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Early voting to begin for May 12 local elections

Early voting will begin Monday, April 30, 2012, and continue through Tuesday, May 8, 2012, for the upcoming local entities elections. The elections will be held Saturday, May 12, 2012.

Most of the elections were cancelled due to unopposed races. However, the Bronte ISD Board of Trustee election will be held, along with the bond election for Robert Lee ISD.

There are three three-year Board of Trustee terms on the ballot for the Bronte Independent School District. Currently, these offices are held by Ericka Knight, Wayne Coalson, and Doug Tounget. Six people filed to have their names on the ballot. They include David McWright, Bryan Swecker, Andra Arrott, Blake Braswell, Blain McGinnis, Kerry Lee, and Jay Henderson.

Robert Lee ISD will have a bond election May 12, 2012. The proposition will be stated on the ballot as:

PROPOSITION

Shall the Board of Trustees of the Robert Lee Independent School District be authorized to issue the bonds of the District, in one or more series, in the aggregate principle amount

of \$1,500,000, for the purpose of the acquisition, construction, renovation, and equipment of school facilities in the District and the acquisition of school sites and school buses; with the bonds to mature, bear interest, and be issued and sold in accordance with law at the time of issuance; and shall the Board of Trustees be authorized to levy and pledge, and cause to be assessed and collected, annual ad valorem taxes, on all taxable property in the District, sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principle of and interest on the bonds and the cost of any credit agreements executed in connection with the bonds?

Voting for this bond election on May 12, 2012, will be at the Coke County Courthouse. Early voting for this election will be in the County Clerk's office of the courthouse. The office is open Monday through Thursday, 8 am to 5 pm and from 8 am to 1 pm on Friday.

Early voting in the Bronte ISD Board of Trustee election will be held in the Superintendent's office at Bronte ISD between the hours of 8 am and 4 pm, Monday through Friday. The election on May 12, 2012, will be held at Bronte City Hall.



Chamber Banquet! Members of the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department were honored as Hometown Heroes at the annual Bronte Chamber of Commerce Banquet. The event was held Tuesday evening, April 24, 2012. Complete details from this year's banquet will be included in next week's issue of the Observer/Enterprise.

Fort Chadbourne Visitor Center Grand Opening slated

On Saturday, April 28, 2012, the long awaited Fort Chadbourne Visitor Center will open its doors to the public following a ribbon cutting at 9 am. The Center will remain open until 5 pm. New hours will begin the following Tuesday when the

Visitor Center will be open Tuesday through Saturday 8 am to 5 pm.

The new 12,500 square foot facility is a spectacular addition to Coke County. Besides all the restored historic buildings that most in our community are familiar with, the new Visitor Center adds a museum quality to the site. As you enter, a 12 pound parrot rifle, which is a cannon to most of us, is aimed your direction. You begin your tour straddling a saddle and watching a portion of the Emmy award winning video "The Lost Fort" which familiarizes you with the 1850's history of Fort Chadbourne.

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City Wide Spring Cleanup slated

The City of Robert Lee and Trashaway Services will sponsor a City-wide Spring Clean-Up. The event is scheduled for Friday, April 27, and Saturday, April 28.

This free service is offered to the residents and business owners of the City and is an opportunity to get rid of clutter and unwanted items. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED.** For more information, call City Hall at 453-2831.

Roll-off dumpsters will be located at the County

Precinct 3 Yard located on Coke Street between E. 6th and 7th Street. This location will be open on Friday, April 27, from 9 am – 3 pm and on Saturday, April 28, from 8:30 am to 12 noon.

Items that will be accepted are appliances, household and yard items. Batteries will be accepted. Absolutely NO, tires, household trash, wet paint or chemicals. Appliances must have refrigerant removed.

Brush, tree limbs, and wood material need to go to the landfill. Take advantage of the FREE disposal offered at the City Landfill during this clean-up event.

The Landfill will be open, weather permitting, from 9 am – 12 noon on Saturday, April 28.

Bronte City-Wide Garage Sale slated

It's time again for the annual City-Wide Garage Sale so mark your calendars for May 5 at 8 am. If you would like to participate, please call City Hall at 473-3501. Your location will be added to the city maps that will be given away the day of the garage sales. This is a great opportunity to recycle, reuse and reduce unwanted items in your closets and storage items.



Fort Chadbourne! The above cannon is just one of the many historical artifacts residing in the brand new Fort Chadbourne Visitor Center. A grand opening celebrating the new addition to the Fort will be held Saturday, April 28, 2012. The ribbon cutting is at 9 am with the doors opening shortly thereafter.