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Local entity filing period continues

The filing period for the May 1, 2021, local government entity elections began Wednesday, January 13, 2021, and will end Friday, February 12, 2021. Ordinarily, there is a full year between elections. Due to Covid, there is only a six month period between the 2020 election and the 2021 election. The last local entity election was held in conjunction with the general election on November 3, 2020.

The City of Robert Lee will hold an election for the council member terms currently held by Becca McGuire and Tracy Grantham. The seat vacated by Jason Moran when he was elected Mayor is also on the ballot.

The City of Bronte has terms for three council positions. These are two year terms. The offices are currently held by Ron Cooper, Stormy Vaughn and Santiago Rodriguez.

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, Terry Queen 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, Wes Washam and Tom Sawyer, Jr.

West Coke County Hospital District has two two year terms expiring for their Board of Trustees. The terms of Noel Tinkler and Beverly Burdett are expiring.

East Coke County Hospital District Board of Trustees has two two year terms expiring. These offices are currently held by Gina McCutchen and Jerita Taylor.

If interested in running for one of these offices, applications are available at the entities during normal office hours.

Benefit lunch slated for February 14

RL4Restoration will host a Valentine's Lunch on Sunday, February 14, beginning at 12

noon. The drive-through, pickup only event will be held at the Robert Lee First United Methodist Church. Plates will consist of Chicken Alfredo,



State Ranked! The Texas Association of Basketball Coaches for UIL schools released the top basketball teams in the state on January 25, 2021. In Class 1A, the Robert Lee High School Lady Steers made the list at #25. The Lady Steers are ranked first in District 11-1A with an undefeated district record of 6 - 0 and an overall record of 12-5.

Italian bread, salad, and a Valentine's dessert. Proceeds from the event will benefit RL4Restoration's playground project.

Library Story Time is virtual event

The Coke County Library Story Time is now a virtual event. Each month will feature an audio book and a packet with corresponding activities. Packets can be picked up at the library, located on Austin Street in downtown Robert Lee. In order to cater to all ages, some books and activities will be for toddler audiences, while others will be designed for primary - early elementary.

For more information, contact the library at (325) 453-2495.

Scholarship opportunities available for upcoming graduates Lone Star Ag Credit

Lone Star Ag Credit will be awarding six graduating seniors a \$2,500 scholarship in 2021. In addition, the FFA chapter or 4-H club of the the scholarship winners will also receive \$500. Applicants must be graduating in the spring of 2021 and submit their application no later than March 16, 2021 (must be postmarked by this date). The application must include three copies of the following:

- Application form (available online at lonestaragcredit.com)
- Resume containing work

experience, community service, organizational involvement, and leadership positions

- List of honors, awards, and special accomplishments
- Current transcript of grades
- Two letters of recommendation from agricultural leaders (for example: teacher, farmer, rancher, extension agent, elected official)
- Two page essay sharing how agriculture and natural resources play a part in your life and what roles they'll serve in your future and career.

Winners will be notified in May and the scholarship will be issued to the college or university to which the student has been accepted. Application packets should be mailed to: Lone Star Ag Credit Scholarship Coordinator, 1612 Summit Ave, Suite 300, Fort Worth, Texas 76102.

Texas Farm Bureau

Texas Farm Bureau has several scholarships available. The Dick Mitchell Scholarship is a \$1,000 scholarship awarded to one high school senior who has attended the Texas Farm Bureau Youth Leadership Conference or Virtual Leadership Conference.

The Young Farmer and Rancher Scholarship is for high school seniors pursuing a degree in agriculture. Each of Texas Farm Bureau's 13 districts will award one \$1,000 scholarship.

To acknowledge former Texas Farm Bureau president S.M. True Jr., a \$20,000 scholarship was established for college students enrolled in an undergraduate degree program with at least 60 hours of college credit and who have declared agriculture as their major. Applicants must submit a completed application and two letters of recommendation - one from the county Farm Bureau president and one from the dean or head of the agriculture department of their college or university.

The Young Farmer and Rancher Enrolled Scholarship is for students already enrolled in college pursuing their undergraduate degrees. Applicants must have completed a minimum of 45 credit hours and have a GPA of 2.5 or higher to qualify. Three \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded.

Texas Farm Bureau has also made scholarship funds available to first-year and enrolled students attending Texas State Technical College (TSTC). Fifty \$1,000 scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis through the Texan Success Scholarship.

Visit texasfarmbureau.org/youth/youth-opportunities for more information and the scholarship application checklist. The deadline to apply is March 5 before midnight.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Friday, January 29

High School Basketball -
Irion County at Bronte, 5 pm
Blackwell at Robert Lee, 4 pm

Monday, February 1

Junior High Basketball -
Irion County at Bronte, 6 pm
Blackwell at Robert Lee, 5 pm

Tuesday, February 2

High School Basketball -
Bronte at Sterling City, 5 pm
Robert Lee at Irion County, 4 pm

Friday, February 5

High School Basketball -
Water Valley at Robert Lee, 4 pm
Irion County Girls at Blackwell, 6:15 pm
Blackwell Boys at Bronte, 7:30 pm