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Large crowd attends Town Hall Meeting Tuesday in Robert Lee

A large number of Robert Lee voters came together Tuesday evening, April 16, 2019, at the park in Robert Lee for a Town Hall meeting regarding City of Robert Lee problems and the upcoming elections.

The evening began with a welcome by the meeting's organizer Shaunna Grantham. She then gave the candidates on the May 4 council election the opportunity to speak to the crowd gathered for five minutes each. Tom Sawyer served as the time keeper. Current Council Member Ricky Green took the microphone first and was followed by Tracy Grantham, Manuel Abalos, Wyatt Hopson, Becca McGuire, David Lewis and Jason Moran. The only candidates not present were Ann Hedges and Zach Van Tine.

Former council members Shaunna Grantham and Tommy Roach discussed policies formerly in place which guarded against unchecked spending. Former city secretary Kay Torres and former billing clerk Brandi Millican explained how the city was issued debit cards from the bank when Robert Lee State Bank first started issuing the cards to their customers, but that the cards were kept locked away unless checked out and couldn't be returned without a receipt for every purchase made.

When questioned about her resignation from council in early 2018, Grantham explained the reasons behind her decision. First and foremost, her family had received threats because of events taking place at city hall.

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Citizen of the Year! Dale Wojtek was honored for his contributions to Robert Lee and was awarded 'Citizen of the Year' at the Spring Fling, held by RL4Restoration, on Saturday, April 13, 2019. Shown with Mr. Wojtek are (from left) Shaunna Grantham, Crystal Stanford, and Inga Elliott.

Early Voting begins April 22 in three local elections

Early voting for the May 4 local entity election will begin April 22 and continue through April 30. Early voting for the Robert Lee based elections will be held at the courthouse. The Bronte ISD early voting will be held at the school in Bronte.

The City of Robert Lee will hold an election for three two

year terms and one special election for a one year unexpired term. Incumbents on the ballot include Ricky Green and Ann Hedges. They both filed for the two year term seats. They will be joined on the ballot by Manuel Abalos, Tracy Grantham, David Lewis, Becca McGuire and Jason Moran. Zachary Van Tine and Wyatt Hopson have filed for the one year term.

Bronte ISD will also hold an election to elect two members to

the Board of Trustees. These are three year terms currently held by Shane Kelton and Josh Schoenfield. Schoenfield has filed to retain his seat. He will be joined on the ballot by David McWright and T.J. McCullough.

Robert Lee ISD has called a Bond Election for \$6,000,000 for improvements to the school facility. Please see the separate article detailing the proposed bond in the April 12 issue of *The Observer/Enterprise*.

Easter Services slated for April 21

The First United Methodist Church of Bronte will hold a Sunrise Service for Easter morning at 7 am at the Kent Gentry Ranch, 5 miles west of Bronte. Breakfast will be served immediately after.

The regular Easter worship services will be at 11 am in the sanctuary at FUMC-Bronte. An Easter egg hunt will precede the regular service at 10:30 am.

All are encouraged to attend the services and festivities.

Friends of the RLCC to meet April 22

Friends of the Robert Lee Care Center will meet Monday, April 22, at 10 am, at the Care Center. Anyone interested in the activities of RLCC is encouraged to attend.

Easter Eggstravaganza slated for April 20

First Baptist Church of Bronte will hold their Easter Eggstravaganza on Saturday, April 20, at the Bronte Pavilion and Baseball Fields. Bounce

houses, games, and snow cones will kick off the event at 11 am followed by a hot dog lunch at 12 noon. The egg hunt (for children in 6th grade and younger) will start at 12:30 pm. All are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact FBC-Bronte at (325) 473-2331 or visit 424 S. Washington.

Congressman Conaway to visit Coke County

Congressman Mike Conaway will be in Coke County on Tuesday, April 23, in the upstairs District Courtroom at the Coke County Courthouse from 5 pm until 6 pm for a town hall meeting. This will be a question and answer time and the Congressman will be giving an update on what's been going on in Washington.

Bronte UMW to host Taco Pile-On

The ladies of the Bronte UMW will have their annual fund raiser on Sunday, May 5, 2019, immediately following church (noon) at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship

Hall. The UMW will be accepting donations for the meal. Everyone is encouraged to come eat, enjoy, and fellowship.

Rabies Clinic set for April 23

Coke County 4-H will host a rabies clinic on Tuesday, April 23, from 4:30 pm until 6 pm, at the south end of the shown barn in Robert Lee. Pets 4 month of age and older should be immunized and all pets should be vaccinated for rabies annually. The veterinarian in charge will be Dr. Travis Arledge of Pioneer Vet Clinic.

For more information, contact Extension Office at 453-2461.

Annual Senior Issues set for next month

The annual issues honoring the graduating classes of Bronte, Robert Lee and Blackwell have been slated for May 10, 17, and 24.

If you have a special senior graduating this year and wish to sponsor them, please call Melinda with The Observer/Enterprise at (325) 473-8863.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Friday, April 19

School Holiday -
Blackwell CISD
Bronte ISD
Robert Lee ISD

Saturday, April 20

Easter Eggstravaganza, 11 am,
Bronte Pavilion and Baseball Fields

Sunday, April 21

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Monday, April 22

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Robert Lee Care Center

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5 pm - 6 pm, County Courthouse, Robert Lee

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