



Park Clean-Up! Members of Robert Lee Vision with a Purpose put hearts and hands to work on the Wilson Bryan Community Park Saturday, August 4. Members shown are (from left) Noel Tinkler, Irving Smith, Dale Wojtek, Sheri Millican, and Marshall Millican. Not pictured are Beverly Hawkins and Debbie Childers.

Vision With A Purpose Update

By Joan Davis

Vision With a Purpose met August 2 for the monthly meeting. Members gathered at the recently renovated home of the late Bessie Brice. The Victory Assembly of God on 6th and Houston now own the property and it has been restored by Rev. Irving Smith and his family. The intent for the building is for operating a youth center, as well as for church uses and various local meetings. It is a really nice facility with a large open room, round tables, a fireplace, a full new kitchen and restroom, with a room in the back and a garage. New faces at the meeting encouraged us all. Present were Darlene Brice Kelly of Ballinger, Drake Arthur of Robert Lee, and Ken and Katy McDonald of the Double K Ranch on Highway 208. Ed Blackburn, who has attended several times, recently gave the group a windmill from his family's Harris ranch to be used in a planned project.

Various announcements included request for volunteers for the Street Affair and the Christmas committees. Marshall Millican reminded the group of the fundraiser by the Robert Lee Lions Club. This is to go toward the Community/Town sign which is being planned. Nancy Wilson updated the ongoing project discussion for a memorial park in Robert Lee. Further work depends on the presentation of the proposal before the Coke County Commissioner's Court.

Marshall Millican asked for volunteers for a workday on the following Saturday. He reported at press time Tuesday that seven volunteers met on Saturday, August 4, at the Wilson Bryan Mini-Park downtown and cleaned it. He plans to tackle other locations which have not been attended in some time. Decision was made to seek

volunteers for a regular workday schedule. The first Thursday of each month is the "VP" meeting, so that the workday would be set for each Saturday following that date. The September meeting will be Thursday, September 6, followed by a Saturday the 8th as a workday. Meet the volunteers at the mini-park at 8 am. Let's clean up our town!

West Coke County Hospital Board Meeting

By Pat Stephens

The Board of Directors of the West Coke County Hospital District met in regular session July 31, 2012. President Mary Bessent called the meeting to order at 9:31 AM, and declared a quorum was present. Board members present were Mary Bessent, Sarah Green, Pat Stephens, Dessie Kendall, and Patsy Cason. Also present were Roger Alexander, Administrator, and Janie Munoz, Business Office Mgr. Pat Stephens gave the invocation. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved, and there were no absent Board members from that meeting.

In the staffing update, Roger informed the Board the facility is currently sufficiently staffed in order to care for the needs of the residents. Roger also reported there are currently 8 residents in the Alzheimer's Unit, and 47 residents total in the Care Center as of the meeting date. He will immediately begin making arrangements to relocate the residents in the Unit into the east wing of the Care Center in order to get everyone settled and comfortable before the beginning of the construction for the renovation of the Unit.

The contract for the renovation of the Alzheimer's Unit was awarded to Justice Construction Co., of Abilene. Everyone is moving toward a beginning date of Sept. 3.

Other capital improvements

included the removal of the brick divider at the front entry of the facility, and also an area of camouflage wall skirting the chiller outside the kitchen. Gary Payne is to be commended for doing an excellent job in both these areas. If you haven't seen the changes at the front entry, it would be well worth a trip to the facility to enjoy the new 'look' at the front of the building.

The Board voted to hire an RN Consultant, and asked Roger to contact Vickie Ragsdale.

The Board requested to be

notified of her exit meetings.

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The Board discussed several items on the agenda, most of which consisted of updating the Board concerning various inquiries, and did not require action.

Accounts Receivable continues to be a work in progress, and the Board voted to write off some uncollectible bad debts. The financial statement was discussed and accepted. The Budget Workshop date was set as Aug. 7, 2012, at 9:30 AM.

The Board broke for lunch from 12:00 to 12:42, and enjoyed a delicious lunch at the facility.

Future agenda items were discussed and the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be August 28. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

Checking out the calendar for August, Jim Gross will be entertaining at the facility Aug. 10, at 3:30 PM. The monthly birthday party will be held on Aug. 14, at 3:30. There are 5 residents that will be celebrating birthdays this month. These include Mary Reyes, Peggy Floyd, Kay Walker, Latitia Burns, and Jim Skinner. Pop in anytime to wish them a very Happy Birthday!! The monthly Sing-a-long will be Aug. 24. If you can arrange to be present in the dining

room of the facility at this time, join in the fun for a rollicking, singing good time! Rumor has it there will be a luau celebrating the end of summer on Aug 31, at 3:30, so hopefully we can bid summer a fond (?) farewell, Hawaiian style. Don't know about the rest of you, but we're ready! Until then...stay cool!

Health care law could be harmful to farmers and ranchers

Mandates and new taxes contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act could have a negative impact on Coke County farmers and ranchers, said John Ross Copeland, Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau president.

"We have many concerns with a broken health insurance marketplace," John Ross Copeland said. "Limited coverage and high costs are taking their toll on farm and ranch families."

John Ross Copeland said provisions that increase health care expenses through mandated insurance coverage for individuals and employees and provisions that impose new taxes like the health insurance tax are of particular concern.

"We believe health insurance reform is necessary," John Ross Copeland said. "But it must be workable, sustainable and balanced against the overall cost of doing business."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON COKE COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The Coke County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2013 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on August 20, 2012, at 5:30 pm at the Coke County Courthouse, second floor jury room.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget	\$173,525.00
The total amount of increase over the Current year's budget	\$ (1,275.00)
The number of employees compensated under The proposed budget	3
The number of employees compensated under The current budget	3

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of these governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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