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RLHS Classes of '59, '60 and '61 to hold reunion

The Robert Lee High School Classes of 1959-61 will hold a reunion Saturday, July 25, 2015, at the old Rec Hall in Robert Lee. This building is now called the Senior Citizens Center.

The building is reserved all day Saturday until midnight for the reunion. Bring your annuals and any music you have from the 1950s and 1960s.

For information on the reunion, please call Sondra "Sandy"(Roe) Caves at (325) 896-2503, or send a note to PO Box 42, Christoval, Texas 76935, or contact Jerry Blair at (940) 569-0472 or Pat (Fowler) Clement at (325) 453-4627.

Longhorn Band Camp slated

Members of the Bronte Longhorn Band will need to attend summer band camp the first two weeks in August.

The camp will begin Monday, August 3, 2015, and conclude

Friday, August 14, 2015. It will be held from 6 pm to 9 pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings of both weeks at the band hall.

Mini Cheer Camp set for Robert Lee

A Mini Cheer Camp will be held Monday-Thursday, August 10-14, 2015, from 9 am to 11 am at the RLHS tennis courts.

The 2015-16 RLHS Cheerleaders will teach cheers, chants and sidelines to children going into Pre-K through 6th grade.

Thursday is designated as Crazy Day and Friday is Steer Spirit Day. Presentation and awards will be held at 10:30 am Friday.

Snacks and new Steer football t-shirts will be available for purchase, but campers need to bring their own water bottle.

Campers will get to perform at one high school pep rally and 5 minutes at a home football game.

For more information, email maranda.hood@rlisd.net.



Happy Birthday! Coleta Fenley of Robert Lee turned 102 on July 5, 2015. Mrs. Fenley was honored with a party at Robert Lee Care Center on Friday, July 3. In an interview with a local television station, she talked of her stay in Japan when her husband was stationed there during his military years and when she turned 100 that "Little Debbie's" sent her a Little Debbie blanket. When asked how times have changed over the years compared to when she was growing up, she replied, "Well everybody is always on their phones and taking pictures with it." Her secrets to a long life include "Little Debbie's and Dr. Pepper and just living a good life."



Daughters of the Republic of Texas Turn Over Management of the Alamo after 110 Years

Friday, July 10, 2015, marks the end of the 110-year management by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas (DRT) of the Alamo Shrine. After Friday, the state of Texas will take full control of the property of the Alamo and its expenses.

"Bittersweet is the word that comes to mind," said Betty Edwards, M.D., President General of the DRT. "Our organization cherishes its 110-year history as managers of the symbol of Texas independence, but recognizes a greater role from the state is required to address the ever-increasing needs of the structure. Finally,

that day has arrived."

In response to the call of DRT members Clara Driscoll, Adina de Zavala and other women who called for the rescue of the decayed and neglected site of the 1836 battle, in 1905 the Texas Legislature named the Daughters of the Republic of Texas as the custodians of the Alamo. The efforts of these women and the generations of leaders who followed in their footsteps have made the Alamo one of the world's most important historical destinations. This week that was affirmed by the UNESCO World Heritage Committee naming the Alamo and the San Antonio missions as a World Heritage Site.

"Since the Daughters were named custodians of the Alamo, we have had 25 governors, 22 lieutenant governors, 14 land

commissioners and thousands of state legislators," noted Dr. Edwards. "While our elected officials have come and gone, we have remained steadfast and unwavering in our commitment to preserving this special piece of Texas history. With no significant state support over these years, it has been a burden we willingly and proudly carried, but many in our organization always believed the state should be sharing in the responsibility of maintaining the site."

On Friday, members of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas gathered in front of the Alamo for a brief ceremony marking their last day as managers of the historic site. Although the DRT will no longer be caretakers of the Alamo Shrine, President General Edwards said the organization "will remain there in spirit forever."

The transition, though long-awaited by the DRT, was not without controversy. Land Commissioner George P. Bush and the GLO made statements in announcing an end to the

DRT's Alamo presence that the organization says were not accurate.

Shortly after his announcement, Bush's office then expressed intent to take ownership of the vast majority of the library collection the DRT has amassed and preserved since 1950. The collection is located in a separate facility on the grounds. In response to the state's actions, the Daughters filed a lawsuit on March 23,

2015, in Bexar County to block the GLO's efforts to take the DRT library collection.

"It is time to move forward," Dr. Edwards concluded. "The state has the resources to maintain the Alamo Shrine in the respectful manner in which it should be preserved. The DRT will keep a watchful eye, and we will continue our role in the preservation of the history of the state we love."

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