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Filing continues in local government entity elections

Filing for places on the ballot in the upcoming local entities elections will be allowed until March 14, 2011. The election will be held Saturday, May 14, 2011.

Bronte City Council

There are two two-year city council member terms on the ballot for the City of Bronte. Currently, these offices are held by Misty Bedford and Paula McWright. Both incumbents have filed for re-election.

Robert Lee City Council

There are three two-year city council member terms on the ballot for the City of Robert Lee. These offices are held by Janie Munoz, Gary Payne and Troy Wimberly. Currently, no one has filed for a place on the ballot.

West Coke County Hospital District

There are two two-year Board of Director terms on the ballot for the West Coke County Hospital District. Currently, these offices are held by Mary Bessent and Dessie Kendall. Both incumbents have filed for re-election.

East Coke County Hospital District

There are two two-year Board of Director terms on the ballot for the East Coke County Hospital District. Currently, these offices are held by Doris Sims and Alonzo Robbins. Both incumbents have filed for re-election.

Bronte ISD

There are two three-year Board of Trustee terms on the ballot for the Bronte Independent School District. Currently, these offices are held by Paul Williams and David McWright. Mr. Williams and Mr. McWright have filed for re-election. Ray Barnett and Andra Arrott have also filed for places on the ballot.

Robert Lee

There are two three-year Board of Trustee terms on the ballot for the Robert Lee Independent School District. Currently, these offices are held by Jeffie Roberts and Irma Torres. Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Torres have filed

for re-election. One unexpired two year term is also available, following the resignation of Tod Reed. As of presstime, no one has filed for this office.

Emergency cards being distributed to East Coke County

The Sorosis Study Club of Bronte has printed up bright yellow East Coke County Ambulance Service Cards. All of the ambulance crew knows to look on the refrigerator to see if you have this bright yellow card. The card has pertinent information that can assist the ambulance crews and can help you. You just need to have one filled out for each member of the household.

These cards are free. No gimmick, nothing to buy. We promise! We only ask that you pick up one card for each family member at one of the following: Bronte Hometown Hardware, Glenn-Bivins Insurance, First Baptist Church, Bronte United Methodist Church, or Bronte City Hall.

This is a community project that the Sorosis Study Club felt could benefit the community and they want each person in the East Coke County Ambulance area to take advantage of this. We never know when we might need an ambulance. Let's help to make the ambulance service volunteers' job a little easier.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call any club member, or Glenn-Bivins Insurance and ask for Lanette or Marilyn.

RL Landfill resumes regular schedule

The Robert Lee Landfill will resume regular schedule on Saturday, March 5. The Landfill will be open to the public each Saturday from 9 am until 12 noon.

Acceptable items are lumber, tree limbs, grass, concrete, bricks, construction and demolition.

Singing Winds Golf course to host

"Shamble" March 5

The Singing Winds Golf course in Bronte will host a 2 person 18 hole "Shamble"

FIRE DANGER IS EXTREMELY HIGH!

*Please act responsibly.
If you see smoke, call 911.*

Saturday, March 5, with a 9:30 am tee off.

Call the office for information on fee per person and entry, 325-473-2156.

Coke County Historical Commission

considering chronicle

"I wish I had asked my grandparents about that," almost everyone has said, or will say, at one time or another. The following may be a good response to that delimita.

The Coke County Historical Commission is considering putting together a Coke County chronicle featuring each community in the county and the historic events which took place in the community. The early settlers, the weather, the crops, stock, schools, churches, businesses, geographic names, ranching, farming, oil, gas, and wind farms are some of the areas that can be covered. Each community will have its own story told in the book. Dating the book from the early 1800's to 2000 will bring local history up to date.

Some of the communities identified are Divide, Edith, Paint Creek, Robert Lee, Tennyson, Bronte, Hayrick, Blackwell, Sanco, and Silver. This is not a complete list and others will be added as they

are identified by interested people. Co-ordinators for some of the communities have come forth. For the Divide community, contact Jo Collier; Bronte, Brenda Hines; Sanco, June Gulley; Tennyson, Russell Brown; Paint Creek, Kay Pitcock; Hayrick, Donna Waldrop; Edith, Jeffie Roberts and Bobbie Box; Robert Lee, Bobby Roberts, Ava Lou Davis.

The co-ordinators of each community will work with their fellow historians to set up a chronicle of the community. A deadline of July 31, 2012, has been set to give plenty of time to identify events and find photos. An email address is available for all interested people (call the Library). It has been decided that machine copies of photographs must be used rather than originals. Originals are too precious to be submitted. Copy stores in San Angelo do a good job of copying old photos.

The chronicle can not be done by one or two people. Community residents can get together over coffee, or arrange a meeting time at the Coke County Library, to discuss the best way to detail the events and places in their communities. Coke County communities have many unique stories to tell and preserve. A Coke County

Chronicle will supply the future generations' need-to-know when they say, "I wish I had asked my grandparents about that." Later in the year, a county-wide get-together of community historians will be held to discuss problems, progress, and the satisfaction of contributing to a much needed chronicle.

It was suggested that family legends will arise from these meetings and should be put on paper as well - perhaps for inclusion, or maybe another book.

The work will go forward on the book when people have united to compile a picture of their community through photographs of events and participants and recollections. Those who take the initiative to chronicle their community will be handing the past over to the present for a greater understanding of places and events. Historians think of what they personally know, ask questions, call people, verify and document.

This chronicle will be different from the Coke County 1984 book of family histories. It is hoped at some date that this important historical family book can be updated and reprinted.

Call the Coke County Library for further information, 453-2495.