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## Filing opens in May's local government entity elections

Monday, February 6, 2012, was the first day to file for places on the ballot in the upcoming local entities elections. Filing will be allowed until March 5, 2012. The election will be held Saturday, May 12, 2012.

Along with the mayor, there are two two-year city council member terms on the ballot for the City of Bronte. Currently, these offices are held by Gerald Sandusky, mayor, and council members, Jennifer Stango, Paul (Buzz) Gohmann, and Jimmie Guthrie.

There are two council member terms and the mayoral position on the ballot for the City of Robert Lee. Currently, these council seats are held by Sid Burns and Richard Johnson. The office of mayor is held by John Jacobs.

There are three two-year Board of Director terms on the ballot for the West Coke County Hospital District. Currently, these offices are held by Pat Stephens, Sarah Green, and Farrell Jean Washam.

There are two two-year terms and one unexpired term on the ballot for the

East Coke County Hospital District. Currently, these offices are held by Beverly Sims, Nancy Cooper, and Howard Baker.

There are three three-year Board of Trustee terms on the ballot for the Bronte Independent School District. Currently, these offices are held by Ericka Knight, Wayne Coalson, and Doug Tounget.

There are three three-year Board of Trustee terms on the ballot for the Robert Lee Independent School District. Currently, these offices are held by Brandi Brosh, Wes Washam, and Tom Sawyer, Jr.

### UIL announces district realignments

Texas UIL announced this week new districts for all three of our local teams.

Blackwell, Bronte and Robert Lee are included in the same district for basketball. The 2012-2013 1A Division 2 District 14 includes Blackwell, Bronte, Garden City, Paint Rock, Robert Lee, Sterling City, Veribest and Water Valley. This only applies



**Watch Out!** Main Street in Bronte Monday morning was a little more exciting than usual. Wendell Lee, Coke County Commissioner Precinct 2, was driving the county pickup when he apparently lost control and veered into a parked pickup, spinning it around and pushing it up on to the sidewalk. Lee was transported by medical helicopter to San Angelo and was admitted to the hospital. The driver and passenger of the other pickup had just gotten out of the vehicle and stepped onto the sidewalk at the time of the accident.

to basketball.

Blackwell and Robert Lee will compete in the same district during the football season. The 2012-14 1A 6-Man Division 2 District 8 includes Blackwell, Lohn, Robert Lee, and Panther Creek.

Bronte will be joined by

Christoval, Eldorado, Menard, Irion County, Miles and TLCA in the 1A 11-Man Division 2 District 6.

### ECA classes to begin this month

East Coke County EMS classes for Emergency Medical Responders will begin February 13, 2012, at 6 pm. The classes will meet at the community room of the Bronte Housing complex, 116 NE Railroad.

If you have not signed up and would like to attend the classes, join us that evening! For more information, you may call the city hall in Bronte, 473-3501.

### 1st Annual Lion's Club Chili Supper set for February 18

Robert Lee Lion's Club is sponsoring a chili supper fund-raiser in the big Recreation Hall on February 18th at 6:00 pm.

In addition to the best chili you ever wrapped a lip around; the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department will have a scrumptious deserts auction at 7:00. All desert donations will be most welcome. Contact any member of your local Fire Department to make a donation.

There will also be a raffle

for a bar-b-q pit, with tickets selling for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. See any of your local Lions to purchase a raffle ticket.

### Reception to honor Wanda Barbee slated for February 19

A reception honoring Wanda Barbee will be held Sunday, February 19, 2012, from 3 to 4:30 pm in the fellowship hall of First Baptist Church in Bronte.

All friends and former students are encouraged to attend. Cards and letters would be a great addition, but organizers are requesting no gifts.

### Daddy-Daughter Date Night slated

The 3rd annual Daddy-Daughter Date Night "Snowflake Ball" will be held Saturday, February 11, from 5 to 8 pm at the Robert Lee Rec Hall.

This event offers dads, step-dads, granddads, big brothers, uncles, cousins, or that special friend the opportunity to let their little girl know how special they are. This evening is for girls in Kindergarten through 6th grade. There will be light appetizers, music, door prizes and a complimentary

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**Robert Lee Pipeline!** This group of volunteers worked late on Thursday, February 2, 2012, to complete the 4.5 mile portion of the waterline to Bronte. The pipeline contractor will be responsible for the remaining 7.5 miles to the treatment facility at Bronte. The volunteers will finish up the project this week by tying the pipeline in to Robert Lee's treatment plant.