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#### **Blue Agave hosting** vendor event

A vendor event will be held at Blue Agave Cattle Company in Blackwell on Saturday, April 24, from 10 am until 7 pm. If you are a vendor and would like a registration form emailed to you, please contact Kristi Holland at (325) 338-3181 or Laci Wylie at (432) 413-8575.

## Bronte FUMC to host Chair Yoga

Chair Yoga will be held each Tuesday and Thursday from 10:30 am until 11:30 am at the First United Methodist Church Bronte. For more in information, contact Pastor Stacy Sprinkle at pastorstacy.bumc@gmail.com or (325) 473-3281.

#### **Rabies Clinic set** for April 27

A rabies clinic will be held on Tuesday, April 27, from 4 pm

until 6 pm at the Coke County Show Barn. Dogs must be on leashes and cats must be in carriers. The veterinarian in charge will be Dr. Travis Arledge with Pioneer Vet Clinic in All proceeds will Winters. benefit Coke County 4-H. For more information, call (325) 453-2461.

#### Golf tournament slated for May 8-9

The 2nd Annual Grip It and It Invitational Golf Sip Tournament will be held May 8-9 at Mountain Creek Golf Course in Robert Lee. The 2person scramble will have tee times of 9 am and 2 pm. The tournament will be capped at 54 teams. To register or for more information, contact Mason Ross at (325) 763-7516 or Chris Baltzell at (432) 661-1158. All proceeds from the event will benefit Mountain Creek Golf

#### Course. Street Affair scheduled for September 18

The Robert Lee Street Affair Committee recently announced that their event will commence for 2021 on September 18. There will be vendors to shop from, food trucks, BBQ Cook Off, car show, bounce houses and games for kids. The evening will end with a dance under the Coke County stars. Watch for more details on this exciting event!

### **RLCC** to host **CNA classes**

Robert Lee Care Center will be having a CNA class, beginning May 24 through June 10. Classes will be held Monday through Friday and will be free to participate. An application will need to be submitted to be considered for the class. A selection committee will determine those that are accepted. There is a limited number of spots. A COVID test will be required per employee For guidelines. more information, call Blanca at (325) 453-2511.

**Graduation!** Rainy Wilkes will be graduating in May from Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Interior Design, including a Minor in Architecture. She has always had an interest in the arts and world of design. After graduation, Rainy has plans to move to San Diego to begin a career as an interior designer. She is excited to start a new chapter in her life by the beach.

Mexican nationals - fled Santa Anna's army in the rain and cold, carrying what possessions they could on muddy roads and across flood-swollen rivers. In an April 1836 letter to a friend, colonist John A. Quitman remarked, "We must have met at least 1,000 women and children, and everywhere along the road were wagons, furniture and provisions abandoned."

Dilue Rose Harris was 11 when she fled her home in Stafford's Point, just southwest of what is today Houston, with her family. In 1898 she wrote of her memories of the Runaway Scrape: "We left home at sunset.



Hauld beding clothing and provision on the sleigh with one yoak of oxin. Mother and I walking she with an infant in her arms."

Guy Bryan, a nephew of Stephen F. Austin, was 16 when he fled his home near San Felipe de Austin with his family. He told his story in an 1895 letter to Kate Terrell, a survivor of the Runaway Scrape and writer who chronicled the event. "Some families left their home with their table spread for the daily meal; all hastily prepared for flight as if the enemy were at their door," he wrote.

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# The Runaway Scrape

The Texas Revolution is defined by its battles - the siege of the Alamo, the massacre at Goliad, the 18-minute Battle of San Jacinto that sealed the Texian victory. But there was a slower struggle that wet spring of 1836 that defined the revolution's civilian strife. As Gen. Antonio López de Santa Anna amassed troops across the Rio Grande, Texian rebels and noncombatants fled looming conflict.

This eastward frantic flight from Mexican troops, toward the Sabine River - which separates Texas from Louisiana - and the safety of the United States, came to be known as the Runaway Scrape.

"The Runaway Scrape touched virtually every citizen in Texas," says Stephen L. Hardin, professor of history at Abilene's McMurry University, describing the exodus as the great untold story of the Texas Revolution. "I think the Runaway Scrape, far more than the battles, played a major role in the forging of the Texian character.

By Julia Robinson the Alamo, Hardin says, the Runaway Scrape "goes into hyperdrive." Sam Houston and his small, inexperienced army began a retreat from Gonzales,

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where the army had been gathering. The order to evacuate came at midnight March 13, and the Texians burned the town before they left.

As Houston continued his retreat, many of the 30,000 residents of Texas - including Anglos, enslaved people and

"It is tremendously important because if you look at the Texas mythos - Texans are tough, Texans are resilient, this notion that we can endure damn near anything because we're Texans. I think that's where it starts."

Colonists began their flight from conflict well ahead of the fall of the Alamo in March 1836, and for some of them, the escape culminated within a mile of the San Jacinto battlefield site in a dramatic crossing of the San Jacinto River. There, 5,000 settlers waited their turn at Lynch's Ferry, desperate to outrun Santa Anna and his approaching troops.

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