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## Bronte ISD and City of Robert Lee Elections to be held Saturday

The Bronte ISD Trustee election and the City of Robert Lee Council election will be held this Saturday, May 10, 2014, from 7 am to 7 pm.

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. Polling location for this election is Bronte City Hall.

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. This election will be held at the Coke County Courthouse.

## Fire Department Donations needed

Both the Bronte and Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Departments are in need of Gatorade and bottled water donations. With the continued lack of moisture and hot temperatures, the possibility of wildfires is a clear and present danger to our county.

## Conaway to hold Town Hall Meeting

Congressman Mike Conaway will be in Coke County on Thursday, May 15, 2014, at the

Coke County Courthouse from 9 am to 10 am for a town hall meeting. The Congressman will be giving an update on what's been going on in Washington.

## 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.

## Public Meeting set for Tuesday in Bronte

An open Public Meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 13, 2014, at 6 pm at the Community Center in Bronte.

The meeting, scheduled by Coke County Judge Roy Blair, is the result of an effort by Bronte citizens to have questions answered regarding the Coke County Detention Facility.

On Monday morning, a petition with numerous signatures was received by Judge Blair stating the following.

"Recent substantial developments pertaining to the future of Coke County's detention center have been occurring in rapid succession without public discourse, and have raised a number of concerns with county residents. In particular, east Coke County



**New Bronte Signs!** Have you seen the new signs on Highways 277 and Highway 158 west of Bronte? The photos inside the letters were provided by Lana Richards with Fort Chadbourne and Kellie Thorn, a sophomore at Bronte High School. Ad-Art in San Angelo helped with the artwork and made this year-long process a reality for the Bronte community. The new signs were paid for by Bronte Economic Development Corporation.

residents, including the residents of Bronte, have a high level of interest in these developments due to the detention center's prominent physical location and the impact on the public resources of the city and county. In light of these concerns and on behalf of concerned taxpayers and citizens, we request the

following:

1. The points addressed in this letter be included in the agenda and discussed at the next regularly scheduled Commissioners Court Monday, May 12, 2014.

2. It is our opinion that no further action shall be taken on this facility until such time that a public meeting be held for the express purpose of ensuring citizens are fully informed on the previous transactions and future plans involving the detention center facility and property. This public hearing shall be scheduled to be held at a time and place to maximize public attendance.

3. It is our opinion that the sale of this property is premature, based on a 30-month lease to a contractor with no clear business plan for the facility's use. Accordingly, we request that no action be taken to sell this facility until all concerns have been addressed."

At this meeting, citizens can ask questions of Judge Blair and the Commissioners regarding

the dispensation of the prison facility.

## Free Clinic set for Saturday

A free doctor's clinic will be held from 12 noon to 5 pm Saturday at Hall's Super Save in Bronte. The clinic is courtesy of LASA Food Services LLC.

## 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.

For more information, email BronteVFD@gmail.com or send a private message on the Bronte Chamber of Commerce Facebook page.



**Fire!** Only a couple of fire crews remain on site following a fire in a wheat field east of Bronte Monday afternoon. With high winds pushing the flames, calls went out to Bronte, Robert Lee and Ballinger fire departments. Our county's crews were able to contain the fire and Ballinger's crews were turned around. With no significant rains, Coke County is a tinder box and a Burn Ban remains in effect. Please be extremely careful with any open flames and, as always, PRAY FOR RAIN!

