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Filing opens in local government entity elections

Potential candidates in the upcoming May 11, 2012, local entity election began filing for their place on the ballot last week. Filing will continue until the first week in March.

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

Daddy-Daughter Date Night set for February 9

The 4th annual Daddy-Daughter Date Night, "Wild About You", will be held Saturday, February 9, 2013, 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 Pre-K through 6th grade. There will be light

appetizers, music and a complimentary 5x7 photo of the couple. Austin Crawley Photography will be there to take pictures. A group photo and other photo packages will be available for purchase. The girls may bring their own camera to capture special moments of the evening. B's Blossoms 'n' Bloom will be offering a special on corsages and boutonniere in conjunction with the dance. Details will be sent home on the photo packages and flower special being offered.

For more information, call or text Katie Drennan 473-0112 or Angel Cervenka 456-3966.

RV Park to be considered at City Council meeting

The City Council of Robert Lee will be considering the adoption of an Ordinance regarding RV parks within the city limits of Robert Lee. This ordinance establishes rules and regulations allowing RV parks to be located within residential, business, as well as other areas of the City.

The ordinance is available at City Hall and will be considered at the City Council meeting on February 11th.

Youth/Adult Quilters class set for February 11

The Coke County Quilters will be hosting a beginning crochet class Monday, February 11, 2013, from 4 to 6 pm. The class will be held at the quilting house in Robert Lee park.

This free class will have yarn furnished for those in attendance. All the new students need to bring is a "g" or "h" crochet hook.

Everyone, from young to old, is encouraged to attend this class.

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 Gardener

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.

The cost includes refreshments. Register for a free ticket to the program at Cindy's Grocery. The drawing for the 5 tickets will be held Tuesday morning, February 12, 2013.

When Have You Tested Your Private Water Well?

Private water wells should be tested annually. The Texas Well Owner Network, in partnership with the Coke County Office of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, and the Texas Water

Resources Institute, and with support from the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board is providing a water well screening day for area residents on February 11, 2013, at the Coke County Extension Service Office, Coke County Courthouse, 13 East 7th, Robert Lee, Texas.

Please turn samples in by 10 am. Samples from private water wells will be screened for common contaminants including fecal coliform bacteria, nitrates, and high salinity. The cost is \$10 per sample.

The presence of fecal coliform bacteria in water indicates that waste from humans or warm-blooded animals may have contaminated the water. Water contaminated with fecal coliform bacteria is more likely to also have pathogens present that can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, or other symptoms.

Water with nitrates at levels of 10 parts per million (ppm) is considered unsafe for human consumption. Nitrate levels above 10 ppm can disrupt the blood's ability to carry oxygen throughout the body, resulting in a condition called methemoglobinemia. Infants less than 6 months of age and young livestock are most susceptible.

Salinity as measured by Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) will also be determined for each sample. Water with high TDS levels may leave deposits and have a salty taste. Additionally, using water with high TDS for irrigation may damage the soil or plants.

Pick up a sample bag and sampling instructions from the Coke County AgriLife Extension Office. You can contact the Coke County Extension Office by calling (325) 453-2461. It is very important that only sampling bags from the Coke County Extension Office be used and all instructions for proper sampling followed to ensure accurate results.

A meeting explaining screening results will be held at 6:30 pm February 12, 2013, at the Coke County Extension Meeting Room, Recreation Hall, 102 West 15th Street, Robert Lee, Texas. For more information, please contact the Coke County Extension Agent, James R. Jackson (325) 453-2461. It is extremely important to be at this meeting to receive your results, learn corrective measures for identified problems, and to improve your understanding of private well management.