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Ballots set for March 2014 Primary Election

The filing period for March 2014 Primary Election ended Monday, December 9, 2013. The election is set for Tuesday, March 4, 2014.

Only two local offices will have contested races. Coke County Commissioners in both Precincts 2 and 4 will face challengers. Currently, these offices are held by Wendell Lee in Precinct 2 and Bobby Blaylock in Precinct 4. Facing Lee for Commissioner Precinct 2 is Paul Williams. Blaylock is being challenged by Joe Sefcik for Commissioner Precinct 4.

Incumbents without opponents filing to retain their positions include: Roy Blair, County Judge; Mary Grim, County/District Clerk; Hal Spain, County Treasurer; Jackie Walker, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1; and Grady Coulter, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2.

Only Grady Coulter filed for the Democrat Primary. All other filings have been for the Republican Primary.

Mountain Creek Golf Course announces annual meeting

Mountain Creek Golf Course will have their annual membership meeting Saturday, December 14, at 1 pm. The meeting will be held at the clubhouse. All members are encouraged to attend.

January 2 is first day to rent county facilities

The first day to rent the Robert Lee Large Recreation Hall, the Bronte Community Center, the Robert Lee and Bronte Senior Citizens Buildings, and the Robert Lee and Bronte Pavilions will be Thursday, January 2, 2014. The Coke County Judge's Office

will open at 7 am to begin booking rentals. For more information, please call Lorrie at 325-453-2641.

Kickapoo Water Board sets election

Coke County Kickapoo Water Control and Improvement District #1 will hold an election on January 14, 2014, for the purpose of electing two directors.

Directors filing for re-election to the board are Jack Corley and Bob Ragsdale. The election will be held at Bronte City Hall.

For further information concerning the election, contact Clerk Fran Sonnenberg.

Commissioners Court minutes posted

The Coke County Commissioners Court met in regular session November 25, 2013, at the courthouse in Robert Lee. Members of the court present included County Judge, Roy Blair, Commissioner, Pct. #1 Troy Montgomery, Commissioner, Pct. #2 Wendell Lee, Commissioner, Pct. #3 Gaylon Pitcock, Commissioner, Pct. #4 Bobby Blaylock. Clerk Mary Grim was also in attendance.

The meeting opened with prayer given by Judge Blair and pledge to the flag was recited.

Judge Blair announced the presence of a quorum.

Commissioner Pitcock made a motion to approve the minutes for November 12 and 14. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lee. Motion carried.

No action was taken on the burn ban.

Commissioner Lee made a motion to approve the 2014 Courthouse Holiday Schedule as stated. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Blaylock. Motion carried.



Winter Weather Revisits Coke County! *These cattle were glad to see the feed wagon arrive last weekend as they braved the cold and ice. The first cold front of this session blew into the county last Thursday, December 5th, delivering massive cold air and an average of an inch of sleet over the next couple of days. Schools in Blackwell, Bronte and Robert Lee were forced to close Friday. By Sunday afternoon, temperatures headed above freezing for a short while and most of the ice on area roadways melted. However, by Monday morning another front dipped temperatures back into the twenties and county residents were introduced to "freezing fog".*

Unfortunately, both Robert Lee and Bronte had Christmas celebrations scheduled for last weekend. Christmas in Bronte has been cancelled and will not be postponed. Robert Lee's

Vision with a Purpose "A Small Town Christmas" in Robert Lee has been rearranged. The lighting ceremony was held without fanfare so residents could begin enjoying the beautiful Christmas lights. The movie and meal has been rescheduled for tomorrow (Saturday) night. The meal of stew and cornbread will be held at 6 pm with "Elf" screening at 7 pm. Both events will be held at the large recreation hall in the Coke County Park in Robert Lee. The movie is free to the public.

With the cancellation of Santa's public visits to Coke County, The Observer/Enterprise has no "Santa" pictures for next week's Christmas issue. If your child or grandchild was able to visit with Santa somewhere, please send that picture in no later than Monday, December 16, at 12 noon and we'll try to include it in next week's paper. You can email it as a jpeg attachment to o-e@wcc.net.

Judge Blair did not have anything to report on the Coke County Detention Center.

Judge Blair reported the proposed offer to purchase Coke County Detention Center was for \$192,000.00 and we pay all closing costs.

Commissioner Pitcock made a motion to allow Judge Blair to visit with him about the proposal. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. Motion carried. Commissioner Lee made a

motion to approve the contract between Coke County and the Texas Department of Agriculture. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pitcock. Motion carried.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion to approve the Contract for Management Services for the 2013 Texas Community Development Block Grant Project. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Pitcock. Motion carried.

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Rare Capture! *Edwin Lindsey captured this mountain lion on a game camera on November 23, 2013, at about 5:30 pm. The big cat was caught on three other cameras over a 3 day span on neighbors' properties. The area where the cat was seen is west of FM 1904 on the north side of Lake Spence outside of Robert Lee.*