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WCCHD board meeting minutes told

By Pat Stephens

The Board of Directors of the West Coke County Hospital District met in regular session July 27, 2021, in the old jail annex.

President Beverly Burdett called the meeting to order at 9:39 am and declared a quorum was present.

Roger Alexander led the invocation.

Board members present were Noel Tinkler, Pat Stephens and Judie Andrews. Houston McGuire, Administrator, Janie Munoz, BOM, Chris Martin, Consultant and Roger Alexander, Consultant, were also present at the meeting.

The minutes from the previous meetings were approved and absentee Judie Andrews was excused.

There were no visitors.

In the staffing update, there is still a need for an RN. After mid-August, the slate of CNAs will be full.

There are currently 46 residents as of the meeting date and the DSO stands at 51. The Board was provided with an update on the QIPP program and things are running smoothly.

We are still waiting on a bid from Danco on some electrical work that must be done at the facility and the possibility was discussed about looking for someone to address some of the smaller preliminary electrical items and paving the way for the major work.

The conference room restoration has begun at the facility level and Houston will soon be able to hire a contractor to complete the work.

The landscaping is a work in progress and looking beautiful. The west side and half the yard by the gazebo has been completed. The work is being done by Crosscuts Landscaping of Robert Lee, owned and operated by Logan Phillely.

The new IT company, Snyder IT, now has the facility in its system and is running smoothly. Houston will meet with Frontier

to discuss internet.

The Board voted on some property bids.

There will be a Budget Workshop August 13, 2021.

Future agenda items were discussed and the next meeting date is August 31, 2021.

The meeting adjourned.

Taking a look at the August calendar, the Cowboy Church will be hosting music on Mondays at 3:30 pm. The Beauty Shop will be open on Tuesday mornings and shopping trip to Ballinger will be enjoyed by residents on the morning of Friday, August 13. The monthly birthday party, hosted by the Southside Church of Christ, will take place on Tuesday, August 17, at 3:30 pm. Winona Wagner is the lone birthday celebrant this month, so Happy Birthday to Winona! Jim Gross will be entertaining at the facility at 3:30 pm on Friday, August 20. At 3 pm on Friday, August 27, Elvis will be back in the building to entertain at a Las Vegas Casino Party!!! There are two Sing-a-longs scheduled for this month, Friday, August 6, and Tuesday, August 24. Everyone is encouraged to come into the dining room and exercise their vocal chords. The resident council meeting on Tuesday, August 31, finishes up the Dog Days of August, and we'll 'fall' right into autumn!



The Context of Jobs

By James M. Decker

When I set out several weeks ago to pen an essay on rural job creation, I did not intend to turn this into a multi-month series. But as I dove in to the first essay, it became apparent that, if we truly want to make an impact, create jobs, and see our communities grow, we need to examine the topic in all of its complexity, dimension, and importance.

Strengthening our economy via good, stable jobs is a task that underlies every other topic that we discuss in revitalizing our rural communities. Does your city need to improve its infrastructure? It needs to grow its tax base (in Texas, that means both sales tax and property tax) to pay for those improvements. Do you want to increase your population? Most people still in the labor force do not move to a town with a job or a prospect thereof. Do you want more amenities in town, from better

Obituaries



Cummins

Dovie Lee (Oxford) Cummins was born to Ollie and Abbie Oxford on March 16, 1933, in Tolar, Texas, and went to her heavenly home on July 29, 2021, at the age of 88 years.

She met Eph I. Cummins while he was working for her brother and they married on July 23, 1951, in Monahans, Texas.

In the fall of 1952, they moved to College Station, Texas, so that Eph could finish his degree at Texas A&M University and Dovie worked during that time at Brazos County Abstract Co. in Bryan, Texas.

After graduation they moved to San Antonio, Texas where Eph went to work for the Soil and Water Conservation Service and Dovie worked at an Abstract Company.

After being transferred to Johnson City, Texas, she worked at the Blanco County Clerks office. Daughters, Sheila and Debbie, were born during their 16 years in Johnson City.

In 1972 they were transferred to Robert Lee, Texas, where Dovie worked in the Coke County Auditor's office and retired in 1992 after 20 years of service.

After retirement, they enjoyed many years as volunteers with the Texas Baptist Men, building churches and camp work. They helped build three churches in Colorado, Nevada, and Cochran, Canada.

