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Also any school personnel not yet retired are invited to CCRTA meetings to have lunch and to learn about the workings of TRTA and CCRTA.

On Monday, September 18, at 12:00 Noon at the First Baptist Church in Bronte, the kick-off date for another information and social meeting of CCRTA, will be held. New members do not need to bring food.

**Ag leases to be covered in workshops**

By Kay Ledbetter

After such a positive response last year, four new Rancher Leasing Workshops covering grazing, hunting and livestock leases are scheduled across the state by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

The free programs are funded by the Southern Extension Risk Management Education Center, said Tiffany Dowell Lashmet, AgriLife Extension agricultural law specialist in Amarillo.

"Last year, 100 percent of participants said they would recommend these programs to a friend, so we decided to offer them in more locations," Lashmet said.

The schedule will be:

- Sept. 1, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Hildebrand Equine Complex, 3240 F&B Road, College Station.

- Sept. 19, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., AgriLife Extension office for Frio County, 400 S. Pecan St., Pearsall.

- Oct. 19, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Tom Green 4-H Center, 3168 N. U.S. Highway 67, San Angelo.

Lashmet said lunch will be provided by two sponsors: Ag Workers Insurance for the Lubbock, College Station and San Angelo programs, and Security State Bank for the Pearsall program.

Participants will need to RSVP at least one week before the meeting they will attend to Kim Garcia, 806-677-5626 or kim.garcia@ag.tamu.edu.

Each workshop will address the legal risks associated with agricultural leases, Lashmet said. The goal is to educate landowners and producers on the importance of utilizing written leases as a risk management tool.

Joining Lashmet on the program will be AgriLife Extension economists from around the state.

"We will discuss the potential legal implications of failing to have a sufficient written lease and the potential legal issues and litigation that the development of written leases can help avoid," she said. "The workshops will also familiarize participants with key terms and provisions that should be considered in lease negotiations."

Participants will receive a leasing handbook that covers legal issues, designing lease payment structures and calculating payments, landowner liability, as well as checklists and sample lease forms for

negotiating lease agreements.

**Commissioners Court meeting minutes posted**

The Coke County Commissioners met on August 8, 2017, at 9 am in the courthouse in Robert Lee. Those in attendance included County Judge Roy Blair, Commissioner Precinct #1 Donald Robertson, Commissioner Precinct #2 Paul Williams, Commissioner Precinct #3 Marshall Millican, Commissioner Precinct #4 Joe Sefcik and Clerk Mary Grim.

The meeting was opened with the pledge to the flag and prayer was offered by Judge Blair.

Judge Blair announced the presence of a quorum.

Commissioner Sefcik moved to approve the minutes for July 25th and 31st, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robertson. The motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer Hal Spain. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sefcik. The motion carried.

Extension Agent Kandice Everitt's report was presented by Judge Blair.

Sheriff Wayne McCutchen presented his report.

The Tax Collector's Report was presented by Tax A/C Josie Dean.

County/District Clerk Mary Grim presented her report.

Constable Precinct #1 Marty Boyd's report was presented by Judge Blair.

Justice of the Peace Precinct #1 Jackie Walker presented her report.

The DR Report was presented by Judge Blair. There was no activity.

The Trapper's Report for October 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017, was presented by Judge Blair.

No action was taken on the



**What a Car!** Bronte Supermarket is a sponsor for this race car, driven by Fred Wojtek. Employees and owners were pleased it was able to make an appearance at the store recently.

burn ban.

Commissioner Williams moved to accept Eckert & Company's Engagement Letter for the County of Coke's Audit for the year ending September 30, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Millican. The motion carried.

Commissioner Williams moved to act on line item transfers for agenda items 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sefcik. The motion carried.

Commissioner Millican moved to make available at no charge the Robert Lee Park Caretaker's House for Coke County 4-H. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sefcik.

Judge Blair reported that the tax deed that was not acted on, Tracy Crites with Perdue will take with the City of Bronte and Bronte ISD. He also reported on accident on the Courthouse lawn, which Julian will take care of. Judge Blair reported on the public hearing dates for the budget.

There being no private road

work requests, no action was taken.

Commissioner Robertson made a motion to pay bills. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. The motion carried.

Judge Pro-Tem Williams adjourned the meeting at 9:40 am.

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The meeting was opened with the pledge to the flag and prayer was offered by Commissioner Williams.

Judge Blair announced the presence of a quorum. Commissioner Robertson was absent.

Judge Blair opened the Public Hearing regarding the 2017-2018 proposed budget and tax rate for Coke County. There were twelve (12) people in attendance.

Judge Blair asked for any comments. There being none, he stated that the proposed tax rate is .685409, with General Fund being .525150 and Road and Bridge being .160259.

There being no further comments, Judge Blair adjourned the meeting at 9:12 am.

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