", but when God calls you into action it becomes the biggest adventure of your life. I have been a regular church go-er, helping and preaching and trying to be

diligent to God's call. I got involved with Concho Valley Turning Point a little over a year ago and have preached and helped there where I could. It is a great ministry that helps men get back on track with Jesus in a safe and secure environment and offers a great many services to men, women, and families that are seeking to follow Jesus and repair their lives. I was asked to join them as a board member and accepted and followed on with God's direction. We filled in wherever God created an opening and would preach the word anywhere we were invited.

to meet people and introduce them to our Jesus. We were blessed to see people get saved and people be broken at the feet of Jesus and watch their lives change and the light of our Lord began to shine in them.

I have always told people that I felt the call to be an evangelist. Turns out God had a slightly different plan in mind for me. I have been through so many things in my life when I was living like a heathen and on the run from God. I realized much later that it was His call and purpose on my life that kept me alive and in relatively good health.

It was a really great opportunity

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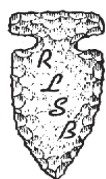
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