

**Former Coke County Attorney Leads State District Attorney Organization**

Former Coke County Attorney and former resident Bill Helwig (pictured right), now Yoakum County Criminal District Attorney, has been elected to and is currently serving as "President" of the Texas District and County Attorney Association. On Wednesday, September 20, 2023, Helwig presided over the opening session of the "Annual Criminal and Civil Law Update/Seminar" conference. Attending the annual conference and opening session where more than 1000 Texas prosecutors, investigators, victim assistance coordinators and key personnel staff members from all County and District offices across the state. The yearly Texas event is considered the largest gathering of criminal prosecutors and support office personnel in the United States.

In his opening remarks, the Yoakum Co. Criminal District Attorney encouraged one and all to focus on the educational and networking events of the four-day conference and strive to develop an effective prosecutorial network of



contacts across the state. Helwig reminded all attendees of the duty of prosecutorial offices to "seek justice" in doing the work of prosecuting those who break the law and striving to protect the people and property of our state.

District Attorney Helwig has served as a local prosecutor for a combined total of 26 years as County Attorney in Coke County and Criminal District Attorney in Yoakum Co. He has served three complete terms in Yoakum Co. and is in the first year of his 4th term, headquartered in Plains, Texas. For the last five years, he has been a member of the Board of Directors for the prosecutor organization and has provided leadership on nomination

committees, legislative committees, long range planning projects and bylaw review committees. Helwig is also on the "Advisory Board" for the SMU University "Rural Justice" project.

Helwig resided in Coke County and served as Coke County Attorney from 1980 to 1993. During that tenure, he advised the Commissioners Court, prosecuted all Misdemeanor cases and assisted the District Attorney in felony matters. Following his Coke County Service, he was Assistant General Counsel for the Texas A&M University System in College Station, Tx. His children, Chad Helwig and Jodee Helwig Melton graduated from Robert Lee High School.

**WCCHD board meeting minutes told**

By Pat Stephens  
The Board of Directors of the West Coke County Hospital District convened September 26, 2023, in the Board Conference Room, for the regular monthly meeting. President Beverly Burdett called the meeting to order at 9:35 am, declared a quorum was present, and Roger Alexander gave the invocation. Board members present were Betty Lewis, Roma McCarley and Noel Tinkler. Houston McGuire, Administrator, Roger Alexander, Janie Munoz, Lyza Frasco, and Chris Martin were also present at the meeting. Board member Pat Stephens was absent. There were no visitors.

The administrator gave the staffing update; still in need of a PT/PTA.

The census stands at 37 as of the meeting date.

Accounts receivable were discussed and the DSO stands at 28.

The Administrator gave his report, first giving the Board an update on QIPP/QUAPI.

Financial statements were discussed and are being reviewed.

Danco Electrical is still seeking a new generator provider in order to complete the electrical repairs and updates to the main building.

Outside improvements ongoing. Work has begun on the renovation of the Clinic building.

Work is almost completed on

the new website for RLCC, and online job applications will be available.

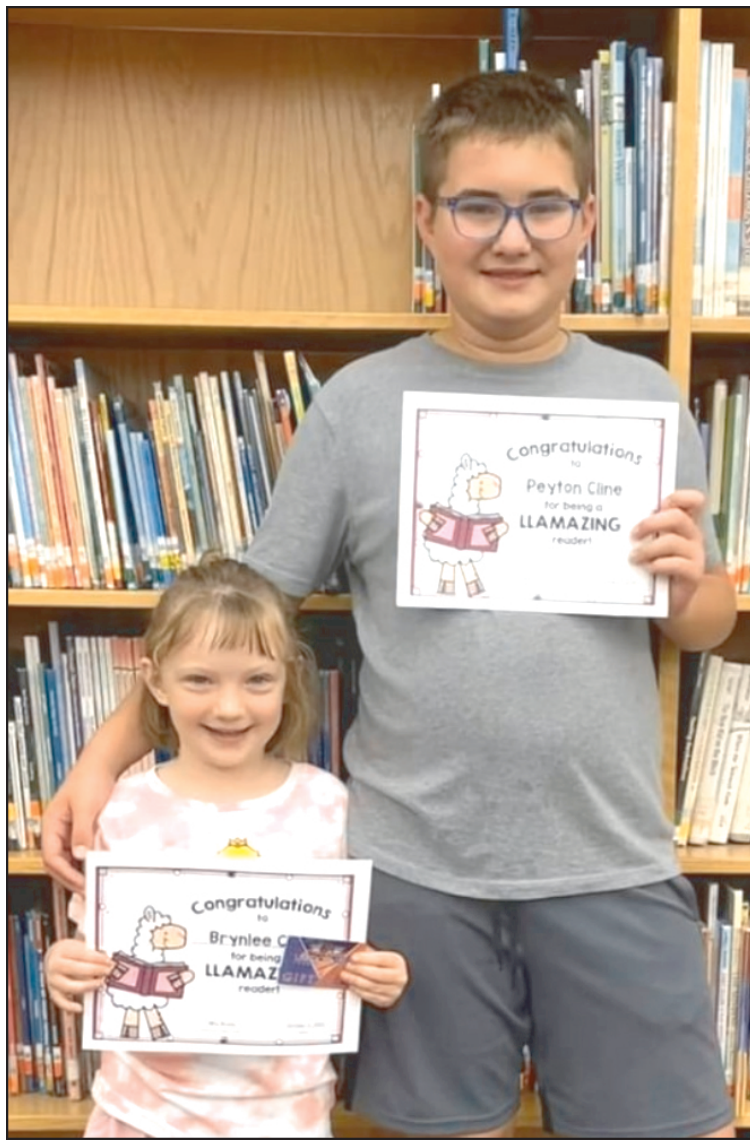
The Alzheimer's Dementia sensory room is nearing completion, and hopefully will become functional very soon.

The employee's longevity bonus was increased and affirmed by the Board for the coming year.

Houston reported an increase in employee insurance rates.

Future agenda items were discussed and the next regular meeting will be Oct. 31, 2023, at 9:30 am. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Taking a look at the October calendar, Sunday afternoon services continue, led by area churches, at 3:30 pm in the dining room, and there are Bible lessons at 11 am on Wednesdays. The weekly Singalong continues on Monday afternoons at 3:30 pm. All participants are welcome! The residents enjoyed a shopping spree on October 6. The monthly birthday party, hosted by FCCLA, will take place one October 17 at 2 pm. Residents celebrating birthdays this month are Agnes Cruz, Twila Cogger and Jackie Garton. Happy birthday to all!! There



**Readers!** Robert Lee ISD students Brynlee Cline and Peyton Cline were recently named the Super Summertime Readers.

will be another resident shopping trip on October 20 at 10 am. A Halloween Festival will take place on October 24 at 3 pm, and on October 27 there will be a pumpkin decorating contest at 3 pm. Halloween is just around the corner! The resident council meeting will take place on October 26 at 3:30 pm and the month will round

out with a bodacious costume contest at 3 pm on October 31. And, BOOM!...just like that, October is gone. Have a safe and fun Halloween!

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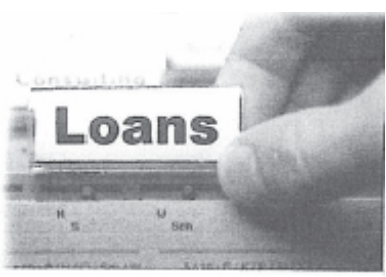
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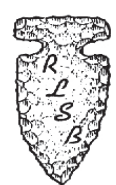
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