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West Coke County Hospital Board Meeting discussed

By Pat Stephens

The Board of Directors of the West Coke County Hospital District met in regular session April 26, 2016. President Pat Stephens called the meeting to order at 9:45 am and declared a quorum was present. Board members present were Sarah Green, Patsy Cason, and Noel Tinkler. James Baker, Administrator, Janie Munoz, BOM, Roger Alexander, Financial Consultant, were also present at the meeting. The invocation was given by Pat Stephens. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved, and there were no absentees from that meeting. There were no visitors.

The census count shows there are currently 28 residents in the facility, as of the meeting date.

In the staffing update, the facility is currently advertising for a van driver/CNA. Accounts Receivable/Collections were discussed, and an update was given to the Board.

Roger gave the Board a report on the current financial standing of the District. The financial statements were discussed and accepted as presented.

In the Administrator's report, James stated the new washing machine for the laundry and cooler for the kitchen area have been purchased and installed. The Out Patient PT license for Medicare recipients has been approved and received. News signs have been purchased and posted, as per regulation, prohibiting firearms in the facility. The facility is taking on a new face as light fixtures are currently being repaired and replaced, flowers and a garden have been planted by the Maintenance and Activities Depts., and new tablecloths for the dining room have been purchased. With the wonderful rains this spring, and the hard work of the employees, the facility is really looking good. The residents are enjoying the appearance of their 'home', as well as the loving care they receive.

The Board went into Executive session at 10:55 and came back into regular session at 11:15. No action was taken.

Future agenda items were discussed, and the date of the next Board meeting will be May

26, 2016. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Checking out the calendar for the month of May, residents will be celebrating Cinco de Mayo on May 5, at 3:30. There will be a Mother's Day Tea Party on May 9, at 3:30, and everyone will enjoy Sunshine Saturday on May 14. A trip to the Abilene Zoo is planned for 10:30 AM, May 20. The monthly Birthday Party will be celebrated May 24, at 3:30. Those celebrating birthdays this month are Joyce Dodson, Antonio Martinez, Juanell Brown, and Margaret Stevens. On May 27, at 10:30 AM, there will be a service to honor

the Veterans. Residents will be celebrating Memorial Day with a movie and popcorn on May 30. And that takes care of the busy month of May..... Have a Happy Mother's Day as we celebrate motherhood, Happy Graduation to all the graduating seniors of 2016, and enjoy a blessed and safe Memorial Day as we remember those who have given their lives for the freedoms we enjoy.



Getting a Head Start on Planting! Students from the Robert Lee Headstart program planted flowers recently. The flowers were donated to the children by Cory and Tammy Thorn of Crazy T Greenhouse.

Lomas warns citizens of virus threat

By Fran Lomas

Everyone has been made aware of the Zika virus that can develop from mosquitoes carrying this disease. And each know to not let water collect in containers near their homes. This includes the saucers under plants, daily changing of pets' water containers, etc. And to use insect repellent each time going outdoors.

The first warning was directed to women who were or might become pregnant and to anyone traveling outside the country, especially to warmer climates. Now, through the Centers of Disease Control those guidelines have been expanded and the average person has heard this but didn't really pay too much attention.

There has been an established link between Zika virus and

Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS), an uncommon sickness of the neurological system in which a person's own immune system damages the nerve cells. The signs are weakness in the arms and legs and in some cases facial muscles, eye movement and even swallowing, requiring a breathing tube. Many require a ventilator. Symptoms can last for weeks, months or even a lifetime. And the patient is always at risk for any other auto immune disease. GBS effects 1-2 people for every 100,000 with a disability rate of 20% and a mortality of one in 20.

In April in the state of Florida another neurological syndrome, Acute Disseminated Encephalomyelitis (ADEM), has been tied into the Zika virus. This one attacks the brain and

spinal cord.

GBS can lead to other auto immune syndromes, such as Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP) which kills the nerves in the extremes, requiring medical infusions over a very long period of time.

Living in the middle of this county is a person, Mike Lomas, who became a victim of GBS in early 2008 and worked months and into years to overcome it and then to be stricken with CIDP, an off-shoot of GBS. This was discovered in early winter of 2014 but due to other medical problems, treatment didn't start until March of 2016.

Note: As concerned members of the community and country we wish to assist in informing all of the dangers. - Fran and Mike Lomas

Area Churches Invite You to Worship

Bronte

Bronte Church of Christ
 PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson • Bronte
 (325) 473-3291
 Preacher John V. Driggers
 Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

Central Baptist Church
 324 S. Franklin • Bronte
 (325) 473-4811

Dale Patterson, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School
 11 am & 6 pm Worship
 Wed. 6 pm

First Baptist Church
 424 S. Washington • Bronte
 (325) 473-2331
 Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,
 10:55 am Worship,
 5 pm Worship
 6 pm Youth

Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting
First United Methodist Church
 Corner of Washington & Holmes
 Bronte

(325) 473-3281
 Rev. Everette Boyce, Pastor
 Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship

Forgiven Ministries

117 W. Main, Bronte
 Russ Frasier, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am
 Tuesday 6 pm Table Time
St. James Catholic Church
 215 N. Washington, Bronte
 (325) 365-2687
 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
 Sun. 5 pm

Coke County

Pecan Baptist
 PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of
 Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy
 (325) 453-2065, Bill Hood, Minister
 www.pecanbaptist.org
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Robert Lee

Bible Baptist Church
 PO Box 938 • 9th & Austin
 Robert Lee, Joe Hodges, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School,
 11 am & 6 pm Worship,

Emmanuel Pentecostal

PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy
 Pastor Tim Wood (325) 453-2360
 Sundays 2 pm, Thursdays 7 pm

First United Methodist Church
 PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
 Robert Lee • (325) 453-2417

Cyndi Weidner, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School
 11 am Worship, 5 pm Choir Practice

Iglesia Bautista Betel

101 Houston • Robert Lee
 Sun. 9:45 am • Sunday School
 11 am Service • Bible Study Wed. 6 pm

Southside Church of Christ
 PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
 Robert Lee (325) 453-2176

Jordan Arnold, Preacher
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 6 pm, Worship

Northside Church of Christ

PO Box 508
 9th & Chadbourne • Robert Lee
 (325) 453-2685, (806) 543-2118 or
 (325) 473-1053

Services: Sun. 10 am

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church

601 W. 10th, Robert Lee
 (325) 365-2687
 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
 Sat. 6 pm

Robert Lee Baptist Church
 PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
 (325) 453-2724

Danny White, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship
 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

Victory Assembly of God

(325) 453-2208, PO Box 638
 6th & Houston, Robert Lee
 Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study

Tennyson

Tennyson Baptist Church
 Hwy 277 • Tennyson
 (325) 473-2040
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

Come As You Are

Sunday Mornings • 10 am

Table Time • Tuesday evening

Pot Luck 6 pm • Study 7 pm

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Russ Frasier, Preacher

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