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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

ROBERT LEE ISD IS SOLICITING A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR A CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT-RISK FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT:

ATHLETIC FACILITY REVOVATIONS
DISTRICT FACILITY RENOVATIONS

THE PROCUREMENT WILL BE MADE USING A ONE-STEP PROCESS

Parties interested in obtaining additional information regarding the Project or in obtaining the Request for Proposals for the Project should

contact Superintendent, Aaron Hood at (325) 453-4555.

Responses to the Request for Proposals] must be received by the Robert Lee ISD by August 8, 2019at 2:00 pm at the address listed below. All timely received Responses to the Request for Proposals will be publicly opened on August 12, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.at 1323 Hamilton St, Robert Lee, TX 76945.

Responses to the Request for Proposals may be delivered to the Administration Building of the Robert Lee Independent School District, located at 1323 Hamilton St, Robert Lee, TX 76945.

Proposals may also be submitted by mail to the following address: Robert Lee ISD, 1323 Hamilton St, Robert Lee, TX 76945.

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mission. But good leadership matters. Leadership takes vision to see an event's mission and figure out how to present that mission to a modern audience. It takes a willingness to stick your neck out and try new things. It takes a willingness to spend money on facilities, publicity, and new attractions, without a guarantee of an immediate return on investment. It takes a willingness to know what answers you have, what answers you don't, and to delegate to others who have those answers. It takes a willingness to attract new

volunteers with energy and ideas of their own and then empower those volunteers to run with their ideas.

I've heard for years that the TCR was slowly dying. I've also heard for years that rural communities are slowly dying. There are supposedly better entertainment options in 2019 than a "danged ol' rodeo." There are better places to live in 2019 than a dusty small town. Right? Isn't that what we're told? Isn't that logical? Our communities might survive, but they'll never be what they once were.

Or is that true after all? The leaders of the TCR might tell you something different. Maybe leadership matters. Maybe, with the right people and the right vision, our rural communities' renaissance is only beginning. Let us all say one day: "we're gonna need a bigger parking lot."

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Texas Statewide Quail Symposium set for August 14-16 in Abilene

Quail enthusiasts, get ready for the return of the Texas Statewide Quail Symposium August 14-16. This semi-annual conference brings together quail experts from across the state and beyond to discuss current topics of interest in quail conservation and management.

The symposium is hosted by The Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Texas Wildlife Association and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

The conference is open to the public and all quail enthusiasts are encouraged to attend, including landowners, land managers, hunters, photographers, naturalists, and students. The event begins with a field day on August 14 at the MT7 Ranch in Breckenridge, where ranch manager Ty Bartoskewitz will discuss and demonstrate some of the habitat management strategies implemented on the property. There will also be opportunities there to work on plant identification skills and practice quail habitat evaluation first-hand with guidance from professionals.

The symposium proper will take place at the MCM Elegante hotel in Abilene on August 15-16. Sessions will cover current outreach and education efforts, resources available to landowners, and a panel discussion on "Cows and Quail." Several hot-button issues will also be addressed including quail management on small acreages, quail predators, and strategies for restoring quail to depopulated areas. The last day will focus on the latest developments quail research. There will also be opportunities for 1-on-1 consultations with experts for help with specific problems or questions.

Notable speakers this year include Dr. Tom Dailey of the National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative, Jim Willis—president and

cofounder of the Wildlife Habitat Federation, and Texas Parks and Wildlife executive director Carter Smith.

More information about the event is available online or by contacting Amanda Gobeli with Texas A&M AgriLife at agobeli@tamu.edu Take advantage of discounted early registration by signing up before August 7 (online or via mail-in form). Registration will also be available at the event.

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And you know what? That all has logic behind it. When I heard someone make those points over the years, it was hard not to understand where they were coming from. And yet, here we are today. Why is the Texas Cowboy Reunion defying logic? Why does the 89th annual TCR leave me with the feeling that the renaissance is only beginning?

I don't know that I have all the answers. To some extent, like I wrote last year, the TCR has persevered because of its unique

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