

Picnic in the Park set for May 17 in Bronte

A Picnic in the Park will be held Saturday, May 17, 2014, from 11 am to 3 pm. The event replaces the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet and is designed to raise funds for a new fire station for the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department.

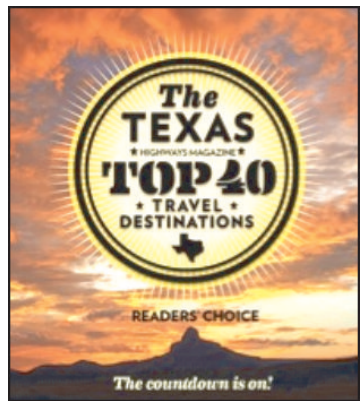
The fire department will be selling chopped brisket sandwiches, chips and drinks for lunch. Delicious desserts will be courtesy of the Bronte Sorosis Club. A Bouncy Castle will be provided by the Bronte

Lions Club for the young ones.

With the event still in the planning stage, other activities are being considered including a dance to conclude the event. Other groups and organizations who would like to sponsor an activity at this community event are encouraged to participate. For more information, email BronteVFD@gmail.com or send a private message on the Bronte Chamber of Commerce Facebook page.



4-H Shooters! Coke County 4-H Shooting Sports has been very busy the last month. The shooters participated in the 7th Annual Greenway Silhouette Match on March 29 at Callahan County. Garrett Knight took Intermediate 3rd Place in Smallbore Rifle Silhouette and Ian Perades took Junior 2nd place in Smallbore Rifle. The shooters attended the District 7 Rifle Contest on April 12, 2014 at Callahan County. Coke 4-H Juniors got 3rd place overall team, Coke 4-H Intermediates took 4th place overall team and Garrett Knight took 6th place Intermediate individual. Compliment was given to the Coke 4-H shooters from the Range Officer and other county coaches on how well our gun safety performance was at the matches we have attended. Pictured L-R Casey Skipworth, Michael Munoz, Karissa Cervenka, Garrett Knight, Juan DeLaGarza, Jonathan Skipworth, Ian Perades, Aaron Cervenka, Coach Juan DeLaGarza. (Not pictured is Coach Richard Johnson and Coach Mike Cervenka)



Fort Chadbourne #22 in the State of Texas

Readers of the Texas Highways magazine voted Fort Chadbourne among the 2014 Texas Top-40 Travel Destinations.

Last fall, Texas Highways asked readers to share their favorite places in the state by phone, email, Facebook, or letters. Thousands of readers responded, and Fort Chadbourne landed the #22 spot on the Top 40 list from all over the State of Texas.

Fort Chadbourne received a call from Jill Lawless, Editor of Texas Highways, on April 8th, 2014 congratulating the Fort Chadbourne Foundation for landing such a lofty spot on the list.

In celebration of Texas Highways 40th anniversary as the official travel magazine of Texas, the Top 40 countdown will begin with the May issue. You can find Fort Chadbourne on page 41.

Early Voting begins in Bronte ISD and City of Robert Lee Elections

Early voting in the Bronte ISD Trustee election and the City of Robert Lee Council election will begin Monday, April 28, 2014, and continue through Monday, May 5, 2014. The election is scheduled for Saturday, May 10, 2014.

In the Bronte ISD election, two three year terms will be decided. There are no incumbents on the ballot. Vying for the two seats are Nicholas Arrott, John Seales, Riley Coalson and Josh Schoenfield. Early voting will be held between 8 am and 4 pm in the Superintendent's Office.

The City of Robert Lee will decide on a mayor and two members of the city council. John Jacobs, incumbent, is running unopposed for the mayoral office. Incumbents Richard Johnson and Sid Burns will face Manuel Abalos for the two council seats.

Early voting for this election is being held in the County Clerk's

office at the Coke County Courthouse between the hours of 8 am and 5 pm Monday through Thursday and 8 am to 1 pm on Fridays.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

We're always hearing about the negatives. How about, for a change, we look at some positives.

I was born in Robert Lee in 1943, delivered by Dr. Joseph Griffith with the help of my mother Olene. I graduated from RLHS in 1961 and moved away. I moved back home in the fall of 2003 and, after living all over the state of Texas, I found that good ole Robert Lee was the best place I ever lived.

Robert Lee businesses are superb. Longtime businesses like The Observer/Enterprise, Billy Wayne Roe, Randy Flanagan and all the fine people at Ivey Motor Company, Stephen Meyers and his fine staff at the bank, and all our businesses in Robert Lee deserve a high five; as well as our wonderful city and county governments, John Jacobs, our mayor, Roy Blair, our judge, Sheriff Wayne McCutchen and all the law enforcement people.

Hats off to our school system, our new school and stadium, Superintendent Dr. Aaron Hood, our principals and teachers are wonderful. Darin Clawson, Jessie Flores and the board at Mountain Creek Golf Course

should be commended.

All in all, I think Robert Lee is one of the best places in America to live. Our people are friendly, cordial and kind. We have hard working volunteers all over town, specifically the Volunteer Fire Department, EMS, and Vision With a Purpose.

I'm proud of my roots here and one day soon, my resting place will be here as well. You would have to live somewhere else to appreciate just how good Robert Lee is. It's full of positives.

Richard (Dick) Sims Comptroller distributes over \$555 million in sales tax revenue

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said today that state sales tax revenue in March was \$2.09 billion, up 5.6 percent compared to March 2013.

"The growth in sales tax

revenues was led by business spending in the oil and natural gas mining, wholesale trade and construction sectors," Combs said. "Collections from restaurants were also strong. This marks 48 consecutive months of growth in state sales

Combs will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their April local sales tax allocations totaling \$554.5 million, up 6.2 percent compared to April 2013.

Distributions to the City of Blackwell for March 2014 are (Continued on Page 7)

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Robert Lee Methodist Church, 22 W 9th
Dine In or Take Out • \$7/plate



This chicken spaghetti lunch is to help raise funds for Michael Curry and Everett Wilson who have been accepted to Servant Team for the 2014 Summer. Checks may be made out to Debra Brashear.

Thank you for your support! Hope to see you there!

VOTE

MANUEL ABALOS

for
City Council
Robert Lee, Texas
Let's make a difference!

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Manuel Abalos