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Robert Lee Convenience Center opens Saturday

The City of Robert Lee will have the official grand opening of the Convenience Center, Saturday, April 6, 2013. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at 8 am on that day.

The Convenience Center is located in Fern Havins Park next to the Wastewater Treatment Plant and will be open on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month from 8 am to noon.

Bulk items such as furniture, appliances, microwaves, dishwashers, and mattresses can be disposed of at the convenience center. Metal and scrap iron can also be disposed of at

the Convenience Center. Washers, dryers, stoves, freezers and refrigerators must have compressors removed, fence wire must be rolled up, clean, no weeds or grass.

Among items you cannot take to the Center are: household trash, paper, tires and oil, florescent light bulbs, batteries, chemicals and paints, hazardous materials, solvents, and commercial construction materials.

The center will also not accept e-waste (tv's monitors, printers, computers, laptops, fax machines, etc.) For more information, please contact City Hall at 453-2831.



Robert Lee Convenience Center! Robert Lee's new Convenience Center will open with a ribbon cutting at 8 am Saturday, April 6, 2013.

COKE COUNTY COMMENT

By Tad Emert
Everybody in West Texas is excited because it looks like the glory and prosperity of the oil boom days have returned. RV parks are appearing in vacant lots and pastures; people with a good, strong well are putting in a fresh water station to sell it to the oil companies. New motels and apartments are being built. Those who have been unable to find steady work for years are asking themselves which of the new jobs that are available they should take. (Everyone it seems is now saying, "How can I get my share of the influx of the new money?")

I'm afraid that most people, including our community leaders and especially our state law makers are considering the wrong things. The questions that we all should be asking are:

- (1) How much fresh water does it take to frack an oil well?
- (2) How many oil wells are planned?
- (3) What is the total

amount of fresh water that will be required?

(4) Where will that fresh water come from?

(5) How much above ground and underground water is there?

(6) Once that water is removed from the eco system and injected 5,000 or more feet into the earth can it ever again be used by man to sustain life?

(7) How much will my land or home be worth when the fresh water we must have to live in dry West Texas is gone?

The majority of people don't take the time to ask these questions because of a curse that many of us possess; most are too short sighted to see past the payoff today, in order to plan for tomorrow, next year, or ten years from now.

We need to be demanding that our law makers protect us from those people who would throw away their future and ours in West Texas. It would seem that the residents who have lived here all of their lives would be as afraid as I am

of the total lack of regard for the use of fresh water to frac oil wells.

There is one truth that can NOT be denied. Fresh water is more precious in a dry land than oil. Without fresh water for myself and my animals, my land is worthless. My home can't be lived in and I can't find anyone to buy it.

The wrong questions are being asked because of man's greed and thoughtlessness. Please help me to demand that these questions be answered.

Bronte Golf Tournney slated

The Bronte Longhorn Golf Club is sponsoring a 3 person 27 hole golf tournament on Saturday, April 6, 2013. Tee time is scheduled for 9 am.

When signing up, you must let them know if a cart is needed and leave a call back number. For more information, contact Bronte Longhorn Golf Club at 325-473-2156 or 325-473-3231. After 5 pm, call 432-661-3431 or 325-864-3312 or 325-236-0089.

ATTENTION 4-H and FFA Members

It is time again to order state fair barrow, sheep and goat tags and steer tags.

If you are planning on raising and exhibiting an animal at the State Fair of Texas or if you are planning on raising a steer for the Spring shows in 2014, you need to contact the Coke County Extension Office at 325-452-2461 by April 12.

Rabies clinic set for Robert Lee

The Coke 4-H clubs will be sponsoring the annual Rabies Clinic on Saturday, April 13, 2013. The clinic will be held from 1 pm to 3 pm at the south end of the show barn in the Robert Lee Park.

Veterinarian Ross Dutton will be in charge. Pets 4 months of age and older should be immunized. Pets should be vaccinated for rabies annually.

For more information, contact the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office at 325-453-2641.

Bronte City-Wide Garage Sale slated

It's time again for the annual City-Wide Garage Sale so mark your calendars for May 4 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.

Relay for Life set for May 17-18

The Relay for Life of Tom Green County will be held May 17-18 from 7pm until 7 am at the LeGrand Sports Complex in San Angelo. The theme this year is "A Century of Cures-Color Us Cancer Free." A team of Robert Lee ladies called 'The Golden Girls' will be participating in the relay. Anyone interested in donating, or participating in the relay as a survivor, caregiver or a participant, please let captains Robin Allen or Pam Millican know. Robin can be reached at 763-7305 and Pam at 473-1027.

CRP sign-up slated

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will conduct a four-week general sign-up for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), beginning May 20 and ending on June 14.

Additional sign-ups for continuous CRP programs will be announced in spring 2013.

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