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Early voting ends May 8 for local elections

Early voting will 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.

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,



Fort Chadbourne! A large crowd was on hand for the grand opening of the new Fort Chadbourne Visitors Center. Cutting the ribbon on the Center were (from left) Ann Pate, Joy and Charles Blake, Garland and Lana Richards, and Brent Bryan. The wonderful new center hosts a huge collection of artifacts. Fort Chadbourne is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 8 am to 5 pm. Their living history event is slated for this Friday and Saturday, May 4 and 5. On Friday, the Fort will host over 1,000 school children from as far away as Ranger. Saturday's event is open to the public. Over 250 re-enactors will be on hand both days. Attendees will enjoy hayrides to see the buffalo and longhorns, the cannons and gatling gun will fire, the calvary and infantry will drill, and folks can visit with the buffalo hunters, spinners, and many more. The event will be held from 9 am to 4:30 pm.



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.

Bronte Golf Tourney slated

The Bronte Longhorn Golf Club is sponsoring a 2 person 18 hole select shot golf tournament on Saturday, May 5. Tee time is 9 am.

Carts are limited, so sign up early if one is needed. For more information, contact Bronte Longhorn Golf

Club at (325) 473-2156 or after 4 pm on weekdays, call (432) 661-3431.

Genealogical Society meeting scheduled

The Coke County Genealogical Society will meet Monday, May 7 at 6 pm at the Coke County Library.

A roundtable program, led by Fran Lomas, will feature ideas of scrapbooking genealogical records and photos. Basics of scrapbooking and preservation of records will be the main features of the evening. A packet of ideas will be available for the cost

of copies. All members and guests are invited to bring and share ideas.

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.



Network Luncheon! Phelan Wrinkle (left) and Beth Prather, representing Robert Lee, visit with Tammie Virden of Ballinger and Connie Selden of Tye, during the Texas Midwest Community Network luncheon recently held in Merkel. More information on the luncheon can be found on page 8 of this issue of the Observer/Enterprise.