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BURN BAN HAS BEEN LIFTED.

Through Wednesday morning, reports of rainfall throughout Coke County ranged from 2" to over 2 1/2".

Tuesday's election shows country wants change

Coke County voters may have been discouraged from getting out to the polls by Tuesday's rain. Only 786 or 33.85% of the county's 2,322 registered voters turned out for the General Election.

However, the voters who turned out for this election were in tune with the rest of the country as they voted extremely conservatively. Nationally, the Republican party picked up even more seats in the House of Representatives and the Republicans will have the majority in the Senate for the first time since 2006. Somewhat unexpected was the sweep in the governors races across the nation by the Republicans. Not only will Texas return a Republican to the Governor's office, but so will Massachusetts, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Maryland, Florida and others.

In Texas, Republicans were overwhelmingly elected to state office. Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott will be our next Governor with 59.28% of the vote over Wendy Davis' 38.88%. Other winners include US Senator John Cornyn, US Representative Mike Conaway, Lt. Governor Dan Patrick, Attorney General Ken Paxton, Comptroller Glenn Hegar, Land Commissioner George P. Bush, Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller, Railroad Commissioner Ryan Sitton, Supreme Court

Chief Justice Nathan Hecht, Supreme Court Justice Place 6 Jeff Brown, Supreme Court Justice Place 7 Jeff Boyd, Supreme Court Justice Place 8 Phil Johnson, Place 3 Court of Criminal Appeals Judge Bert Richardson, Place 4 Court of Criminal Appeals Judge Kevin Patrick Yeary, Place 9 Court of Criminal Appeals Judge David Newell, State Representative Drew Darby, and 3rd Court of Appeals District Chief Justice Jeff Rose. The Proposition to use and dedicate money transferred to the state highway fund also passed statewide with 79.78% of the vote.

With a majority of 93.65%, straight ticket Republican votes cast in Coke County definitely overshadowed the Democrat straight tickets of 6.35% (339-23). In fact, Ryan Lange, the Libertarian opposing US Representative Mike Conaway received more votes in Coke County than there were Democrat straight tickets cast with a total of 52 votes. However, the majority of Coke County's voters chose not to vote straight ticket for one of the parties.

Coke County election totals are listed below with the office, name of the candidate, votes received and under votes. Under votes are the total of the voters who could have voted for a candidate and chose not to vote in that race.

Coke County Judge Roy Blair,



B&K Hunters Barbecue! Hunters from around the area lined up before the 11 am start time to fill their plates with the amazing burgers, barbecue and fish at the annual Hunters Appreciation Barbecue sponsored by B & K Processing each opening day of deer season in downtown Bronte. The volunteer kitchen crew were kept busy until the last hunter came through the line to get that last bite!

635 votes, 132 undervotes
District and County Clerk Mary Grim, 666 votes, 103 under votes

Coke County Treasurer Hal Spain, 675 votes, 98 under votes
Precinct 2 Commissioner Paul Williams, 170 votes, 18 under votes

Precinct 4 Commissioner Joe Sefcik, 150 votes, 24 under votes
Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Jackie Walker, 364 votes, 52 under votes

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2, Grady Coulter, 175 votes, 171 under votes

Sidewalk and Bake Sales slated

The Coke County Quilters Club will be holding Sidewalk and Bake Sales in Bronte and Robert Lee. The sale in Robert Lee is on Friday, November 7, near This 'N That on Austin Street in Robert Lee and the one in Bronte is near First National Bank on Friday, November 14.

Both sales are from 10 am to 2 pm. The ladies will be offering handmade goodies, crafts, gifts and other unique items.

The group donates money and/or quilts to several non-profit organizations. Some of these include local fire departments, food pantries, nursing homes, child protective services, the needy and others.

Tire Disposal set for Friday and Saturday

A Free Tire Disposal is scheduled for today and tomorrow, Friday and Saturday,

November 7 and 8. The time for today is 9 am to 2 pm and tomorrow it will be held from 8 am to 12 noon.

Passenger and truck tires will be accepted. However, rims will not be accepted for disposal.

The event will be held at the Convenience Center at 101 W. 1st Street in Fern Haven Park in Robert Lee.

For more information, call City Hall at (325) 453-2831.

Electronics Recycling set for November 15

A Free Electronics Recycling for Coke County will be held Saturday, November 15, from 8 am to 12 noon in Bronte. The location is 116 West Jones, just south of the water plant.

Examples of what can be recycled include Computers (Desktop and Laptops), Printers, Computer Accessories (Mice, Keyboards, Web Cams, Speakers, Microphones), Computer Monitors (CRT, LCD, LED), Televisions (CRT, LED, LCD, Plasma, 3D), Fax Machines, Typewriters, Telephones, Cell Phones & Chargers, GPS Units, Pagers, PDAs, Tablets, Answering Machines, MP3 Players,

Scanners, Radios, Boom Boxes, CD Players, External Hard Drives, Solid State Drives, SD Cards, Memory Cards, Card Readers, Speakers, Microphones, DJ Equipment, Receivers, Recording Devices, Headphones, Video Equipment, Cameras, Video Cameras, Web Cams, Communications Equipment, Medical Testing Equipment, Laboratory Equipment, Circuit Boards, Cables, Wires, Power Cords, and Power Strips.

The recycling is a free service provided by the City of Bronte and Concho Valley Council of Government.

Bronte Golf Tourney slated for November 15

The Bronte Longhorn Golf Club is sponsoring a 2 person 27 hole golf tournament on Saturday, November 15. Tee time is 9 am.

When signing up you must let them know if a cart is needed and leave a call back number. For more information, contact Bronte Longhorn Golf Club at 325-473-2156, 325-473-3231 or 325-262-6617. After 5 pm call 432-661-3431 or 325-864-3312 or 325-236-0089.

COKE COUNTY FOOTBALL!

Robert Lee Steers vs. Water Valley Wildcats

Friday, November 7, 2014

7:30 pm Water Valley



Bronte Longhorns vs. Roscoe Plowboys

Friday, November 7, 2014

7:30 pm Bronte



Blackwell Hornets vs. Trent Gorillas

Thursday, November 6, 2014

7:30 pm Blackwell



**Regular Meeting
Commissioners Court
Monday, November 10, 9 am
Commissioners Courtroom
Coke County Courthouse**