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## UPCOMINGS!

### Local election to be held May 6

Early voting for the May 6 election will begin on Monday, April 22, and continue through Tuesday, April 30. In Coke County, Bronte ISD, in the only contested race, is looking to make changes to their Board of Trustees, along with an election seeking to issue a bond for repairs and upgrades to the campus and facilities.

Bronte ISD has three seats currently up for election. Incumbents Ashley Braswell and Lynsey Coalson are seeking re-election. The seat currently held by Cara Barker who was appointed earlier this year is also up and she has filed to retain her seat. These ladies will be joined on the ballot by Jeff Schoenfield.

The issuance of a bond in a combined total of \$12.1 million is also being proposed by Bronte ISD. Proposition A, in the amount of \$10.965 million, is focusing on the building of an animal science project barn for additional space for housing student's show animals; total campus roof replacement and A/C replacement; safety upgrades, such as fire alarms and a secured vestibule entry; and renovations to include foundation repair and exterior window replacements. Proposition B, in the amount of \$1.135 million, would go towards resurfacing of the track and football field.

Early voting will be held from 8 am until 4 pm, Monday through Friday, in the school administration office.

Robert Lee ISD, the City of Bronte, and the City of Robert Lee have all canceled their elections.

There are three terms up for the Robert Lee ISD Board of

Trustees and all incumbents, including Wes Washam, Jose Morales, and Cole Bosworth, have filed for re-election.

For the City of Bronte, the office of Mayor, as well as two council seats are up for election. Mayoral incumbent Paul Gohman has filed for re-election, as well as council member Mike Bailey. Gwen Dyess has chosen not to file for re-election and David Scott has filed for a place on the council.

The current Robert Lee City Mayor, Jason Moran, will not be seeking re-election and Steven Arens has filed for his place. Incumbent council member Jonathan Torres has filed for re-election and Skyler Rainwater has filed for the other available council member seat.

### Runoff election slated for May 28

The primary runoff election will be held on Tuesday, May 28, across the state. Coke County will have one runoff election for County Attorney between Cody McCabe and Russell Ash.

Early voting will begin Monday, May 20, and continue through Friday, May 24.



### Shameless Frontier Mayor and Booster

By James M. Decker

A little over a year ago, I found something extraordinary in the archives of the Museum of the West Texas Frontier in Stamford. It was a promotional pamphlet dating to about 1910 with the innocuous title "Swenson Avenue Addition." It was ostensibly intended to market newly-platted lots in an area north of Stamford's downtown. In reality, it was one of the most extraordinary pieces of local propaganda I've ever read in my life. It starts strong on the cover, with a series of apparent slogans from the first decade of Stamford's history:

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1. The Paved City of the West
2. The City of Roses
3. The Metropolis of the West
4. The Railroad Center of West Texas

(Fans of "Parks and Recreation" might think of the wild series of nicknames that Pawnee had adopted over the years, from "The Paris of America" to "The Akron of Southwest Indiana" to "Welcome German Soldiers" to "First In Friendship, Ninth in Obesity." If you did, you're not alone.)

These slogans actually do feature some interesting historical facts. Stamford's red brick streets (manufactured



**Stuck!** A local kiddo unfortunately managed to get stuck in a tree on Thursday afternoon, April 4. With help from the Coke County Sheriff's Office, Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department, West Coke County EMS, and Scotty Jackson with AEP, the youngster was rescued with no injuries.

## Area Churches Invite You to Worship

**Bronte**  
**Bronte Church of Christ**  
 PO Box 346  
 118 S. Jefferson • Bronte  
 Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

**Central Baptist Church**  
 324 S. Franklin • Bronte  
 (325) 473-4811  
 Dale Patterson, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School  
 11 am & 5 pm Worship

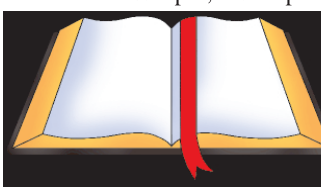
**First Baptist Church**  
 424 S. Washington • Bronte  
 (325) 473-2331  
 firstbronte@gmail.com  
 Pastor George Cooper  
 Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,  
 10:30 am Worship  
 Wednesday 6 pm - 8 pm  
 Children and Youth

**Bronte Methodist Church**  
 Corner of Washington & Holmes  
 Bronte • (325) 650-4836  
 Pastor Keith Fletcher  
 Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Worship

**St. James Catholic Church**  
 215 N. Washington, Bronte  
 (325) 365-2687  
 Rev. Timothy Hayter, Pastor  
 Sunday Bilingual Mass 8 am

**Bread of Life Church**  
 314 Fayette • Bronte  
 (325) 227-0010  
 Michael Crane, Pastor  
 Sunday, 9 am  
 Wednesday, 6 pm

**Coke County**  
**Pecan Baptist**  
 PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of  
 Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy  
 (325) 453-2065, Bill Hood, Pastor  
 www.pecanbaptistchurchrl.com  
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship



**Robert Lee**  
**Bible Baptist Church**  
 PO Box 938 • 9th & Austin  
 Sunday 10 am Sunday School,  
 11 am and 5 pm Worship,  
 Wed 5 pm Bible Study

**Emmanuel Pentecostal**  
 PO Box 794 • 1004 Hillcrest  
 Pastor Brantly Robertson  
 (972) 841-2009  
 Sundays 10 am, Wednesdays 7 pm

**First Methodist Church**  
 PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne  
 Pastor Gary Karschner  
 Robert Lee • (325) 453-2417  
 Sun. 11 am Worship,  
**Iglesia Bautista Betel**  
 101 Houston • Robert Lee  
 Sun. 9:45 am • Sunday School  
 11 am Service • Bible Study Wed. 6 pm

**Southside Church of Christ**  
 PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston  
 Robert Lee (325) 453-2176  
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
 11 am Worship  
 Wed. 6 pm, Worship

**Northside Church of Christ**  
 PO Box 508  
 9th & Chadbourne • Robert Lee  
 (325) 453-2685, (325) 763-2118  
 or (325) 473-1053  
 Services: Sun. 10 am

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church**  
 601 W. 10th, Robert Lee  
 (325) 365-2687  
 Rev. Timothy Hayter, Pastor  
 Saturday Vigil Mass 6 pm

**Robert Lee Baptist Church**  
 PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th  
 (325) 453-2724  
 Chris Walls, Pastor  
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
 11 am Worship  
 Wed. 6:30 pm, Prayer Meeting

**Victory Assembly of God**  
 (325) 453-2208, PO Box 638  
 202 E. 6th Street, Robert Lee  
 Rev. Rocky Youngblood, Pastor  
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship  
 Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study

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