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Pipeline Update! As the pipe rolled in to Robert Lee and the construction began on the emergency water pipeline; The number one question on everyone's mind is when will water flow through our new water line? The answer is soon. The pumps and necessary piping were installed on Monday, April 16. The electrical work will take about a week and at the same time the connection at the Robert Lee Water Plant will be done. Upon completion of these tasks, the line will be pressure tested and the chlorine levels checked all the way in to the Robert Lee storage system. After the results of these tests are confirmed, the City will start taking water.

As we start taking water, please remember that we will only receive 200,000 gallons per day which means WATER RESTRICTIONS will still be in place until additional water supplies become available. Residents should keep in mind that the current drought has taken a toll on all Texas water sources. Continual water conservation and landscaping measures will ensure future availability for all residents.

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para la eleccion se prepararan de acuerdo con el Codigo a fin de permitir que los electors voten "A FAVOR" o "EN CONTRA" de la PROPOSICION anteriormente mencionada, y las boletas contendran dichas disposiciones, marcas y lenguaje exigidos por la ley, y dicha PROPOSICION debera expresarse sustancialmente y cado uno de como sigue:

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PROPOSICION

LA EMISION DE BONOS POR EL IMPORTE DE \$1,500,000 POR EL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE ROBERT LEE Y LA IMPOSICION DE IMPUESTOS PARA EL PAGO DE DICHOS BONOS. A FAVOR

5. De acuerdo con la Ley Ayude a America a Votar ("HAVA", por sus siglas en ingles) federal y el Codigo, en cada sitio de votacion debera haber por lo menos un sistema de votacion dotado para personas discapacitadas, y cado uno de dichos sistemas de votacion debera haber sido certificado por el Secretario de Estado de Texas como un sistema que cumple con la ley HAVA y el Codigo.

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(Continued from page 1) of Highway 208 and the Penny Lane Fire west of Robert Lee near Edith. These fires added over 2,000 acres to the year's total of over 250,000 acres.

Conditions causing these fires included excessive heat and excessive drought. Coke County temperatures spiked at 100 degrees or more for over 100 days in 2011. Rainfall averages for the county came in at 1.73" for the entire first half of 2011. The second half of the year was better, averaging 7.5". The overall average for 2011 rainfall in Coke County came to 9.2".

Thankfully, it began raining in October 2011 and has continued through this past quarter. The average rainfall for the first quarter of 2012 stands at 6.36". At this rate if the rain continues for the next three quarters, Coke County's normal rainfall average of just over 24" will be achieved.

The welcome rains have provided greenery over the burned areas and the rest of the county. However, the trees lost still stand as blackened reminders of the devastation our county faced down in 2011. Resulting consequences of 2011's fires remain as cattle numbers remain below pre-fire totals and ranchers continue to replace fences lost to the fires. The fires and record temperatures experienced in 2011 are contributing factors

to Robert Lee's current water situation. The excessive temperatures increased evaporation and firefighting efforts drained precious gallons from already low reserves.

The one thing proven about Coke County in 2011 is the character and hardiness of the people who live here. We proved we will come together to help whenever needed. This was readily apparent in the number of firefighters from both sides of the county who fought these fires and the fire fighting support systems. It is also being shown in the water pipeline now running between the communities of Bronte and Robert Lee. We need to thank God for all of our blessings, including sparing our communities from the fire and for sending the rains which have graced our county during the last six months. Isn't it wonderful to live in a place where we not only know our neighbors, but can count on them for help whenever a disaster strikes.

As news crews from all over the country and overseas have arrived in our county periodically since last spring, they seem to always ask the same questions. "What will you do or why do you stay?", etc. We can, and have, answered with "We stay because this is where we live, it's where we are from. We'll do what we've always done face whatever challenge together and figure out a solution. We stay because this is our home and God is faithful to see us through."



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