

**Fall Festival to be held October 23**

Robert Lee ISD will be hosting a Fall Festival on Saturday, October 23, from 4 pm until 8 pm in the back parking lot of the school.

There will be face painting, carnival games, hay rides, cake walk, a photo booth, as well as food items available.

Halloween costumes are encouraged (keep them kid friendly please!).

Tickets will be sold at the gate and all proceeds will go to the organization running each booth.

**Homecoming Bake Sale set for October 1**

The Friends of the Robert Lee Care Center will be having their third annual Homecoming Bake Sale on Friday, October 1, beginning at 9:30 am at Robert Lee State Bank’s lobby.

They will have lots of dessert choices, as well as savory items, such as chicken spaghetti and other casserole dishes. If you are interested in the savory items, please come early as they tend to go quickly.

After finally getting the gazebo finished for the residents, this sale will help to rebuild funds to move on to a new project to enhance the lives of the Robert Lee Care Center residents.

**Veterans Day Program to be held at BISD**

Bronte ISD will hold a Veteran’s Day program on Thursday, November 11, at 8:30 am at the Coke County Veterans Memorial (located at the corner of Railroad and Main Streets) in Bronte.

BISD would like to honor and remember Coke County veterans. If you are a service member or know a service member, Bronte ISD encourages you to this special program so that you or your service member may be recognized for service. Those who wish to wear their uniform are welcome to do so.

Please contact Bronte ISD at (325) 473-2511 by Friday, October 22, so that the school can recognize those veterans who wish to participate.

**Bronteoberfest set for October 16**

The annual Bronteoberfest celebration is set for October 16, 2021, at the Coke County Park in Bronte. Activities will once again include live music, a barbecue cook-off, craft beer, local wine, a vendor fair, “Running of the Wieners”” and much more!

**Flu Shots to be given at courthouse**

Shannon Mobile Care Unit will be in Robert lee at the Courthouse on Friday, October 15, from 9 am to 12 noon.

They will offer regular flu shots, high dose shots and Flublock. They are requesting please to bring their ID and insurance card.

For more information, contact Shannon Mobile Care at 325/657-5743. The public is encouraged to come take advantage of this opportunity.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
ON TAX INCREASE**

A tax rate of \$0.301163 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of EAST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.301163 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.290582 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.301165 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2021 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for EAST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT from the same properties in both the 2020 tax year and the 2021 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that EAST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that EAST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2021 year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2021, AT 5 PM at BRONTE HEALTH AND REHAB CENTER, 900 S. STATE STREET, BRONTE, TEXAS.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, EAST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the EAST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT at their offices or by attending the public meeting mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

Property tax amount = (tax rate) x (taxable value of your property)/100

**FOR the proposal:** Lanette Fletcher, Gina McCutchen, Jerita Taylor, Michael Bohensky, Everett Bedford

**AGAINST the proposal:**

**PRESENT and not voting:**

**ABSENT:**

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homesteaded by EAST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by EAST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT this year.

	2020	2021	Change
<b>Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)</b>	\$0.350057	\$0.301163	decrease of -0.048894 or -13.97
<b>Average homestead taxable value</b>	\$70,490	\$73,585	increase of \$3,985 or 4.39%
<b>Tax on average homestead</b>	\$246.76	\$221.61	decrease of \$25.15 or -10.19%
<b>Total tax levy on all properties</b>	\$544,876	\$573,161	increase of \$28,285 or 5.19%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for EAST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT at (325) 453-2614 or COKECOTAX@YAHOO.COM.