

The City of Bronte has terms expiring for mayor and two council positions. These are two year terms. The offices are currently held by Mayor Gerald Sandusky and council members Wade Stautzenberger and Paul Gohman.

Bronte ISD will hold an election to elect three members to the Board of Trustees. These are three year terms currently held by Ashley Braswell, David McWright, and Blake Braswell.

Robert Lee ISD will also hold an election to elect three members to the Board of Trustees. These are three year terms currently held by George Grim, Tom Sawyer, Jr., and Wes Washam.

West Coke County Hospital District has three two year terms expiring for their Board of Trustees. The terms of Pat Stephens, Pat Carwile and Sarah Green are expiring.

East Coke County Hospital District Board of Trustees has three two year terms expiring. These offices are currently held by Howard Baker, Lanette Fletcher, and Everett Bedford.

Benefit Roping scheduled for January 13

A roping to benefit the family of Tom Scates will be held on Saturday, January 13, at the Spur Arena in San Angelo, Texas.

Books will be open from 8 am until 9 am, with roping to begin at 9:30 am. They will begin with a 12 Slide followed by #10. Both ropings are enter one draw two, or draw for all three.

Lunch will be served at 12 noon. The cost for the meal is by donation only.

A live auction will begin at 1:30 pm.

For more information on the roping, contact Nick Coats at (325) 212-2736.

For stalls and RV spots, contact Mason at (325) 656-3339.

West Texas Rehab Telethon to be held January 20

Coke County and surrounding community residents have an opportunity between now and midnight on January 20th to help West Texas Rehabilitation Center by making a gift to Rehab 2018, the Center's 48th annual Telethon.

West Texas Rehabilitation Center provides outpatient care for over 530 patients a day. Since 1953 the Rehab has served the West Texas community, and provides exceptional care to patients regardless of ability to pay. Patients like young Adalee, who has been coming to the Rehab Center several times each week for occupational, physical, speech, and food therapies. Born with developmental delays, Adalee is now walking and improving every day with help from her Rehab team. Just like Adalee, Rehab is dedicated to serving the people of West Texas through its facilities in Abilene, San Angelo, and Ozona.

Volunteers Ava Lou Davis and the 64 Study Club are spearheading local efforts to support the Rehab with a Robert Lee/Bronte Phone Bank.

You can expect a call from Ava Lou and her volunteers at the 64 Study Club on January 20th during the Telethon. "We hope our families and friends will come together with us to support the Rehab," said Ms. Davis, "because Rehab makes a difference in the lives of many area residents and this is a way we can work to ensure that Rehab is around for all of us when we need it."

The phone bank will be held at Ivey Motors so if you are interested in helping make those calls for Rehab you can contact Ava Lou at 325-453-2184. Contributions before, during, and after that night may be given by returning gifts to Ava Lou at PO Box 54, Robert Lee, TX 76945, or by calling the Rehab Center at 325-223-6364.

The Telethon will be carried by 9 television stations, including KLST in San Angelo and KTAB in Abilene, along with stations in parts of New Mexico and Oklahoma. The Telethon show also will be streaming live at www.WestTexasRehab.org.

Project Fair and Livestock Show set for January 18-20

The Coke County Project Fair and Livestock Show will be held January 18 through January 20, 2018, in Robert Lee. There are several contests scheduled for the Project Fair, as well as new contests this year. The project categories include:

Photography - Photos must be 8x10 (mounted if desired but not required). Two entries per category allowed. Entry card must be filled out and attached to the back of each photo. All entries must be original photography of the person

entering.

Art - Any size and categories will be determined by entries.

Re-Purpose Project (Trash to Treasure) - At least 50% should be from repurposed materials.

Lego/Model Crafts - Includes models made from Legos, model airplanes and the like.

Crafts - Includes paper crafts, wood crafts, and decorative items. The possibilities are endless!

Quilting/Sewing/Knitting - Includes quilts, knitted scarves, anything that was sewn, knitted, or crocheted.

Canning - Can include products such as jellies, jams, salsa, or canned vegetable or fruit.

Kids Korner - For exhibitors who are in pre-school through 2nd grade. Can include any of the categories or anything made by the exhibitor.

