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## Polls open at 7 am Saturday for local elections

Early voting ended Tuesday, May 8, 2012, for the upcoming local entities elections. The election will be held Saturday, May 12, 2012. Polling locations include the Coke County Courthouse in Robert Lee and Bronte City Hall in Bronte. The locations will be open from 7 am until 7 pm the day of the election.

Only the Bronte ISD Board of Trustees election and the Robert Lee ISD bond election will be held. There were no opposed races for the City of Bronte, the City of Robert Lee, the East Coke County Hospital District, the West Coke County Hospital District, nor the Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees. Therefore, those elections were cancelled.

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. None of the current incumbents filed for office. Candidates in this race include David McWright, Bryan Swecker, Andra Arrott, Blake Braswell, Blain McGinnis, Kerry Lee, and Jay Henderson.

The Robert Lee ISD bond election will decide whether or not voters in the Robert Lee School District are in favor or opposed to the proposed issuance of bonds to finance school improvements. The exact wording follows:

### 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?

## Mertz fundraisers scheduled

Austin Mertz has earned a summer youth ministry position in the Southwest Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church. A bake sale will be held Friday, May 11, from 3 pm to 6 pm at the Bronte Mini-Park. Raffle tickets for a framed 22" x 35" Lighthouse Psalms 18:2 will be sold with the drawing scheduled for May 25. These fundraisers will assist Austin with the \$1,500 needed to accept this position.

## Early voting in the 2012 primary election begins May 14

The 2012 primary election, originally scheduled for March 6, 2012, will be held May 29, 2012.

Early voting will begin for this election on Monday, May 14, 2012, and continue through Friday, May 25, 2012.

The early voting will be held in the Coke County Clerk's office in the Coke County Courthouse Mondays through Thursdays, 8 am to 5 pm. On Fridays, voting will be held in the Clerk's office from 8 am to 1 pm. Early voting will be held in Bronte at First National Bank on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 15 and 16, and May 22 and 23, from 9 am to 1 pm.

The last the Clerk's office can receive an application for a ballot by mail is Tuesday, May 22, 2012. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office of the County Clerk at (325) 453-2631.

County offices up for election include Coke County Commissioners in Precincts 1 and 3, currently held by Gene Montgomery and Gaylon Pitcock; County Constables in Precincts 1 and 2, currently held by Marshall Millican and Marty Boyd respectively; County Attorney, currently held by Nancy Arthur; County Tax Assessor/Collector, currently

## Happy Mother's Day

Sunday May 13, 2012

held by Josie Dean; and County Sheriff, currently held by Wayne McCutchen.

The only locally contested race is for the office of Tax Assessor/Collector where incumbent Josie Dean is being challenged by Kathi Cox.

Gene Montgomery and Gaylon Pitcock have filed to retain their seats on the commissioners' court. Sheriff Wayne McCutchen has filed for re-election, Coke County Attorney Nancy Arthur, along with Precinct 2 Constable Marty Boyd and Precinct 1 Constable Marshall Millican. Incumbent Tax Assessor/Collector Josie Dean has filed by petition, along with her challenger, Kathi Cox. Profiles in this challenged Tax Assessor/Collector race are included in this issue of the Observer/Enterprise.

## Range and Brush Field Day set for May 17

A Range and Brush Field Day will be held Thursday, May 17, 2012, at the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene Texas.

Dow Agro Sciences has a long heritage in the Range and Pasture business. For more than 60 years, they have been helping ranchers and landowners increase forage production and preserve the land for future generations. Their focus on new,

innovative solutions has never been stronger.

These are unprecedented times in the cattle business. Grass has never been worth more than it is today. Brush and weeds have never been more costly than they are today. As part of Dow's ongoing support of the ranching industry, they are proud to present the 2012 Range and Pasture Heritage Tours. Come hear the latest updates on weed and brush control, tour the Antilley Ranch and have lunch. The Texas Department of Agriculture and CCA and CEUs will be offered.

To register, go to <http://events.SignUp4.com/HeritageAntilleyRanch>. If you would prefer to call in your registration, please contact the Texas AgriLife Extension Office at the Taylor County at 325-672-6048 and ask for Tammie or Amy.

## Darby to speak to Coke County Retired Teachers May 21

Representative Drew Darby will meet with the Coke County Retired Association on Monday, May 21, at 11:30 am in the fellowship hall of the Bronte Baptist Church.

The covered dish luncheon will begin at 11:30 and Mr. Darby will speak at 12 noon.

School retirees and school personnel are welcome to join the CCRTA at noon to

hear Mr. Darby and to join in the question and answer session following.

As the meeting begins earlier than normal, volunteers are asked to come at 11 in preparation of the meeting so that it can begin promptly at 11:30.

The teacher retirement pension and health care are issues that will be before the legislators this year as are school funding issues. Mr. Darby's willingness to meet with local school retirees and personnel is very much appreciated.

## West Coke County EMS to host open house

West Coke County EMS will be hosting an open house Saturday, May 19, from 12 noon until 2 pm.

There will be hot dogs, all the fixings and drinks. Prizes will also be given away.

The event will be held at the EMS Barn and all are invited to come out and have a good time.

## Bronte Golf Tourney slated

The Bronte Longhorn Golf Club is sponsoring the Wilson 3 person 27 holes select shot tournament on Saturday, May 19. Tee time is 9 am.

For more information, contact call (325) 473-2156 or after 4 pm on weekdays, call (432) 661-3431.