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Early voting in Primary Election run-off begins Monday, July 23

Early voting in the Democratic and Republican Primary Election run-offs will begin Monday, July 23, and continue through Friday, July 27, 2012, at the County Courthouse. Consolidated polling places for the Tuesday, July 31, run-off election are the Recreation Hall at the County Park in Robert Lee for Precincts One and Three, and the Senior Citizens Center in Bronte for Precincts Two and Four. Voting hours are 7 am to 7 pm.

In Coke County, both the Democrats and Republicans will have a Primary Election run-off to determine the candidates to be placed on the November General Election ballot in five statewide political races.

The most widely publicized race is for retiring senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson's United States Senate seat. On the Democratic side, Paul Sadler is facing Grady Yarbrough. For the Republicans, current Texas Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst is battling Ted Cruz, a Tea Party favorite who has served as Texas Solicitor General.

Republican candidates for

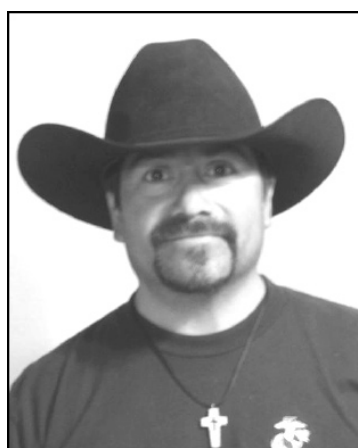
Railroad Commissioner (full term) are Warren Chisum and Christi Craddick. Warren Chisum serves as State Representative from Pampa and faces Christi Craddick who is an attorney and small business owner in Austin.

Republican candidates for Railroad Commissioner (unexpired term) are Barry Smitherman and Greg Parker. Smitherman was appointed to a vacancy on the Commission in July of last year and is opposed by Greg Parker who serves as County Commissioner in Comal County.

Republican candidates for Justice, Texas Supreme Court, Place 4, are David Medina and John Devine. Justice Medina serves in the position for which he is seeking re-election and faces John Devine who has served as district judge in Houston and who has run for and lost two races for Congress and one race for the Texas House.

Coke County Democratic Party Chair Bob Houck stated "Voting is the basic duty of citizenship in the United States. It is a privilege to vote, so please take the time to participate in this election."

5th Annual Joe Torres Memorial Golf Tournament set for July 28



The 5th Annual Joe Torres Memorial Golf Tournament is scheduled for July 28, 2012, at the Mountain Creek Golf Course in Robert Lee.

This tournament is in honor of Joe Torres. Joe served the community for 18 years working for the City of Robert Lee. His legacy is carried on through his daughter, Ashley Torres, and sons, Garrett & Jayton Torres. All

proceeds will benefit Garrett and Jayton so that they may have a brighter education and future.

The tournament format will be a 3-person scramble, 18 hole shotgun start featuring cash payouts and prizes beginning Saturday, July 28 at 10 am. Registration is between 8 am and 9 am. Entry fee includes green fee and a meal. To sign up and reserve a cart (limited carts), contact Mountain Creek Golf Course at (325) 453-2317. To obtain more information, please contact Jonathan Torres (325) 262-0399, Lewis Samaniego (325) 260-8818, or Gina Williams (325) 763-8034.

Benefit Bake Sale set for Friday

A Bake Sale for Brewer's Baseball Team has been slated for Friday, July 20, at



County Cooperation! Robert Lee Mayor, John Jacobs (left) presents Gerald Sandusky, Mayor of Bronte, with a plaque in recognition and appreciation to the City of Bronte for their neighborly support to the City of Robert Lee. The people of Bronte, by selling treated water to Robert Lee, is helping to serve their neighbors in Coke County during this crisis of water shortage.

Coke County Hardware in Robert Lee. The bake sale will begin at 8 am.

For more information, contact Cynthia at 763-7389 or JP at 763-7540.

Robert Lee Community Band to form

A meeting will be held Tuesday, July 31, at the Robert Lee High School bandhall at 6 pm for those individuals interested in forming a community band. Any and all horn players or drummers, ages 14 and up, are welcome. Even if you are a "little rusty", please don't hesitate to give this community band a try.

The band will be under the direction of Steve Ratliff, retired band director. It will be fun - and just might strike up some more school spirit on Friday nights.

Free Athletic Physicals slated for Bronte Students

Athletic Physicals for Bronte students in grades 7, 9, and 11 are set for Saturday, August 4, 2012, at 9 am.

The bus will leave Bronte High School at 8 am. Please be at the school with medical

history and physical form completed and signed by parents at 7:45 am. Physicals are free only at this time.

Robert Lee-Silver

Lions slate fundraiser

The Robert Lee-Silver Lions Club is raising money to put up an electronic sign. The fundraiser is set for Robert Lee Community Center on Saturday, August 4, at 5:30pm.

Watermelon and sandwiches are going to be served with a pie, cake or dessert auction afterwards.

For more information, contact any Lion member, or call 453-2380.

Coke County Tea Party meeting discussed

A nice sized crowd attended the first Tea Party meeting in Coke County. The meeting was held Monday evening, July 16, at Wildcat Marina.

Topics discussed were:

- Obamacare
- Arms Trade Treaty - This treaty is scheduled to be signed by Secretary of State Hillary Clinton on July 27, 2012. If ratified by the US

Senate, it effectively forces Americans to register all firearms with the United States government, overseen by the United Nations.

• Law of the Sea Treaty - This treaty provides for all mineral royalties derived from drilling off the Outer Continental Shelf to be paid to the United Nations instead of the federal government where at least the possibility is there for it to benefit American citizens. All drilling permits for this area would also have to come from the United Nations. The treaty would require the United States Navy to obtain permission from the United Nations before undertaking any operations at sea. Currently, only 34 United States Senators have pledged to vote against its ratification, with 66 senators either uncommitted or in favor of its ratification. To be ratified, 67 senators must vote for it.

• UN Treaty Agenda 21 - This treaty was never ratified by the United States Senate following President George H.W. Bush's signing it. (Continued on Page 3)