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Spring Gardening Program set

Did your Tomatoes not perform well last year?

Did you have questions about your trees last summer?

Are you wasting water when you water your plants?

Do You have questions about Rainwater Harvesting?

To help answer all of your questions, Coke County Extension office is presenting a Spring Gardening Program Tuesday, February 26, 2013, from 6 to 8 pm at Robert Lee Rec Hall.

Speakers will include:

- Allison Watkins Tom Green County Horticulture Agent
- James Jackson Coke County Extension Agent AG/NR
- Brian Hetherington Coke County Master Gardner

Please RSVP by February 21 to the Extension Office at 325-453-2461 voice, 325-453-2650 fax, e-mail: JamesR.Jackson@ag.tamu.edu.

Winners of the free tickets to the program given away by Cindy's Grocery were Clay Allen, Rita Triano, Cynthia Dillard, Gene Montgomery and Robin Allen.

Conaway to hold Service Academy Day

U.S. Representative K. Michael Conaway will hold a Service Academy Day at Angelo State University in San Angelo on Saturday, March 2, 2013.

This event will provide

parents, students and educators with information about the nomination process for our nation's service academies. A nomination from a member of Congress is required to be considered for an appointment to the following service academies: West Point, the U.S. Naval Academy, the U.S. Air Force Academy and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

The Service Academy Day will be held from 1:30 to 4 pm in the MCS Building room 100, 2200 Dena Drive, at ASU in San Angelo. Representatives from the offices of U.S. Senators John Cornyn and Ted Cruz, the ROTC, and the service academies will also be in attendance.

For more information, please call JoAnne Powell in the District 11 San Angelo office at (325) 659-4010.

Academy nomination applications are available on the congressman's website at <http://conaway.house.gov/constituentservices/serviceacademynominations.htm>.

Filing continues in local government entity elections

Potential candidates in the upcoming May 11, 2012, local entity election may file for their place on the ballot until the first week in March.

There are two two-year city council member terms on the



Oil Boom! These trucks, members of the Blue Line Drilling Company fleet, were stopped in Bronte Monday, February 18, 2013, during the noon hour. They, along with the truck hauling heavy equipment, are a sure sign that oil and gas activity in our area has picked up.

Local officials have attended meetings recently to discuss what preparations are needed for our county to be ready to handle whatever challenges may be faced.

To help inform residents of Coke County about what effect the oil boom may have locally, we have scheduled an Oil & Gas Special Section for March. It will look at what increases Coke County businesses can expect, what increases may be forthcoming for our tax roll, what increases will occur and are already occurring on our sales tax rebates, and many more effects to Coke County and its citizens. The section will also explore the definitions and differences of mineral rights, royalties, executive rights, surface rights, etc.

The Observer/Enterprise is currently accepting sponsorships for each of the Oil & Gas Special Section's pages. If you are interested, please call our office at (325) 453-2433.

ballot for the City of Bronte.

Currently, these offices are held by Misti Bedford and Paula McWright.

There are three council member terms on the ballot for the City of Robert Lee. Currently, these council seats are held by Janie Munoz, Jeanette Meeks, and Tommy Roach.

There are two two-year Board of Director terms on the ballot for the West Coke County Hospital District.

Currently, these offices are held by Mary Bessent and Dessie Kendall. Both ladies have filed for re-election.

There is one two-year term on the ballot for the East Coke County Hospital District. Currently, this seat is held by Howard Baker. There are also two unexpired terms. These offices are now held by Clint Porter and Lee Wommack.

There are two three-year Board of Trustee terms on the ballot for the Bronte Independent School District. Currently, these offices are held by Kay Styles and Shane Kelton.

There are two three-year Board of Trustee terms on the ballot for the Robert Lee Independent School District. Currently, these offices are held by Beverly Sinclair and Tracy Allen.

OFFICE REQUIREMENTS City Elections

1 year in state prior to filing deadline;

1 year in city prior to election;

18 years of age;

Registered voter at time of election

School Board

1 year in state and 6 months in district prior to filing deadline;

18 years of age;

Registered voter at time of election

CRP sign-up slated

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will conduct a four-week general sign-up for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), beginning May 20 and ending on June 14.

Additional sign-ups for continuous CRP programs will be announced in spring 2013.

Currently, about 27 million acres are enrolled in CRP, which is a voluntary program available to agricultural producers to help them safeguard environmentally sensitive land. Producers enrolled in CRP plant long-term, resource-conserving covers to

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Daddy Daughter Date Night! A group photo was taken of the over 115 people who attended the 4th Annual Daddy Daughter Date Night held at the Rec Hall in Robert Lee Saturday evening, February 9, 2013. The event allows little girls, Pre-K through 6th Grade, with the opportunity to know just how special they are.

Robert Lee Steers Play-Off Game!
Robert Lee Steers vs. Zephyr Bulldogs
Friday • February 22 • 7:30 pm
Winters, Texas