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Courts continue to change dates in 2012 primary elections

Due to disputed district lines, the courts have not only changed the filing period for the 2012 primary election a couple of times, they now have changed the date of the primary election.

The filing period was last scheduled to end Thursday, December 15, 2011. It has now ended as of Monday, December 19, 2011.

The primary, originally scheduled for March 6, 2012, is now slated for April 3, 2012. This move effectively removes Texas from having a decisive say in the presidential nominee since the state will no longer be included in "Super Tuesday".

County offices up for election include Coke County Commissioners in Precincts 1 and 3, currently held by Gene Montgomery and Gaylon Pitcock; County Constables in Precincts 1 and 2, currently held by Marshall Millican and Marty Boyd respectively; County Attorney, currently held by Nancy Arthur; County Tax Assessor/Collector, currently held by Josie Dean; and County Sheriff, currently held by Wayne McCutchen.

Gene Montgomery and Gaylon Pitcock have filed to retain their seats on the com-

missioners' court. Sheriff Wayne McCutchen has filed for re-election, Coke County Attorney Nancy Arthur, along with Precinct 2 Constable Marty Boyd and Precinct 1 Constable Marshall Millican. Incumbent Tax Assessor/Collector Josie Dean has filed by petition, along with her challenger, Kathi Cox. The applications and petitions have been picked up by the party chair and the signatures on the petitions are being verified.

Robert Lee receives funding for pipeline

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) today approved by resolution \$2,750,000 in financial assistance, consisting of an \$825,000 loan and \$1,925,000 loan forgiveness from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund-Disadvantaged Community to the City of Robert Lee (Coke County) to finance water system improvements.

The City of Robert Lee (City) depends on the E.V. Spence Reservoir for its water supply, and the reservoir is currently at one percent of its capacity. The City will use these funds to build a 12-mile-long pipeline as an



'Tis the Season - the "Christ"mas Season! *Forgiven Ministries held their annual Bronte Toy Run Saturday, December 10, 2011. Fifteen children received a complete Christmas that might not have been possible without this group. Shown with their new gifts and Santa Claus (aka Willie Yell) are Trenton, (from left) Grayson, Zoeie, and Abby.*

emergency connection to the City of Bronte to obtain emergency water supplies. Minor improvements to the City of Robert Lee Water Treatment Plant are included in this loan to provide adequate disinfection for the emergency supplies received from the City of Bronte. The loan will also provide financing to plan and design solutions to meet the City's long-term water supply and treatment needs. The planning effort will include drilling test wells for a supplemental groundwater supply.

The City is located approximately 30 miles north of the City of San Angelo. The City's 2010 population was 1,049, and its utility system serves 602 water connections and 470 wastewater connections.

The TWDB is the state agency charged with collecting and disseminating water-related data, assisting with regional planning and preparing the State Water Plan for the development of the state's water resources. The TWDB administers cost-effective financial programs for the construction of water supply, wastewater treatment, flood control, and agricultural water conservation projects.

CORRECTION

The water in Robert Lee was reported to have been off from Saturday to Monday, December 10-12. The report should have said that the water was off intermittently during those days.

Holiday Closings

The Coke County Courthouse and the Bronte and Robert Lee City Halls will be closed in observance of the Christmas holiday on Friday, December 23, and Monday, December 26. They will also be closed Monday, January 2, in observance of New Year's Day. Trash service in Robert Lee will run as scheduled on Friday, December 23.

Observer/Enterprise will not publish next week

According to our postal mailing permit, the *Observer/Enterprise* will not publish an issue next week.

The newspaper office will be closed the week between Christmas and New Year's Day and Monday, January 2. The next paper to be printed will be dated January 6, 2012.

Davis to retire from Robert Lee State Bank

Peggy Davis went to work at Robert Lee State Bank on September 15, 1985. She will retire on December 30, 2011, after 26 years of service.

She was married to Vaughan Davis. He served on the Board of Directors at Robert Lee State Bank for several years. After his death, Peggy began serving on the Board in 1989 and will continue to serve the Bank in that capacity.

She has one daughter, Sherill Davis and one son and daughter-in-law, Waid and Susan Davis, all of the Dallas area.

Peggy is active in the Robert Lee Baptist Church, 64 Study Club and the Coke County Historical Commission.

A reception honoring Mrs. Davis will be held at Robert Lee State Bank on Friday, December 30, 2011, from 10 am to 2 pm. Please come by and enjoy refreshments and extend your good wishes for her retirement.



Freaky Winter Weather! *On Thursday December 15, 2011, at approximately 9:30 am, Coke County Sheriff Wayne McCutchen and Deputy Trey Davis responded to a one vehicle accident approximately 12 miles North of Robert Lee on Hwy 208. The accident was caused by a freak sleet storm with sleet covering the roadway for approximately 1 mile. Temperatures were approximately 20°F colder than those in Robert Lee. No one was injured in this accident. The Best Connection's Rick Drennan braved the slick ground to rescue the vehicle.*