There is also a Pies, Cookies, and Cakes Contest. All pies must be in a disposable pie pan to attach to the entry form, along with the recipe. Exhibitors may also submit one dozen cookies on a disposable plate. The recipe must be attached to the entry form. Cakes must be in/on a disposable pan/plate. The pies and cakes will be used as desserts during the Buyer's BBQ.

Age divisions for the contests are as follows:

Kids Korner - Pre-school through 2nd Grade;

Junior - 3rd grade through 5th grade;

Intermediate - 6th grade through 8th grade;

Senior - 9th through 12th grade;

Adults - 19 years old and up.

Entries will be taken at the Rec Hall in Robert Lee on Wednesday, January 17 between 12 pm and 6:30 pm. They will continue to be taken on

Thursday, January 18 beginning at 8 am. All entries must be received by noon on January 18. Judging will take place Thursday and Friday before the Stock Show. Entry forms will be available at the Rec Hall in Robert Lee. If you would like to drop them off early, please make arrangements with the Extension Office.

For more information, contact Kandice Everitt or Morgan Runyan at the Extension Office at (325) 453-2461.

Ballot set for March 2018 Primary Election

With the end of the filing period for the March 6, 2018, primary election on December 11, 2017, the ballot is now set. Local candidates only filed for the Republican Primary. No local candidates filed to run as a Democrat.

Offices up for election include County Judge, currently held by Roy Blair; County Treasurer, currently held by Hal Spain; Justice of the Peace, currently held by Jackie Walker; County/District Clerk, currently held by Mary Grim; Commissioner Precincts 2, currently held by Paul Williams; and Commissioner Precinct 4, currently held by Joe Sefcik.

Below are the candidates that have filed for a place on the ballot. Hal Spain, current County Treasurer and former owner/publisher of The Observer/Enterprise, has filed for County Judge and will be joined on the ballot by Sherry Davidson. Therese Emert has filed for County Treasurer. Emert is a retired Verizon

Sourcing Manager. Russell Johnson filed for Justice of the Peace, as well as incumbent Jackie Walker. Johnson is currently serving as a deputy with the Coke County Sheriff's Office. Monica Reyes has filed for County/District Clerk. Reyes is currently a deputy in the Clerk's Office. Three men have filed for Commissioner Precinct 2, Henry Chisholm, Robert Feil, and incumbent Paul Williams. Chisholm is a retired law enforcement officer and Feil previously served as Commissioner Precinct 2 in years past. Joe Sefcik has filed for re-election as Commissioner Precinct 4.

VP hosts first meeting of 2018

Vision With A Purpose held its first meeting of the new year on January 4 at 6 pm in the Family Life Center at the First United Methodist Church, in Robert Lee.

President Emmeritis, Debbie Childers, opened with prayer. A meal was catered by Rangel's of Ballinger. Lots of new faces joined us as well as past members. President Nancy Wilson welcomed members and visitors.

Minutes from December's meeting were discussed and approved. The Treasurer's Report was given by Crystal Stanford and approved.

An update on VP's building on Austin Street was given by Floyd Pettit. It is hoped that the building will be completed in two months and ready for use.

Membership dues were discussed and a committee was appointed to revamp them. Ideas will be presented to members at the February meeting.

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HOLIDAY CLOSING NOTICE

All facilities of this bank will be closed Monday, January 15.

In Observance Of



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Please plan your banking requirements during regular banking hours to avoid any inconvenience.

Robert Lee State Bank

Member FDIC
453-2545

Robert Lee, Texas

9th Annual Daddy Daughter Date Night "Blooming Beauties"

Saturday • January 27 • 5-8 pm

Robert Lee Methodist Church

Family Life Center

Grades Pre-k thru 6th

Advance Tickets purchased before

Wednesday, January 24

\$20/couple, \$5 for additional child

Tickets will be available at the door.

\$30/couple, \$5 for additional child

Tickets may be purchased at

DJ's Merle Norman in Robert Lee and Bronte Hardware Store.

Photos will be taken from 5 to 6 pm with the group picture at 6:15 pm.

For More Information, call or text

Katie Drennan at 473-0112 or

Erin Oleksiuk at 656-9884.