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Emergency Services District Public Hearing slated for August 8

by Hal Spain,
Coke County Judge

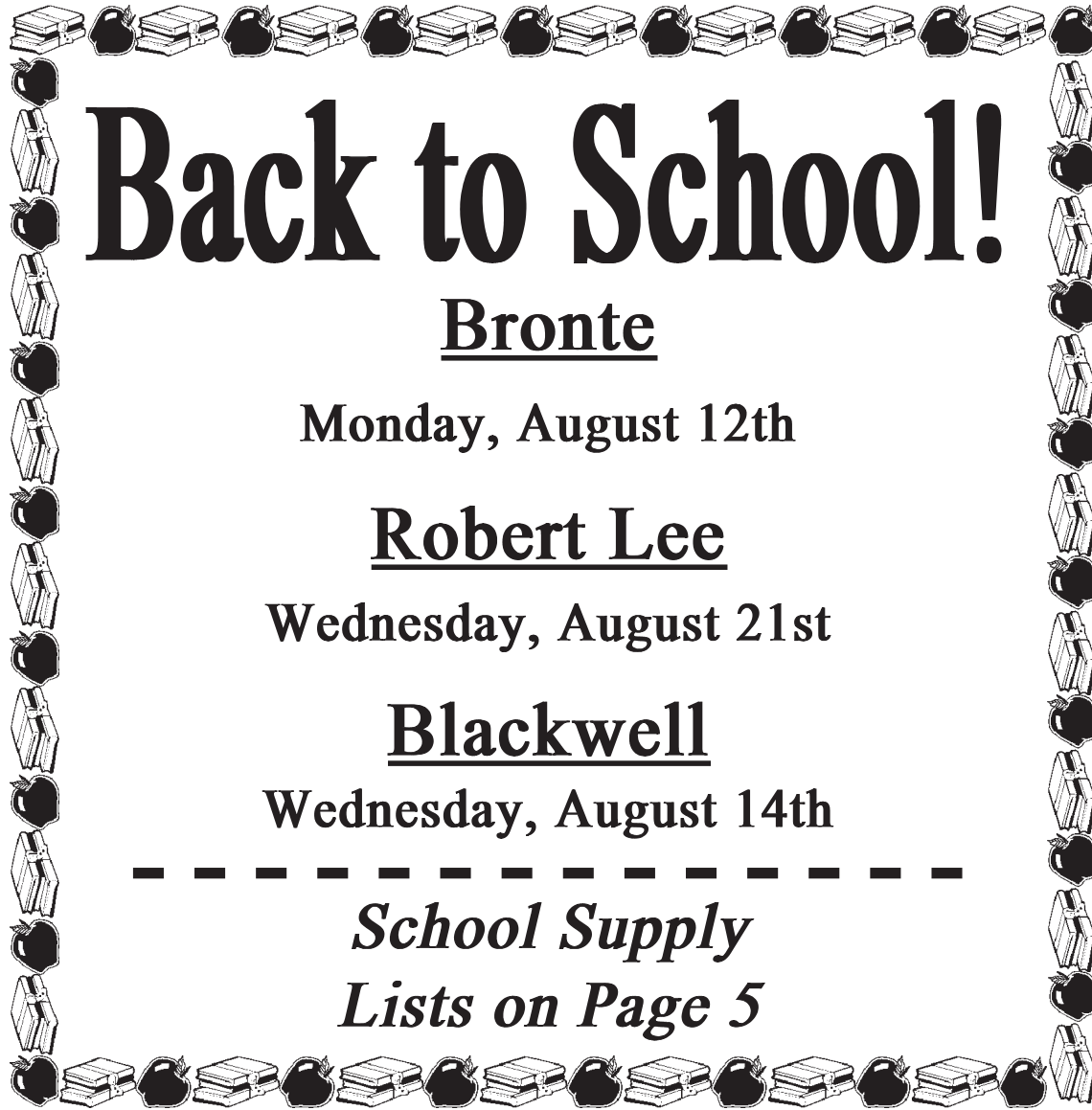
The Coke County Commissioners' Court has set the public hearing concerning the proposal for the Coke County Emergency Services District No. 1 for Thursday, August 8, beginning at 9:00 am in the district courtroom (upstairs) at the county courthouse in Robert Lee. The public hearing is a result of a petition filed by Houston McGuire and Joe A. Luckett for the creation of an emergency medical and ambulance services district for all of Coke County. If approved by the Commissioners' Court, the proposed district will be placed on the November general

election ballot.

An excellent combination of speakers has been assembled to lead the discussion involving this proposed taxing district. Houston McGuire, director of the Robert Lee EMS, will begin the discussion with the need for the ESD.

Clay Avery, SAFE-D (Texas State Association of Fire and Emergency Districts administrator), will provide educational materials concerning establishing emergency service districts, and answer any questions from those in attendance.

Luke Robbins, Coke County Appraisal District administrator, will follow with property appraisal values which are



Back to School!

Bronte

Monday, August 12th

Robert Lee

Wednesday, August 21st

Blackwell

Wednesday, August 14th

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

Friday, August 2

Mini Cheer Camp, 9 am - 11 am,
Old Gym, Robert Lee High School

Community Blood Drive, 12 noon - 5 pm,
Bronte ISD

Saturday, August 3

Hunter Education Course, 8 am,
Robert Lee High School

Monday, August 5

Coke County 4-H Kick Off, 9 am,
County Park, Robert Lee

Concho Valley Community Action Agency Event,
10 am - 12 noon, County Courthouse, Robert Lee

Wednesday, August 7

Elementary Meet the Teacher/
Junior High and High School Schedule Pickup,
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm, Bronte ISD

Thursday, August 8

Parent-Child Golf Tournament, 6 pm,
Mountain Creek Golf Course, Robert Lee

Friday, August 9

High School Volleyball -
Bronte vs San Angelo Central, Scrimmage

Saturday, August 10

Casey Eubanks Memorial Golf Tournament, 8 am,
Mountain Creek Golf Course, Robert Lee

Back to School Haircuts, 10:30 am - 1:30 pm,
Cactus Rose Beauty Salon and Hideaway, Bronte

Meet the Longhorns, 11 am,
New Gym, Bronte ISD

Sunday, August 11

Blackwell CISD Back to School Bash,
6 pm, Blackwell Methodist Church

available for taxing purposes for the district. The property value estimates which were used at the two previous public meetings are in error, and Luke's information will be critical in determining the size and scale of the proposed district.

Sherry Walker, Director of the EMS Program in Sterling County, will then detail the costs

involved in providing emergency services in Sterling County. Her annual budget is somewhere around \$375,000, which is comparable to what we may be able to afford in Coke County.

Following the public hearing, the commissioners will entertain a motion to grant or deny the petition to create the district, fix the boundaries, and order an

election to confirm the district's creation.

We are very excited about the kind of experience and detailed knowledge that each of these professionals will provide for this public hearing. Coke County residents are urged to make plans to attend this important meeting for the future of our county.

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