



2013. The winner will be announced at the Downtown Christmas Friday in December. Winners do not have to be present to win.

The club will also have a bake sale with desserts and casseroles. A festive wreath suitable for Halloween and/or Thanksgiving will be raffled off and chances on a \$50 Sam's Card will be available as well.

Fund raisers for scholarships are a big project for '64 Study Club. They also support the Food Basket, Project Graduation and other worthwhile ventures.

Members of the '64 Study Club also cook up mouth-watering treats and eats. Visit the booth in front of the Ford dealership.

Homecoming Week activities slated

The week of September 23-27 may look a little strange at Robert Lee ISD. Monday, September 23, is Duck Dynasty Day and students are encouraged to wear camo. Tuesday is "Will you still be my friend if I wore this" day. Wednesday is Class Color Day. Thursday is Twin Day and Friday is Steer Dynasty Day.

Poster and Sign contests are also being held this week. The Poster-Slogan contest entries are due on Tuesday at 3:45 pm and the sign entries are due Thursday and 3:45 pm.

Robert Lee Homecoming set for September 27

Robert Lee High School homecoming will be September 27th. There will be a parade through downtown Robert Lee beginning at 2:00. The community is invited to participate in the parade with floats or other entries. This year's theme will be "Steer Dynasty". The parade will end at the high school where a pep rally will be held at 2:40. The football game will be against the Veribest Falcons.

... Robotics

(Continued from page 4) pating in the competition each year. This stuff is made up of PVC pipe, wire, screws, nails, plastic, metal, wood, and other assortment of items that can be used to build a robot. The teams are limited to these items and must develop a way to convert these items into usable parts. This is where the mentors step in. They are allowed to guide the members in constructing the parts, show them how to use tools to do the

Club to Raise Scholarship Funds! Each year, the '64 Study Club strives to raise funds to provide Robert Lee Seniors with scholarships to colleges of their choice when they graduate.

This year, the group is fortunate to be able to sell tickets for a Pat Stephens oil painting, a 19"x22" of a covered bridge in a snowy setting. The picture is on view at the Coke County Library and will be at the '64 Study Club booth at the Street Affair on Saturday, October 5,

job, and offer suggestions on construction. Teams will have six weeks to construct the robot and program it for competition. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Celeste Service at RLISD.

Concerning TCEA Lego Robotics, it has come time to replace robots with newer ones. The group's old robots are beginning to fail and soon it will be difficult to get programming blocks for them. Lego has developed a new EV3 Mindstorm Robot and the competition will be using these robots in the near future. In the past, RLR has had as many as six teams. With the cost at nearly \$400, the kids are working hard to cover the

cost. Even with help from the school, it will take support from sponsors to send the group over the top meeting the cost.

Again, if you would like to help as a sponsor and/or a mentor, please contact Celeste Service or Sandy Sawyer at the school. If you want more information concerning the robotics program, feel free to contact these ladies.

Community Band Rehearsals set

A community band for Robert Lee meets for rehearsals in the Band Hall in RLHS every Tuesday evening at 6 pm.

Students in grades 8-12 are invited to come and play. The Robert Lee School provided instruments for last year's band.

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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