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## Retirement reception honoring Postmaster set for today

A retirement reception for Jeanette Meeks is set for Friday, July 15, 2016, from 11 am to 2 pm.

Ms. Meeks began her postal career in January of 1978 in Midland, Texas, as a clerk. She transferred to the San Angelo post office 18 months later and worked as a clerk and a city letter carrier for over 20 years. Her first postmaster appointment was at Knickerbocker, Texas. She was postmaster there for 3 1/2 years before accepting the postmaster position in Robert Lee in October 2008.

She has enjoyed her time in Robert Lee and has been active in the community by being on the city council, member of ladies service organization AON, member of First United Methodist Church, VP and helping with the hunters annual BBQ. Stop by the post office on Friday and wish her a happy retirement. She will be missed!

## Ground Breaking Service set for Sunday

The community is invited to attend the Ground-Breaking service at the First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee on Sunday, July 17, at 2 pm. There will be a short service in the sanctuary with special music provided by Dr. Kevin Lambert, Chairman of the Music Department at Angelo State University, and other musicians in the Sierra Vista UMC Gospel Quartet. A reception will follow in the fellowship hall.

Construction will begin next week on the new Family Life Center by McBee Construction out of San Angelo. The building will have a large multi-purpose room for volleyball, basketball, concerts or receptions. There will also be a commercial kitchen and four large classrooms. The new facility will be available for the community of Robert Lee to use as needed for school and civic needs. Completion date is set for early 2017.



**A New Generation!** On Sunday, July 10, 2016, the Coke County Roping Club met for its annual meeting to elect officers and discuss upcoming events. Officers elected were, Bartley Murray as President, Jenny Baker as Vice President, Jennifer Murray as Secretary/Treasurer, and two event directors, Cody Cummings and Bailey Leeton. After the meeting, the first play day in a series of four was hosted by the CCRC. This was the first equestrian event held at the county arena in four years. Shown above is San Angelo cowboy Chance Collins. More photos can be found on the "Future of Coke County Arena" Facebook page or on the photographer's page, "Kristy Cummings Photos".

The other summer playday will be held Sunday, August 14. The books will open at 5:30 pm and the events will begin at 6 pm. Two fall playdays have been set, September 11 and October 9. For these playdays, the books will open at 3 pm with events starting at 3:30 pm. Events offered are barrels, straight barrels, poles, flags, goat ribbon pulling/tying. Divisions include Lead Line (no age restrictions), 5 and under, 6-8, 9-12, 13-15, 16-19, and open. For more information, contact Bartley Murray at (325) 234-6258 or Katie Austin at (325) 812-2992.

## Sand Volleyball tourney set for July 23

A Save the Park Sand Volleyball tournament will be held Saturday, July 23, 2016, at 10 am in the Bronte Park.

Registration and entry fee is due by 12 noon on July 20 for the co-ed six on six tourney. There is a 16 team limit and entrants must be 16 years old or older. Prize money will be awarded to the 1st place team.

For more information, contact Brittany Powell at (325) 650-7852 or Joni Busby at (432) 813-7552.

## Town Hall meeting set for August 2

There will be a town hall meeting Tuesday, August 2, at 7 pm at the Robert Lee School Cafetorium. The purpose for the meeting is to allow local citizens to get to know the staff of Doc's Pharmacy and ask any questions they may have about the service to Coke County residents.

In addition to the "Meet and Greet", refreshments will be

served and door prizes will be given.

For more information, contact Debbie Childers at (432) 528-8782.

## Bronte Longhorn Golf Club holding Junior Golf Clinics

The Bronte Longhorn Golf Club began a Junior Golf Clinic July 6. The clinics will continue every Wednesday morning from 9:30 to 11 am through August 10. The clinic will be held at the Bronte Golf Course.

The clinic is for students ages 6 and up. Clubs and golf balls will be available for the youngsters to use and pizza and drinks will be served.

These clinics are being provided free of charge.

## VP participates in July 4th BlowOut

Saturday, July 2, Vision With a Purpose set up a tent at the county park for the Street Affair 4th of July celebration.

Many people came by to see

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**New Offer Rejected!** At Tuesday morning's Commissioners' Court meeting, the Commissioners rejected the third offer from 4C Cowboy Church for the old prison facility. The most recent offer from the Cowboy Church was for \$250,000. Several members of the public spoke in support of the county selling the property to the church. The property being permanently removed from the tax roll, due to the church's non-profit status, appeared to be the main objection offered by the court. It was noted that at the 2013 appraisal value of \$685,000, the county would receive less than \$6,000 per year in taxes from the property. Also noted by the public was the increased deterioration and downturn in the economy since the appraisal in 2013. Judge Blair addressed this point by saying the court hoped to sell the property to someone who would improve upon its current condition and the taxes would, therefore, increase. During the meeting, the church did not ask to be put on the agenda for the next Commissioners' Court to be held Tuesday, July 26, 2016.