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Garage Sale Saturday set for tomorrow in Bronte

It's time again for the Annual City-Wide Garage Sale. Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 3, at 8 am.

This is a great opportunity to recycle, reuse and reduce unwanted items in your closets and storage items.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call Pat or Tammy at 473-3501.

Early Voting continues 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 began Monday, April 28, 2014, and continues 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. Extended early voting will be held Monday, May 5, at the courthouse. The hours on this day will be from 8 am to 8 pm.

National Scrap Booking Day Activity slated

All scrap book enthusiasts are encouraged to attend a local event in honor of National Scrap Booking Day. The free event will be held Friday, May 2, from 3 pm to 10 pm at the Catholic Hall in Robert Lee.

Attendees need to bring their own materials and a dish to share with everyone.

To RSVP, call Laura Organ at 262-5616 or Angie Davis at 763-7525.

Food Drive set for May 10

The Letter Carriers' annual Food Drive is set for Saturday, May 10, 2014. All residents on Bronte postal routes are urged to put non-perishable donations in a bag and place them by their mailbox. The Letter Carriers will deliver these donations to the Bronte Food Ministry.

Picnic in the Park set for May 17

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.



Presentation! Brian Garrison (left), along with his father, attended a special meeting of the Bronte City Council Tuesday evening, April 29, 2014. Approximately 50 people attended the meeting to hear details of how the old Coke County Juvenile Justice Center would be used in the future. There was some confusion at the beginning of the meeting because the agenda posted said Cline Shale Housing Company LLC and Michael Croft would be making the presentation. The Coke County Commissioners Court has entered into an agreement leasing the facility to Garrison General Contractors of San Antonio. The contract took effect Thursday, May 1, 2014, and will continue for a term of 30 months. Mr. Garrison is approaching the City Council needing a contract for the City of Bronte to provide water and sewer to the facility due to the facility's location just outside of the Bronte city limits. Although quite a few ideas for the facility were thrown out by Mr. Garrison, he insisted he had no idea what the facility would end up being used for. Following adjournment of the council meeting by Mayor Gerald Sandusky, the audience were allowed to question Mr. Garrison and voice their concerns over the potential uses of the facility and personnel to be employed there. Concerns were also mentioned regarding the potential added stress to Bronte's EMS, fire department, and Coke County Sheriff's Office if the facility is used to house oil field workers. With the drought continuing and the water supplies dwindling, residents are concerned that a potentially large new water customer would hasten the depletion of Bronte and Robert Lee's water sources. In speaking with residents of both cities, it appears there is also some confusion regarding the water contract between Bronte and Robert Lee. Due to the length of the water contract and the lease agreement, the Observer/Enterprise is unable to publish these documents in print form. However, they are posted on the home page at www.ObserverEnterprise.com. Click on the "Contract" tab and then click on the tab marked "Water Contract" and the tab marked "Lease Agreement".

Bronte City Council Meeting

Thursday, May 8, 6:30 pm

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Commissioners Court Meeting

Monday, May 12, 9 am

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