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Special Election ordered

A Special Election will be held Saturday, May 9, 2015, to allow voters in Coke County's Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 (Precincts 2 and 4) to determine whether on-premise beer and wine sales will be allowed in those precincts.

The issue began months ago with Jennifer Addona circulating a petition in Bronte to call for this election. She plans to open a restaurant in the building on the southwest corner of the US Highway 277 and State Highway 158 intersection.

At Tuesday's Commissioner's Court, it was announced that her petition had met all of the legal requirements and had been certified. Statute dictates that Commissioners Court must order an election if all requirements have been met.

Commissioners call for reduced speed on US Highway 277

At Tuesday's Commissioners Court, Precinct 2 Commissioner Paul Williams asked the Court to authorize a resolution requesting Texas Department of Transportation lower the speed on US Highway 277 within Coke County's borders. The

Court voted to authorize this resolution which will be sent with a letter to the TxDOT District Engineer in San Angelo. However, this engineer does not have the ability to make this change. Before any changes may be made, the Texas Transportation Commission in Austin, TxDOT's governing board, will have to approve this reduction.

Cemetery Association to meet February 2

The Hayrick Lodge Cemetery Association will meet Monday, February 2, 2015, at the Masonic Hall in Robert Lee at 5:30 pm. Any persons interested in the care of Robert Lee Cemetery are urged to attend.

Emergency Medical Responder class slated

The East Coke County EMS will be hosting an Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) class in Bronte starting February 9, 2015 and completing March 19, 2015. The classes will be held at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship hall, 324 S Washington St, 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm Mondays and Thursday evenings. There will be two Saturdays also scheduled after the class starts.

This program is free to the



Old Business – New Owners! Randy Flanagan, Renea Flanagan Maxcey and Wade Maxcey are the new owners of Ivey Motors. The 100 year old business changed hands and, to some extent names, Wednesday, January 21, 2015, with the completion of the sale from Billy Wayne Roe. Ivey Motor Company, Inc. is now Ivey Motors. This business is extremely important to the budgets of Robert Lee and Coke County through annual sales tax revenue rebates and licensing fees amounting to hundreds of thousands each year.

public but the book and workbook must be purchased the first night of class. The same book as the last class will be used. If you know someone you can borrow one from, it will be

acceptable, but the workbook will still be required.

Texas Department of Public Health requires background checks and fingerprinting for all volunteers which will be an additional fee as well as the fee for the National Registry Exam taken at the class completion. These do not have to be paid at the start of class. The East Coke County EMS will refund any fees associated with this class after the test is taken and passed to new Bronte volunteers. West Coke County EMS will also refund fees according to their bylaws. All persons must be at least 18 years of age at the time of testing.

For more information regarding this class contact Gwen Dyess, 325-895-1967, Janet Wommack, 325-473-5388.

We urge any person that is interested in helping a very worthwhile organization to participate in this class. Calling ahead is not necessary but will be helpful so we will know how many books to have on hand. We look forward to having you join our class.

Conservation Tree and Shrub Seedlings available

A limited quantity of container and bareroot seedlings are available through the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District. Deadline to order is February 6, 2015. Seedlings will be delivered and

ready for pick up on February 12, 2015.

For species offered and other information, contact the SWCD office by phone: 453-2623, ext. 3 or visit their office at 214 E. 7th Street in Robert Lee. email: mailto:cokecountyswcd@tx.nacd.net

Red Hat Society meeting set

The Red Hat meeting will be February 5 at 11 o'clock at Cafe 158 in Robert Lee. Get your red hat and come fellowship with us. We have lots of fun and laughter. We all need a good dose of laughter. Hope to see you there.

Major Stock Show Update

By Morgan Runyan
Texas AgriLife Agent
Now that the county show is behind us, Coke County 4-H and FFA Livestock exhibitors are taking their livestock projects across the state.

The first show to start the stock show season is Fort Worth Stock Show. At this show, Coke County will be represented in the goat, pig and steer barns with exhibitors from Robert Lee and Bronte.

Once the exhibitors and their families return from Cowtown, the stock show crowd splits with a group heading to San Angelo with the steers and pigs and the others going to San Antonio with

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New Superintendent! Tim Siler is the new Bronte Independent School District Superintendent. He is shown with his wife, Rebecca, and their four little girls at a Meet and Greet held at BISD last Wednesday. Prior to coming to Bronte, he served as the High School Principal at Hamlin ISD.