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Bronte sets activity for October 17

A new event will be held in Bronte Saturday - Bronteoberfest.

Activities, including live music, beer tasting, a cook-off, booths, goat roping and a concert, are scheduled downtown and at the park throughout the day and evening.

For more information, call Jodie Arrott at (817) 999-9079.

Project Graduation fundraiser set for Saturday

Bronte Project Graduation is holding a bake sale, selling raffle tickets for a duck hunt, and having the best cooked at home Pinto Bean's cook off. The events will be held Saturday, October 17, in downtown Bronte at the bank parking lot starting at 10 am.

For more information, please contact Tammy Thorn at 325-660-5787.

Veteran Outreach set for October 20

There will be a Coke County Veterans Outreach at 6 pm (1800 hours) on Tuesday, October 20, 2015. The meeting, for ALL veterans, will be held at the Family Center of Victory Assembly located at 213 6th Street in Robert Lee.

Representatives from the Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Housing and Urban Development, the San Angelo Chapter of the DAV and Texas Veterans Commission will be on hand. The goal of this gathering is to provide information to veterans, answer questions or let veterans know where to get their answers.

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 at 453-2623, ext. 3 or go by 214 E. 7th St. in Robert Lee.

Predator Awareness workshop set for October 23

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct a multi-county Predator Awareness Workshop from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 23 in San

Angelo.

Josh Blanek, AgriLife Extension agent in Tom Green County, said the classroom instruction will be in the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, located north of San Angelo on U.S. Highway 87, and will include afternoon field exercises.

The participating counties include Tom Green, Coke, Runnels, Schleicher, Irion and Sterling.

Coach's Closet set for October 24

Robert Lee Baptist Church Women's Ministry Team is hosting their fall Coach's Closet! Coach's Closet is a clothing event where members of the community can come and get free clothing. The event is set for Saturday, October 24, from 9 am to 12 noon at the Robert Lee Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Coach's Closet clothing event is dedicated to Coach Kenneth Rasco, who gave generously to the community over many years.

Any and everyone can bring GENTLY used clothing items to Coach's Closet. If you are donating, please bring your clothing to the church office by Wednesday, October 21, before 5 pm. Clothing for men, women, children and infants is accepted. This is clothing ONLY. No shoes, please.

The Women's Ministry Team is asking donors to please not bring anything they would not wear. If it needs to go into the trash, put it in the trash! If the garment needs to be ironed, please iron it before you bring it.

When the doors open on Saturday, October the 24th, every person who comes will get a plastic trash bag and they will be able to get whatever items they like or need. There is no limit. Everything is given free of charge to any individual or family, regardless of economic status. This is for everyone! Come and bring a friend!

Hunting and Fishing Guide slated for October 30

The 2015 Coke and surrounding counties' Hunting and Fishing Guide will be published in the October 30th edition of the Observer/Enterprise. The deadline for pictures, advertising and editorial copy is Monday, October 19th. If you have pictures of stories from last



Fatality Accident! *Just before 9 am Tuesday morning, a fatality accident occurred on Highway 277 approximately 2.5 miles north of Bronte when the car traveling south crossed into the path of the milk tanker. The driver of the car was pronounced dead at the scene and the driver of the truck was transported to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries. A second truck headed north jack knifed to avoid the collision.*

season's hunting and/or fishing successes or pictures of this year's bow season, send them in along with details, and we'll get them in this year's guide.

For more information, call 453-2433.

Desserts needed for Bronte Barbeque

The annual Hunter's Barbeque in Bronte will be held Saturday, November 7, from 11 am until 2 pm.

Coordinators would like to make an appeal to area cooks to provide a dessert for the benefit barbeque.

Early voting begins October 19 in Amendment Election

Early voting begins Monday, October 19, 2015, and will run through Friday, October 30, 2015, for the upcoming Texas Constitutional Amendment Election. The election will be held Tuesday, November 3.

The explanations of the proposed amendments and the exact wording to be on the ballot for each of the seven are listed below.

Proposition Number 1

SJR 1 - Current law provides an exemption of \$15,000 from the ad valorem taxation for public school purposes of a residence homestead. The proposed amendment would



increase this exemption to \$25,000, starting in the tax year beginning January 1, 2015. In order to reflect the increased exemption on the homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or a disabled person, the proposed amendment would provide a reduction to the current limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes. The proposed amendment would protect school districts from all or part of the revenue loss by authorizing an appropriation of funds according to formulas set by the legislature. In addition, the proposed amendment would authorize the legislature to prohibit a political subdivision from reducing or repealing a homestead exemption adopted by the political subdivision. Finally, the proposed amendment would prohibit the imposition of a tax on the conveyance of real property, but would not prohibit the imposition of a business tax measured by business activity, a tax on the production of minerals, a tax on the issuance of title insurance, or a change in the rate of a tax in existence on January 1, 2016.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation

for public school purposes from \$15,000 to \$25,000, providing for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for those purposes on the homestead of an elderly or disabled person to reflect the increased exemption amount, authorizing the legislature to prohibit a political subdivision that has adopted an optional residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation from reducing the amount of or repealing the exemption, and prohibiting the enactment of a law that imposes a transfer tax on a transaction that conveys fee simple title to real property."

Proposition Number 2

HJR 75 - In 2011, voters approved a constitutional amendment to allow a surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran an exemption from ad valorem taxation from all or part of the market value on the disabled veteran's residence homestead, as long as the surviving spouse had not remarried. The amendment did not apply to surviving spouses of veterans who died before 2011. This amendment would extend the exemption in such cases. The proposed amendment would apply only to ad valorem taxes imposed for a

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