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## Local Entities, Special Election set for tomorrow

The local government entity election and special election is set for Saturday, May 9, 2015.

The entities with contested elections are the Cities of Bronte and Robert Lee, and Blackwell Consolidated School District.

Also to be decided in the May 9 election will be the status of liquor sales for on premises consumption in Coke County's Precincts 2 and 4 (the east side of the county).

Polls will be open from 7 am to 7 pm at the Bronte City Hall for the City of Bronte election and the liquor sales election for Precincts 2 and 4.

The City of Bronte will need to fill three seats currently held by Misti Bedford, Paula McWright and Jodie Arrott. Paula McWright and Misti Bedford have filed for re-election and Jodie Arrott has filed for the unexpired term for council. They will be joined on the ballot by Martin Lee and Colin Pope.

Polls will also be open from 7 am to 7 pm for the City of Robert Lee election at the Coke County Courthouse in Robert Lee. The City of Robert Lee has three 2 year terms to fill. The terms of council members

Janie Munoz, Leroy Casey and Susan McCormick are expiring. Also, Mayor John Jacobs has announced that he will resign in May. The remainder of his term will be on the ballot. Leroy Casey has filed for the unexpired term for mayor. Janie Munoz and Sue McCormick have both filed for re-election to the council and will be joined on the ballot by Roger Alexander and Toni Rainwater.

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## RLCC to participate in Relay for Life

Robert Lee Care Center is participating in the 2015 Relay for Life in San Angelo and are currently seeking donations of canned goods for use in the luminaria ceremony, as well as monetary donations that will help in the fight against cancer.

The group will also have a bake sale at 9 am on May 8 at Robert Lee State Bank and will hold an Enchilada lunch May 14.

For more information, contact Jessica Cason or Mary Rodriguez at (325) 453-2511.

## Food Drive slated for Saturday

The Bronte Letter Carrier Food Drive, benefiting Bronte Food Ministries, will be held Saturday, May 9, 2015.



**Jacobs Honored!** A reception honoring the retirement of Robert Lee Mayor John Jacobs was held Monday morning, May 4, 2015, at Robert Lee City Hall. Mayor Jacobs served Robert Lee on the City Council from 2008 to 2010 and as Mayor from 2010 to 2015. Many came to show their appreciation for John's service to the City of Robert Lee.

Any non-perishable food items will be gratefully accepted.

Canned meats, canned fruit, canned vegetables, juices, pasta, beans, peas, crackers, rice, and breakfast foods are all non-perishable.

In the event of rain, it is recommended food be placed in plastic bags.

Please help the Bronte Post Office and Rural Letter Carrier by filling a bag with food items and taking it to the Post Office or fill a bag for the carrier to pick up on the route Saturday May 9, 2015.

If you miss the May 9 date, donations will be accepted at the Bronte Post Office through May 12. Your donations will stay within the Bronte community helping feed local families.

## Lake Clean-up set for Saturday

The Friends of the Bronte Lake (Lake Knierim) encourages everyone to come to the Bronte Lake at 9 am Saturday, May 9, for a lake area clean-up. Participants need to bring two trash bags. Depending on how many people show up, this event should last no more than thirty

minutes.

The plan is for everyone to meet at 9 am and walk around the lake with their trash bags, picking up every piece of trash found. Once complete, a group picture will be taken to commemorate this inaugural event.

Event organizer George Tomes stated "The purpose of this event is two-fold. One, is to make our lake beautiful and not look like a garbage dump. The second reason is to show our community that, as citizens of Bronte, we care about what our facilities look like and we want our lake to be a pleasant place to take our families."

It is recommended that everyone wear long pants, a long sleeve shirt and gloves for this event.

The Friends of the Bronte Lake is group of people that are organizing to help make Lake Knierim in Bronte an amenity of which to be proud. There are no scheduled meetings. All of the associated ideas and events are on the FaceBook page called, "Friends of the Bronte Lake." Please feel free to join.

That page will display stocking reports and photos of fish taken.

## Bluebonnet Brigade meeting planned

The Coke County Bluebonnet Brigade will meet at 6 pm on Tuesday, May 12, to gather and distribute bluebonnet seed across the county. If you would like to participate, all you need is a paper sack or paper feed sack(s) and some gloves.

Extra sacks will be available. The group will meet at Robert Lee City Hall and will drive out to the Lake Spence dam area to gather the seed. It shouldn't take more than an hour to gather all the seed needed. Bad weather date is Thursday, May 14, at 6 pm, at the same location. For more information, contact Hal Spain at (325) 453-2713.

## RLISD Spring Concert set for Wednesday

Robert Lee Independent School District will have its Spring Concert on Wednesday, May 13, at 6 pm. Grades K-5th will participate.

Please feel free to contact the school office at 453-4555 if you have any questions.



**Community Meeting!** James Decker, a representative of "Reclaim Stamford" was the featured speaker at the community meeting held in Bronte April 27, 2015. Mr. Decker discussed the various programs this Stamford group had initiated to improve and revitalize their city. He pointed out a new law allowing special purpose landfills for the remains of buildings condemned and torn down. Bronte is ahead of where Stamford was when they started. Stamford, at one time a town over 10,000, now has a population of just over 3,000. This drop in population left many vacant houses. These buildings became, not only eyesores, but dangers to the community. According to city officials in Bronte, there are less than fifty old buildings locally meeting this description. Bronte also has already implemented many city ordinances to deal with trash, high grass and weeds and junk vehicles.