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Letter provides necessary information to residents

[Editor's Note: I received this letter because I live in Precinct 2 and it was sent to the registered voters in Precinct 2 by their commissioner, Paul Williams. After reading it, I asked Commissioner Williams if I could include it in this week's issue of The Observer/Enterprise because so much of the information provided within the letter pertains to all the residents of Coke County. He graciously gave his permission for it to be included.

The special session of the Texas Legislature ended on Wednesday, after this issue was printed. At presstime, the "property tax bill" mentioned in Commissioner Williams' letter had not been sent to Governor Abbott. However, the following quote from one of our most powerful Texas legislators is quite telling on how severe this bill could be for our county. "The cities and counties refuse to accept any version of Senate Bill 2, so I look forward to working with the governor and the lieutenant governor to shove it down their throat in a special session." Rep. Dennis Bonnen, Chairman Ways and Means, May 15, 2017]

To the folks of Precinct 2 from Paul Williams, Commissioner:

When I ran for County

Commissioner of Precinct 2 a few years ago, I made only a couple of promises - I would not lie to you, and I would know the budget. I apologize in advance for the length of this letter. I have a lot of information for you that I believe is essential. I want each of you to know that I ran for the office because I love this community, I love living here and I desired to serve you in a more substantial manner.

I am writing this letter to keep you informed as to the goings-on of your Coke County government. All numbers will be presented as approximations. Should you want to review the details, please feel free to drop by the Coke County courthouse in Robert Lee or give me a call. We will have several hearings and meetings prior to the new budget year starting October 1, 2017.

One of the more frequent conversations that I have with folks is questioning how the county spends your hard-earned dollars. Constitutionally, in the State of Texas most of the county's expenditures are mandated, meaning that Coke County "shall" expend tax dollars on a variety of offices et al. Examples of these offices are the County Judge, County Clerk, Tax Assessor, Sheriff, Treasurer, Auditor, JP,



Back to School for Bronte & Robert Lee!

Bronte - August 23rd

Robert Lee - August 21st

Blackwell started on August 17th.

Schedules for the 2017-2018 School Year for each of the schools are posted at EverythingCokeCounty.com.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Friday, August 18

High School Football (Scrimmage) -
Bronte at Hamlin
Robert Lee vs May

High School Volleyball - Nita Vannoy Tournament, San Angelo, Varsity

Saturday, August 19

Oldies But Goodies Car Show
Depot in Downtown Bronte

High School Volleyball -
Bronte at Miles, JV

Nita Vannoy Tournament, San Angelo, Varsity

Monday, August 21

First Day of School for Robert Lee ISD

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting, 6 pm,
First Baptist Church, Bronte

Tuesday, August 22

High School Volleyball -
Clyde at Bronte, 5 pm, 9th, JV, V

Wednesday, August 23

First Day of School for Bronte ISD

Thursday, August 24

High School Football Scrimmages
Christoval Cougars at Bronte

Robert Lee Steers at Water Valley

Friday, August 25

High School Volleyball -
"A" Showdown, Bronte, Varsity

High School Football Scrimmage
Blackwell, 6 pm

Saturday, August 26

High School Volleyball -
"A" Showdown, Bronte, Varsity

Football Pages beginning September 1

Football season in Coke County officially begins September 1 when the Bronte Longhorns host the Roby Lions at 7:30 pm. The Robert Lee Steers will take on the Panther Creek Cougars at home, also at 7:30 pm. The Blackwell Hornets are beginning their season with a road game against the Paint Rock Indians at 7:30 pm.

With the beginning of football season, the annual "Football Sponsor" pages will begin in the

September 1 issue of The Observer/Enterprise.

All 2016 sponsors will be included on the 2017 pages at the same price as last year. If you have a change or wish to discontinue your sponsorship, please call the office at (325) 453-2433 by 12 noon Monday, August 28.

A complete list of the 2016 sponsors is included below.

Bronte

Pitcock Properties, Jerrod Pitcock 325/ 650-4079; Shaffer

Monument Company; Texas Best De-Flooding & Carpet Cleaning, Bob & Patti Frazee; Glenn-Bivins Insurance Co., Marilyn, Lucretia, & Lanette; First National Bank in Bronte, Member FDIC; Crazy T Greenhouse; Bronte Health & Rehab Center; Tom's Tire, Lube & Detail, 473-2400, cell 473-8534; Ivey Motors; Larry's Automotive Repair; Marty Boyd, Coke County Constable;

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Public Profiles Inside!

As people move to Coke County, it's sometimes difficult to determine where to go and who to talk to at the local government offices. Each week, The Observer/Enterprise will highlight one or more of these offices. These highlights will include the services performed at that office and an introduction to the people who make that office work.

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