



Don't Text & Drive! The East Coke County Ambulance Service was at Bronte High School with a mock accident scene Monday morning. The presentation's purpose is to stress to teens the importance of not texting while driving. The scene showed the driver deceased and her passenger in critical condition. Agencies involved were the Coke County Sheriff's Office, East Coke County Ambulance Service, and the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department. The event was sponsored by the Regional Trauma Council, headquartered in San Angelo, as part of their injury prevention outreach. RTC includes 9 hospitals and 22 EMS and first responder organizations. T-shirts were given to all sophomores, juniors and seniors at Bronte High School.

Wildflowers. Hardscapes will be discussed by retired County Extension Agent John Begnaud. William Welch, a professor at Texas A&M, will present Innovative Choices for West Texas Landscapes. The final speaker is landscape architect Alan King. He will be speaking about Exceptional Design in Drought Condition. Attendees are asked to RSVP to (325) 659-6522 by Wednesday, September 18, to ensure adequate seating and materials. Stephens Central Library is located at 33 West Beauregard in San Angelo.

... Commissioners Court minutes

(Continued from page 3) for construction and Larry Kelso to deliver loads of caliche and smooth road to residence.

Commissioner Blaylock made a motion to accept the private road work requests. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pitcock. Motion carried.

Commissioner Blaylock made a motion to pay bills. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lee. Motion carried.

City of Bronte applies for federal grant

The City of Bronte recently submitted an application for a STEP Grant in hopes of being approved. Funds would help in replacing existing two miles of corroded water lines on the west side of town. If approved, the grant would pay for the materials and supplies needed. It does NOT pay for a contractor to do the work. If approved, volunteers would be needed to install the water line. Volunteers would also be needed in other positions which include: supervising, organizing, being on a telephone committee, helping with clerical and time sheets, donating food and drinks, babysitting, being a runner, running power or heavy equipment, etc. The city of Bronte will keep the community informed and hope to be reporting good news soon!

Fall Landscaping Symposium slated

Fall Landscaping Symposium will be held at the Stephens Central Library Community Room in San Angelo on Saturday, September 21, 2013, from 8:30 am to 4:15 pm. Registration for the event, sponsored by the Concho Valley Master Gardeners, begins at 8 am on that day.

Allison Watkins, County Extension Agent, will cover EarthKind Landscaping and

PUBLIC NOTICE
Brief Explanatory Statements of Proposed
Constitutional Amendments
Special Election November 5, 2013

Proposition Number 1 (HJR 62)

HJR 62 proposes a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide by statute for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the United States armed services who is killed in action, as long as the surviving spouse has not remarried. An eligible spouse who later qualifies a different property as the surviving spouse's residence homestead could be authorized by statute to receive an exemption from ad valorem taxation in the same amount received for the first qualifying homestead during the last year in which the surviving spouse received the exemption.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services of the United States who is killed in action."

Proposition Number 2 (HJR 79)

HJR 79 proposes a constitutional amendment to repeal the constitutional provision requiring the creation of a State Medical Education Board and a State Medical Education Fund, neither of which is in operation. No new loans have been made from the fund by the board in more than 25 years, and the board currently has no appointees and receives no program funding.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment eliminating an obsolete requirement for a State Medical Education Board and a State Medical Education Fund, neither of which is operational."

Proposition Number 3 (HJR 133)

HJR 133 would authorize local political subdivisions to extend the length of time that aircraft

parts could remain temporarily in this state before being subject to ad valorem taxation. Under current law, merchandise, wares, and goods (including aircraft parts) may remain in this state temporarily for up to 175 days before being subject to ad valorem taxation; the proposed amendment would permit taxing entities to extend the exemption up to 730 days after the date that a person acquired or imported aircraft parts in the state.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize a political subdivision of this state to extend the number of days that aircraft parts that are exempt from ad valorem taxation due to their location in this state for a temporary period may be located in this state for purposes of qualifying for the tax exemption."

Proposition Number 4 (HJR 24)

HJR 24 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran at no cost to the veteran by a charitable organization.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization."

Proposition Number 5 (SJR 18)

SJR 18 would amend the definition of "reverse mortgage" to authorize the making of reverse mortgage loans for the purchase of homestead property in addition to the current

legal uses of those loans, and would give lenders recourse against borrowers who fail to timely occupy the homestead properties purchased with such loans. SJR 18 would also add to the definition of "reverse mortgage" an extension of credit that is not closed before the 12th day after the lender provides to the prospective borrower a written notice summarizing risks and conditions of a reverse mortgage. The language of the required notice is prescribed in the resolution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the making of a reverse mortgage loan for the purchase of homestead property and to amend lender disclosures and other requirements in connection with a reverse mortgage loan."

Proposition Number 6 (SJR 1)

SJR 1 would create the State Water Implementation Fund as a special fund inside the state treasury and outside the General Revenue Fund. Money in the fund would be administered by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) and would be used to implement the state water plan, as adopted by general law, by TWDB.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas and the State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas to assist in the financing of priority projects in the state water plan to ensure the availability of adequate water resources."

Proposition Number 7 (HJR 87)

HJR 87 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow home-rule municipalities to adopt charter provisions authorizing the filling of vacancies in the governing body by appointment, but only when the remainder of the vacant term is less than 12 months. Under current law, municipal voters may adopt terms of office for municipal officers longer than two years, but upon approving longer terms of office, any resulting vacancies in office must be filled by special election. The proposed amendment would provide an option

for home-rule municipalities to fill short-term vacancies through appointment.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing a home-rule municipality to provide in its charter the procedure to fill a vacancy on its governing body for which the unexpired term is 12 months or less."

Proposition Number 8 (HJR 147 and SJR 54)

HJR 147 would repeal the Texas Constitution's maximum tax rate for a Hidalgo County hospital district; the maximum rate is currently set at 10 cents per \$100 valuation. This rate is lower than the maximum tax rate allowable for hospital districts in all other counties in the State (75 cents per \$100 valuation). The repeal of the constitutional cap would authorize hospital district tax rates in Hidalgo County equal to the hospital district tax rate laws applicable to all other Texas counties.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment repealing Section 7, Article IX, Texas Constitution, which relates to the creation of a hospital district in Hidalgo County."

Proposition Number 9 (SJR 42)

SJR 42 would expand the potential sanctions that the State Commission on Judicial Conduct can issue following a formal proceeding. This constitutional amendment would allow the Commission to issue an order of public admonition, warning, reprimand, or a requirement to obtain additional training or education in addition to the Commission's current authority to issue a public censure or recommend removal or retirement of a judge.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to expanding the types of sanctions that may be assessed against a judge or justice following a formal proceeding instituted by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct."

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