#### **Lions Club** hosts Chili Supper

By Roger Alexander On February 27, 2016, the Robert Lee/Silver Lions Club held their annual Chili Supper. There was great participation from the community and a great time was had by all. There was a Cake Auction conducted by auctioneer extraordinaire Roy

The Lions Club supports many State and National Lions Charities, such as Texas Lions Camp at Kerrville, Lions Eye Bank in Midland, and Leader Dog training for the blind in New York. This year we are proud to continue our support of some local organizations. We are donating the following: 64 Study Club, for their Scholarship Fund, \$1,000, West Coke County EMS \$500, Robert Lee Fire Department \$500, and the Coke County Food Bank \$500. We applaud the great work and that each of these organizations provide for our community.

The Lions Club is now meeting at 6 pm on the first and third Tuesday of the month at the Vision with a Purpose All community building. members are invited to attend and help the Lions Club support programs for the sight impaired as well as our community.

### Going Native in West Texas

By Erin Oleksiuk, District Technician, Coke County

Spring will soon be upon us in Coke County, which means planting time for most folks. While many people think of spring planting to include flowers and ornamental foliage,

> May 24, 2016 **Primary** Runoff **Election Important Dates**

Monday, April 25 Last Day to Register to Vote

> Monday, May 16 First Day of Early Voting

> Friday, May 20 Last Day of Early Voting

it is also a good time to plant grass seed. Grass will not only create a beautiful lawn, it prevents soil erosion on slopes around water storage tanks and ponds as well. Soil can easily be eroded by wind and our fast, sudden rains if not protected.

How do you tend to your land and not break the bank? You "go native"! Native grasses provide many benefits to the landowner and wildlife, providing food sources and habitats. When used in lawns and slopes; native grasses require less maintenance, tolerate and resist local pests and drought, minimize the use of fertilizers and pesticides (reducing water pollution caused by runoff), and add to the natural landscape. The benefit that most landowners like is the reduction of cost and the increased gains.

Some popular and productive types of seed used in our area are: blue grama, bluestem, lovegrass, green spangletop, sand drop, sideoats, and Indian grass. Your local Soil and Water Conservation District can help determine a blend best suited for your soil type and project needs. They can even place a seed order for you that can be delivered to the Robert Lee office.

For questions or more information on native grasses



RLCC Valentine Party! Robert Lee Care Center held their Valentine party on February 17, 2016 with entertainment by "Elvis" Harvey McFadden. Residents and visitors from the community had a great time listening and dancing to Elvis music. All residents received either a stuffed teddy bear or a stuffed hound dog. Those who had February birthdays received a scarf from Elvis. Refreshments served were strawberry shortcake and strawberry lemonade. A fun time was had by all! Shown are (from left) Grace Ditmore, Bonita Cartrite and Eula Faye Blair.

and seed orders, visit the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District office at 214 E. 7th Street or call at 453-2623 ext. 3.

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