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Ballots set for Local Entity May elections

The filing period for the May 6, 2017, local government entity elections began Wednesday, January 18, 2017, and ended February 17, 2017.

The City of Robert Lee will hold a combined election this year. A special election for a one year unexpired term currently held by Shaunna Grantham and a regular election to elect three council members. These are two years terms. The offices are currently held by council members Toni Rainwater, Roger Alexander and Janie Munoz. Toni Rainwater, Janie Munoz and Roger Alexander have filed to retain their seats on the council. The filing period for the special election to fill the one year unexpired term will end March 6, 2017. Shaunna Grantham was appointed to fill this seat and has filed to retain the seat.

The City of Bronte has terms expiring for three council positions. These are two year terms. The offices are currently held by council members Martin Lee, George Tomes and Misti Bedford. George Tomes has filed to retain his seat on the council. He will be joined on the ballot by Stormy Vaughn, David Bedford, Jim Rodriguez, Orlando DeLaGarza, and Paul Knight.

Bronte ISD will hold an election for two members of the Board of Trustees. These are three year terms currently held by John Seales and Jodie Arrott. Jodie Arrott and John Seales have filed to retain their seats. They will be joined on the ballot by Margaret Charlesworth and Kinley Pritchard.

Robert Lee ISD will hold an election to elect two members to the Board of Trustees. These are three year terms currently held by Jeffie Roberts and Irma

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70th Anniversary Celebration! The Bronte Sorosis Study Club celebrated its Seventieth Anniversary on Thursday, February 16, 2017, at the Bronte First United Methodist Church.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Saturday, February 25

Special Olympics Area Basketball Competition,
Opening Ceremonies will begin at 9:30 am, Bronte ISD

Kassie's Kreations Grand Opening, 10 am,
617 Houston, Robert Lee

Sunday, February 26

Bronte Class of 2017 Project Graduation
Spaghetti Lunch, 11 am to 1 pm
Bronte

Monday, February 27

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting, 6 pm, First Baptist Church Bronte

Bronte Volunteer Fire Department Meeting, 7 pm, City Hall

Tuesday, February 28

Coke County Commissioners Court
9 am at Coke County Courthouse in Robert Lee

Blizzard Relays Junior High Track Meet, Winters

First United Methodist Church Men's Annual Pancake Supper,
5 pm - 7 pm, First United Methodist Church Bronte

Wednesday, March 1

Thursday, March 2

Friday, March 3

Eagle Relays High School Track Meet, Sterling City

Study Club celebrates 70 years of service to community

The Bronte Sorosis Study Club celebrated its Seventieth Anniversary on Thursday, February 16, 2017, at the Bronte First United Methodist Church. The theme was "Hats Off to the Sorosis Study Club" and each member wore a hat. The church fellowship hall was decorated with hats and memorabilia from the past. Tables were decorated with mint lime green tablecloths and centered with small mirrors with hats, vases of pink tulips, and strands of pearls along with other old jewelry. Two special memory tables honored Jean Fancher and Rachael Robinson, long time members of the club. Displayed on Jean's table were gloves, a handbag, and handkerchief from her college days. On Rachael's table her purse and gloves were shown. Past Club yearbooks, "Clubwoman" magazines, and scrapbooks were displayed.

Pat Lee presented highlights of the club's past seventy years. The club was organized in 1946 and federated in 1947, however, it dissolved in 2002. It was sponsored by the Diversity Club and was first named the Junior Study Club. There were sixteen charter members, and today there are twenty-three members.

The goals of the organization have not changed since the beginning. They remain focused upon programs covering the arts, conservation, home life, health, international affairs, public affairs, and Texas Heritage. They are also focused upon improvements to the community in several areas: civic, cultural, educational, and charitable.

Members of the Sorosis Study Club sold the very first Bronte Longhorn t-shirts and for many years was the only source for this product. The Sorosis Club was also responsible for erecting the first scoreboard and flagpole at the Bronte High School football field. The Club has had several tables built at the local park and are now supporting present efforts to restore the park. They placed trash barrels and built a fountain in the minipark in downtown Bronte. The club put up street markers in the city on two different occasions. The Bronte Health and Rehab Center has been the recipient of many things from the club. A camera and film were donated. Many years Christmas gifts have been given and the club sponsored birthday parties each month. The Coke County Juvenile Justice Center was supported with cash donations, books, garden supplies, and fabric for curtains. Fort

Chadbourne and the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department have both been assisted with cash donations from the club. The Capitol Gazebo near the depot was restored by the club. The Sorosis Study Club participated by fundraising for the Chamber of Commerce and is currently participating in the Restoration 2020 Vision Plans. Since its inception, the Sorosis Study Club has managed to finance itself with different fundraising projects. Some of these include selling t-shirts, Christmas and greeting cards, having bake sales, garage sales, and sponsoring an annual potato bake luncheon. The Club has been recognized for many of these past achievements and is still involved with several of these projects and goals.

Jean Fancher and Jane Cumbie were each given a corsage and recognized as longtime, outstanding club members. Fran Crumpler and Merle Kelso won yellow daisy pot plants for wearing the oldest attire -hats and dresses from the forties. Mary Percifull, President, conducted a business meeting. The club voted to support the fundraising for the park restoration instead of giving scholarships. Pat Martindale and Cynthia Robinson were hostesses and served cake, tea, and coffee.

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