While in Robert Lee, Dovie

was a member of the Robert Lee Baptist Church. She moved to Ira in 2015 and attended First Church of God in Ira, Texas. Dovie was a lifetime member of the Robert Lee Chapter of the Eastern Star.

The family would like to say a special thank you to the nurses and staff at the Mitchell County Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for the love and care they showed to Dovie during her time there.

Dovie is preceded in death by her parents, Ollie and Abbie Oxford; husband, Eph I. Cummins; five sisters and four brothers.

She is also survived by her daughters, Sheila Alexander and husband Rocky of Ira, Texas, and Debbie Miller and husband Jeff of Benbrook, Texas; three grandchildren, Amanda Heiman and husband Carey of Ira, Texas, Hayden Miller, and Abbie Miller of Benbrook, Texas; two great-grandchildren, Emily and Trevor Heiman of Ira, Texas; along with several brother and sisters-in-law and nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held from 9 am to 8 pm on Tuesday, August 3, 2021, at Shaffer Funeral Home in Robert Lee, Texas with family present from 5 pm to 7 pm.

Funeral Service was held at 10 am on Wednesday, August 4, 2021, at Bell-Cypert Seale Funeral Home in Snyder, Texas with burial following in Tolar Cemetery.

Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be left at www.shafferpioneer.com.

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 118 S. Jefferson • Bronte
 Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

Central Baptist Church

324 S. Franklin • Bronte
 (325) 473-4811
 Dale Patterson, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School
 11 am & 5 pm Worship

First Baptist Church

424 S. Washington • Bronte
 (325) 473-2331
 Pastor George Cooper
 Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,
 10:55 am Worship, 6 pm Bible
 Study & Worship
 Wednesday 6 pm RA's & GA's,
 6:30 pm Youth & Adults

First United Methodist Church

Corner of Washington & Holmes
 Bronte
 (325) 473-3281
 Rev. Stacy Sprinkle, Pastor
 Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship

St. James Catholic Church

215 N. Washington, Bronte
 (325) 365-2687
 Rev. Yesu Mulakaleti, Jr., Pastor
 Sunday Bilingual Mass 8 am
4C Cowboy Church
 Drawer R • Bronte • (325) 895-4080
 Robert Lemmond, Pastor
 Sunday, 10:30 am - Texas Theater
 Wednesday Bible Study 6 pm -
 4C Feedlot Youth Building

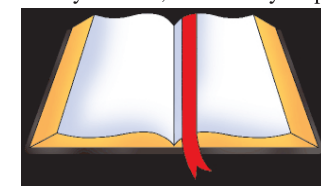
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Bible Baptist Church

PO Box 938 • 9th & Austin
 Sunday 10 am Sunday School,
 11 am and 5 pm Worship,
 Wed 5 pm Bible Study

Emmanuel Pentecostal

PO Box 794 • 1004 Hillcrest
 Pastor Brantly Robertson
 (972) 841-2009
 Sundays 10 am, Wednesdays 7 pm



First United Methodist Church

PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
 Robert Lee • (325) 453-2417
 Cyndi Weidner, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School
 11 am Worship,
 5 pm Choir Practice

Iglesia Bautista Betel

101 Houston • Robert Lee
 Sun. 9:45 am • Sunday School
 11 am Service • Bible Study Wed. 6 pm

Robert Lee Cowboy Church

James Brunson, Pastor
 (469) 834-3932
 10:30 am Sunday • Robert Lee Rec Hall

Southside Church of Christ

PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
 Robert Lee (325) 453-2176
 Recardo Reyes, Preacher
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 6 pm, Worship

Northside Church of Christ

PO Box 508
 9th & Chadbourne • Robert Lee
 (325) 453-2685, (325) 763-2118 or
 (325) 473-1053

Services: Sun. 10 am

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church

601 W. 10th, Robert Lee
 (325) 365-2687
 Rev. Yesu Mulakaleti, Pastor
 Saturday Vigil Mass 5 pm
Robert Lee Baptist Church
 PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
 (325) 453-2724
 Chris Walls, Pastor

Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

Victory Assembly of God

(325) 453-2208, PO Box 638
 202 E. 6th Street, Robert Lee
 Rev. Rocky Youngblood, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study

Coke County

Pecan Baptist
 PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of
 Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy
 (325) 453-2065, Bill Hood, Pastor
www.pecanbaptistchurchrl.com
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship