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## Primary Election is Tuesday, March 4

Early voting, which began Tuesday, February 18, 2014, for the March 4th Primary Election ends today, Friday, February 28, 2014.

Voters who wish to vote early today must do so at the courthouse between 8 am and 1 pm.

On election day, Precincts 1 and 3 will be voting at the courthouse. Precincts 2 and 4 will vote at the Bronte Senior Citizens Building. Voting hours are from 7 am to 7 pm.

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. Political profiles begin on page 3 of this issue of *The Observer/Enterprise*.

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. All of the above offices except for Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2, are in the Republican Primary.

## Robert Lee Council announces meeting date change

The Robert Lee City Council announces a change for the March regular meeting. The City Council meeting will be held Monday, March 3, 2014, at 7 pm.

This is a change from the regular schedule. Meetings are held at Robert Lee City Hall and are always open to the public.

## Bronte Methodist announce activities for 2014 Lent

The First United Methodist Church of Bronte has announced activities for Lent 2014.

Next Tuesday, March 4, they will host a Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper at the church from 5:30 pm to 7 pm. You can come and go or stay and eat. The community is welcome to attend.

The next evening, March 5,

they will hold their Ash Wednesday service at 7 pm.

Beginning March 12, they will have a 7 week study on "Final Words" by Adam Hamilton. The study will be held each Wednesday evening at 6 pm.

## Red Hat Society meeting slated

The Red Hat Ladies will meet Tuesday, March 4, at 11:30 am for the Ladies Club Luncheon in the Family Life Center next to First Baptist Church in Ballinger, at 400 N. 8th St. If you wish to carpool from Bronte, we will leave the bank parking lot by 11 am.

You are welcome to join this group where there is fun after fifty (and before) for women of all walks of life. There is no dues, no rules, no business, no nothing really, but lots of good fun and fellowship. Hope to see you there!

Our April meeting will be back on the first Thursday at Cindy's in Robert Lee.

## Filing Deadline is today for May Local Entity Elections

Potential candidates in the upcoming May 10, 2013, local entity election may file for their place on the ballot until today, Friday, February 28, 2014.

There are three two-year city council member terms and the mayoral office on the ballot for the City of Bronte. Mayor Gerald Sandusky has filed for re-election. Incumbents Paul "Buzz" Gohmann and Jimmie Guthrie have filed to retain their council seats. Wade Stautzenberger has filed for the remaining council position.

There are two council member terms and the mayoral office on the ballot for the City of Robert Lee. Currently, these council seats are held Mayor John Jacobs and council members Sid Burns and Richard Johnson. As of presstime, there have been no filings for these offices. Applications can be picked up at the Robert Lee City Hall from 8 am to 12 noon and 1 pm to 5 pm Monday through Friday. To be eligible for the office of Mayor a person must be a registered voter and must have lived within the city for at least 12 months preceding the date of election day. To be eligible for the office of city council a person must be a registered voter and must live within the city on the date of the election.

There are three two-year Board of Director terms on the



**Pray For Rain!** On Sunday, February 23, approximately 50 people from our area gathered at Oak Creek Lake to pray for the end of the drought. Led by two local pastors, Corey Cornutt and Everette Boyce, hands were joined uniting the group as they voiced their request to God to bring rain and end the drought that has burdened so many. Recognizing the source of the needed moisture, many prayers were offered for repentance, not only for our local communities but the nation as a whole. The Sorosis Study Club had been talking about the drought at their meeting last Thursday night, and decided that we needed to go to the Lord and pray for the end of the drought. So, the club members scheduled the time and place and asked the local churches to pass along the information. One local pastor advised his congregation on that Sunday morning to praise the Lord for the rain He would send. Rain is vital to our area. Rain waters our pastures and crops and provides drinking water for both our people and animals. We, as residents of Coke County, need to not let a day go by where we don't lift up praise, not only for rain, but for all the blessings we enjoy.

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place." 2 Chronicles 7:14-15

ballot for the West Coke County Hospital District. Currently, these offices are held by Sarah Green, Pat Stephens and Pat Carwile. Currently, Sarah Green and Pat Carwile have filed for re-election.

There are three two-year terms on the ballot for the East Coke County Hospital District. Currently, these seats are held by Howard Baker, Everett Bedford and Lanette Fletcher. All three incumbents have filed for re-election.

There are two three-year Board of Trustee terms on the ballot for the Bronte Independent School District. Currently, these offices are held by Paul Williams and Ray Barnett. John Seales has filed as a candidate.

There are two three-year Board of Trustee terms on the ballot for the Robert Lee Independent School District. Currently, are held by Jeffie Roberts and Irma Torres. There is also a 1 year unexpired term on the ballot. This seat is currently held by George Grim. All incumbents have filed for re-

election. **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

## Coke County Quilters announce time

If you enjoy sewing, please consider joining the Country Quilters Club. For more information come by the Quilting Hut in the park and visit with the ladies any Monday between 10:30 and 3 pm. Ladies from surrounding towns are encouraged to join.

## Commissioners Court minutes

The Coke County Commissioners Court met in special session January 27, 2014, at the courthouse in Robert Lee. Members of the court present included 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 Comm. Blaylock and pledge to the flag was recited.

Judge Pro-Tem Montgomery announced the presence of a

quorum. Judge Blair was absent.

Comm. Lee made a motion to approve the minutes for January 13 as presented. The motion was seconded by Comm. Blaylock. Motion carried.

Comm. Lee made a motion to put the burn ban back on. The motion was seconded by Comm. Pitcock. Motion carried.

Comm. Blaylock made a motion to honor the request from Concho Valley Electric Coop. to build an overhead electric line on the west side of Rogers Loop extending south from the existing power line. CVEC will place 1 pole and 1

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