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

The Robert Lee High School Classes of 1959-61 will hold a reunion Saturday, July 25, 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.

Bronte Golf Tourney set for Saturday

The Bronte Longhorn Golf Club is sponsoring a 2 person scramble golf tournament on Saturday, July 25. Tee time is 9 am.

When signing up you must let them know if a cart is needed and leave a call back number. For more information, call 325-473-2156 or 432-661-3431.

New Cowboy Church begins services Sunday in Bronte

Cowboy Church services will begin at 10:30 am this Sunday, July 26, 2015, at the old Texas Theater in downtown Bronte. Marcy Grun, pastor of Bluff Creek Cowboy Church in Drasco, will bring the message.

Cattlemen's Gathering set for Tuesday at ASU

Angelo State University is hosting a field day for the Texas Angus Association at the Management, Instruction and Research Center (MIR) on Tuesday, July 28, 2015, from 10 am to 3 pm. The MIR is located at 7945 Grape Creek Road north of San Angelo off Highway 87.

Guest speakers will be representatives from American

Angus, Zoetis, and Purina. The program is geared toward commercial producers and will emphasize aspects of genetics, selection, and nutrition.

A complimentary lunch is being provided, RSVP is requested. Event chair is Bodey Langford (512) 754-1237. The Texas Angus Association may be reached at (817) 740-0778.

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.

Hayrick Lodge Cemetery Association to meet August 3

The Hayrick Lodge Cemetery Association will meet Monday, August 3, at 5:30 pm at the Masonic Hall in Robert Lee. Projects for and maintenance of the Robert Lee Cemetery will be discussed. All interested parties are urged to attend.



Open Carry! C. J. Grisham, President/CEO and founder of Open Carry Texas, visited with law enforcement officers from throughout Texas at the annual Sheriff's Convention held in San Antonio July 18-22. Open Carry has been passed by the Texas Legislature and signed into law by Governor Greg Abbott. The law takes effect January 1, 2016, for all those who already hold a Texas Concealed Carry License.

Open Carry becomes the law in Texas

Governor Greg Abbott recently signed the law legalizing openly wearing handguns by residents of Texas who hold Concealed Carry licenses. The law will take effect on January 1, 2016.

One group may have had a great deal to do with this moving through the Texas government and becoming law. Many may remember seeing a story on social media about a man and his child walking down a country road with a hunting rifle and being reported to local law enforcement. The interaction with this officer and the fear expressed by the caller planted the seed for the involved man, C. J. Grisham, to found Open Carry Texas (OCT). OCT is a registered non-profit organization dedicated to the safe and legal carry of firearms openly in the state of Texas in accordance with the United States and Texas Constitutions and any applicable laws.

The organization includes four purposes in their mission statement.

1. Educate all Texans about their right to openly carry rifles,

shotguns, and black powder revolvers in a safe manner.

2. Condition Texans to feel safe around law-abiding citizens that choose to open carry.

3. Encourage elected officials to pass less restrictive open carry legislation.

4. Foster a cooperative relationship with local law enforcement in the furtherance of these goals with an eye toward preventing negative encounters.

Unfortunately Texas is not as gun-friendly as most people think. Prior to this year, Texas was one of only a handful of states not allowing any form of public open carry. Forty-four states allow some form of legal open carry, and of those states, thirty-one of those states do not even require a license. The only states refusing to allow any form of open carry are now

California, Illinois, Florida, South Carolina, New York and Washington, DC.

Five states currently have Constitutional Carry – Arizona, Alaska, Arkansas, Wyoming and Vermont.

The Second Amendment to the U.S. constitution states, "A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the People to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed." OCT believes laws restricting how firearms are kept or carried is an infringement to this right. Constitutional Carry basically means that if you can legally own a gun, you are able to carry it openly or concealed.

In 2010, Arizona passed Constitutional Carry, dropping their murder rate from 6.4 to 5.4 per 100,000. Their violent crime rate fell from 413.6 in 2010 to

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1st Day of School for Blackwell, Bronte & Robert Lee is Monday, August 24!

Robert Lee and Bronte School Supply Lists Inside!

**Regular Meeting of the Commissioners Court
9 am Tuesday
July 28, 2015
Commissioners Courtroom
Coke County Courthouse**