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Coke County Communities depend on water to flourish

Both Bronte and Robert Lee requirements. According to Robert Lee's City Superintendent, it would cost more to bring the old water plant up to code than to purchase a new plant. A new plant would cost at least \$2,000,000. At one time there was some grant money available just for this. In interviews with Robert Lee city officials, we learned Robert Lee's previous mayor had called the awarding agency and advised that the grant would be returned. However, that money has not yet been returned and the status of the grant is unclear.

With the purchase of treated water from Bronte, Robert Lee's water plant was no longer being used and was taken offline. In order to use the water plant again, it must meet all current requirements. According to Robert Lee's City Superintendent, it would cost more to bring the old water plant up to code than to purchase a new plant. A new plant would cost at least \$2,000,000. At one time there was some grant money available just for this. In interviews with Robert Lee city officials, we learned Robert Lee's previous mayor had called the awarding agency and advised that the grant would be returned. However, that money has not yet been returned and the status of the grant is unclear.

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And so it has begun! The road construction, originally scheduled to begin on January 21, 2019, has finally started on Highway 277, north of Bronte. Traffic was stopped at the Kickapoo Creek bridge at the north edge of Bronte on Monday afternoon, March 11.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

- Friday, March 15**
Spring Break -
Bronte ISD, Robert Lee ISD, Blackwell CISD
- Monday, March 18**
High School Golf -
Bronte Girls at Eden

Coke County Retired Teachers Assoc. Meeting, 12 noon,
First Baptist Church, Bronte
- Tuesday, March 19**
Robert Lee - Silver Lions Club Meeting, 6:30 am,
Old Jail Annex, Robert Lee

Walk Across Texas Kick Off Event, 6 pm,
County Courthouse Lawn, Robert Lee

Junior High Track -
Bronte at Blackwell Relays, Blackwell

High School Tennis -
Bronte JV at Sterling City Tournament

High School Golf -
Bronte Boys at Eden
Blackwell Boys and Girls Golf at Midland
- Wednesday, March 20**
High School Golf -
Robert Lee Boys and Girls at Christoval Tournament,
(Bentwood Country Club, San Angelo)
- Thursday, March 21**
High School Track -
Robert Lee at Bearkat Relays, Garden City

Bronte City Council Meeting, 6:30 pm,
Bronte City Hall
- Friday, March 22**
Early Release -
Blackwell CISD

Junior High Track -
Robert Lee at Bearkat Relays, Garden City

High School Track -
Bronte at Blackwell Relays, Blackwell

High School Tennis -
Bronte Varsity at Sterling City Tournament

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Walk Across Texas Kick Off event set

The Coke County Walk Across Texas Kick Off event will be held Tuesday, March 19, at 6 pm, on the lawn of the courthouse in Robert Lee.

For more information, contact Milissa Wright, Health Agent for Coke, Concho, Menard, and Sterling Counties, at (325) 732-4304 or send an email to ma-wright@tamu.edu.

Spring Stampede set for April 13

RL4Restoration Foundation will be hosting the 1st annual Spring Stampede on Saturday, April 13, 2019, at 6:30 pm at the Robert Lee Large Rec Hall. The event will include a fajita dinner, dance, live local band, and a silent auction.

Advanced tickets for the dinner and dance are required and available for purchase at Floyd C. Pettit Insurance, Robert Lee First United Methodist Church Office, or from any RL4Restoration member.

The live band will kick off at 8 pm and tickets will be available at the door.

To become a sponsor or donate to the silent auction, contact Crystal Stanford at (325) 262-2529 or Brandi Sawyer at (281) 236-4841.

Golf tournament slated for March 23

Mountain Creek Golf Course will host an Early Bird Scramble on Saturday, March 23, beginning at 9 am. This will be a 27 holes, 3 person event and

food will be available at the course. There are limited carts available, so please call in advance for availability.

For more information, contact Mountain Creek Golf Course at (325) 453-2317 or Jeff Brisbin at (325) 277-1051.nephews.

Vendors wanted for Celebrity Turkey and Hog Fest

The 1st Annual Celebrity Turkey and Hog Fest will be held April 4 - 7, 2019, in Bronte and the event is seeking vendors. The event will include the vendor/flea market, live, music, food, and more!

Vendor set up begins Friday, April 5, at 7 am, with the vendor area open 10 am - 6 pm on Friday, 9 am - 6 pm, on Saturday, and Sunday, 10 am - 1 pm (Sunday is optional). Vendor registration will end on March 25, 2019.

For more information or to register as a vendor, visit the event's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/BronteTurkeyNHogFest>, email troyall63@gmail.com, or call (325) 812-3992.

Ambassador drill team tryouts set for March 17

The San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo Association Ambassador drill team will be holding their annual tryouts on Sunday, March 17. The event will begin at 1 pm at the Spur Arena in San Angelo. Young ladies ages 13 - 24 are encouraged to attend.

For more information, visit the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo website at

www.sanangelorodeo.com (select the rodeo heading and then Ambassadors from the list) or call Misty Preston at (325) 450-3429.

Food Manager Certification Program to be offered

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will be offering a Food Manager Certification Program March 20 - 21 at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center, located at 7887 U.S. Hwy. 87 N, in San Angelo. Training times will be 8:30 am until 5 pm. The course cost will include the course book and exam.

For more information or to register for the course, please contact Milissa Wright at (325) 732-4304 or send an email to ma-wright@tamu.edu.

Together Towards Tomorrow meetings to begin March 28

The Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley is excited to announce it will be hosting new quarterly meetings. Do you want to know more about Medicare? Or do you provide care and support for a loved one 60+ and need help? If so please join us at our Together Towards Tomorrow meeting! The first of these meetings will be held Thursday, March 28, at 9 am at the Concho Valley Council of Governments, located at 2801 W Loop 306, San Angelo, TX 76904..

If you would like to RSVP for this event, please contact AAA at 325-223-5704 or visit us at www.cvcog.org/cvcog/aaa.html.