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**Thursday August 8**  
 El Paso Water's Tech2O Learning Center, 10751 Montana Ave., El Paso, TX 79935, 9:30 am - 11:30 am  
 Trinity River Authority General Office, 5300 S. Collins St., Arlington, TX 76018, 9:30 am - 11:30 am

**Friday, August 9**  
 McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center, 1666 University Ave., Lubbock, TX 79410, 9:30 am - 11:30 am  
 Beckendorf Conference Center at Lone Star College Tomball, 30555 Tomball Pkwy., Tomball, TX 77375, 9:30 am - 11:30 am

**Tuesday, August 13**  
 Guadalupe Basin Natural Resource Center Upper Guadalupe River Authority, 125 Lehmann Dr., Kerrville, TX 78028, 9:30 am - 11:30 am  
 City of Lake Jackson Civic Center, 333 HWY 332 E., Lake Jackson, TX 77566, 9:30 am - 11:30 am

**Wednesday, August 14**  
 The Cactus Hotel, 65 E.

Twohig Ave, 15th floor, San Angelo, TX 76903, 9:30 am - 11:30 am

Saltwater Pavilion at Rockport Beach, 210 Seabreeze Dr., Rockport, TX 78382, 9:30 am - 11:30 am

**Thursday, August 15**  
 Abilene Convention Center, 1100 N. 6th St., Abilene, TX 79601, 9:30 am - 11:30 am

Texas A&M Higher Education Center at McAllen, 6200 Tres Lagos Blvd., McAllen, TX 78504, 9:30 am - 11:30 am

A map and schedule of these meetings is also available on the TWDB website.

The TWDB is the state agency charged with collecting and disseminating water-related data, assisting with regional planning, and preparing the state water plan for the development of the state's water resources. The TWDB administers cost-effective financial assistance programs for the construction of water supply, wastewater treatment, flood control, and agricultural water conservation projects.

**Local Author to hold book signing in Bronte on August 11**

My name is Roma Johnson Holley. The story of my life began in Nolan County where our family had a small farm/ranch. My parents, Herman (d.1995) and Irene Johnson (d.1998), were hardworking, Christian individuals who instilled the same hardworking, Christian traits in myself and my brother, Russell Johnson. We moved to Bronte in the fall of 1976 because of my father's ill health. My mother re-established her nursing career at the Bronte Nursing Home. She was a dedicated caregiver there for many years when she finally semi-retired. I say semi-retired because she was still nursing part-time at Robert Lee Nursing home at the time of her passing.



Russell and I both graduated from Bronte High School in 1980 and 1981, respectively. We both left to pursue careers and Russell's journey led him back to Coke County where he was in law enforcement for many years before being elected Coke County Justice of the Peace in 2018.

My journey led me to adventures in many countries and states and although I moved back for a while to Bronte in 1996, I finally settled in Eastland, Texas. There my life became entrenched in family life, school and work. My husband and I have a blended family of 4 children and that meant a lot of activities. We always said that if we can just get the kids raised and out of the house that we could survive anything. Well, that statement was put to the test on June 28, 2012, when we were faced with a parent's worst nightmares. Our youngest son, Zachary Shephard, was killed in a vehicle accident in Andrews County. He was only 21 years young.

I don't pretend to be an expert on how to handle grief. I only know what my experience has taught me. It's been said that experience is the best teacher. Well, I would probably have to agree. I never thought that I would write a book that deals with grief. I mean, think about it, who wants to deal with grief? But this experience was thrust upon me and there was no escape. Facebook became one of my coping mechanisms. I could write out everything that I was feeling and I always felt better afterwards. After 5 years of my journey through grief over the loss of my son, I realized that some of my writings were actually helping other people who were reading them. So, I decided to combine my Facebook postings into a book along with some of my other writings. The result is "SURVIVING THE STORM THROUGH THE WIND OF THE SPIRIT: MY JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF".

My hope is that this book will teach by my example, how to live life on purpose; how to not let the past define our future; and how to keep on keeping on when the light of life has become so dim as to be unseen. For it is when we become blind and unseeing that we depend upon someone else for help. "My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth" Psalm 121:2. God has allowed the Holy Spirit to sustain me, strengthen me, comfort me and most importantly, Guide Me.

I must confess, I do not think of myself as an "author". I think of myself as a wife, a mother, a grandmother, a sister, and many other things, but "author" is not one of the descriptors. First and foremost, I think of myself as an humble servant of God.

A Meet and Greet is scheduled for Sunday, August 11, 2019, from 12 noon to 2:30 pm at the Blue Goose (117 W. Main) in downtown Bronte. Roma will be autographing copies of her book during this time.

**RL4Restoration celebrates one year anniversary**

RL4Restoration Foundation celebrated the foundation's one year anniversary in July. What started out as a leap of faith, has been busy at work in the community of Robert Lee. Crystal Stanford, serving as President, reached out to women in the community to form a board and collaborate on ideas.

The driving idea behind this group is working together with all organizations in Robert Lee towards the goal of community involvement for community improvement. The foundation has spent the last year engaged in community outreach; serving up ice cream at the Community Watch National Night Out, becoming a RL Sports Booster Sponsor, hosting a cemetery cleanup day, volunteering at the

Coke County library, organizing the 1st Annual Spring Stampede, and many other community service projects.

The group has gained momentum and has big plans for the upcoming year. Everyone is welcome to the town hall style

meetings where everyone has a voice. For more information, contact Crystal Stanford or Erin Oleksiuk.

**Vision with a Purpose holds monthly meeting**

Vision With A Purpose held their monthly meeting on Thursday, August 1, 2019, at their Austin St. Event Center at 6 pm.

Debbie Childers opened with prayer. After a meal was served, Sheri Millican presented the July minutes and Floyd Pettit gave the treasurer's report. Both reports were approved.

Sheri Millican gave an update on the Hunter's BBQ to be held November 2 at 6 pm at the Robert Lee Rec Hall. Raffle tickets will be sold for guns, BB guns, flat screen TV, drill set, etc. Raffle tickets will be \$12/each and will be available at Robert Lee home games, Coke County Feed and Ranch Supply, Floyd C. Pettit Insurance, and This 'N That Shop. Businesses are also able to have their sign hung at the BBQ for a donation. Assignments were made on Wednesday, July 31, to take care of the many positions needed to make this a successful event. The community is also encouraged to assist. This is a community-wide event to thank our hunters and their sponsors.

VP calls upon all of Robert Lee to help with this as hunters bring extra income to our town.

Debbie Childers gave a report on "Small Town Christmas", which is being held Saturday, December 7, beginning at 5 pm with the arrival of Santa. Food will be provided and vendors are encouraged to set up on Austin Street. Food for the event will include chili, frito pie, and cornbread for a small charge. Pralines, sugared nuts, popcorn, hot chocolate, and gingerbread men will also be for sale. Homes

and businesses can enter the lighting contest. Residents will receive monetary prizes of \$75, \$50, and \$25. The winning business will be awarded a plaque that can be displayed. The theme this year is "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year." Watch for all the beautiful light displays, street decorations and Christmas music.

On Friday, December 6, VP will be holding an Open House along with other businesses in Robert Lee.

The next monthly meeting will be held Thursday, September 5, at 6 pm at the VP Event Center on 701 Austin St. A meal will be served and all are welcome to join this community-driven group.

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