

Early voting in constitutional amendment election to run through October 29

The 2021 constitutional amendment election will be held on November 2, 2021, with the last day to apply for a ballot by mail is October 22.

Early voting will be held October 18 through October 29 at the Coke County Courthouse in Robert Lee.

Polling locations on the day of the election are as follows:

Precinct 1 - Robert Lee Rec Center, 150 County Road, Robert Lee;

Precinct 2 - Bronte Community Center, 350 E. Park Road, Bronte;

Precinct 3 - Coke County Courthouse, 13 E. 7th Street, Robert Lee;

Precinct 4 - First Baptist Church, 424 S. Washington, Bronte.

The propositions are included below.

Proposition 1

The constitutional amendment authorizing the professional sports team charitable foundations of organizations sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) or the Women's Professional Rodeo Association to conduct charitable raffles at rodeo venues.

Proposition 2

The constitutional amendment authorizing a county to finance the development or redevelopment of transportation or infrastructure in unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted

areas in the county.

Proposition 3

The constitutional amendment to prohibit this state or a political subdivision of this state from prohibiting or limiting religious services of religious organizations.

Proposition 4

The constitutional amendment changing the eligibility requirements for a justice of the supreme court, a judge of the court of criminal appeals, a justice of a court of appeals, and a district judge.

Proposition 5

The constitutional amendment providing additional powers to the State Commission on Judicial Conduct with respect to candidates for judicial office.

Proposition 6

The constitutional amendment establishing a right for residents of certain facilities to designate an essential caregiver for in-person visitation.

Proposition 7

The constitutional amendment to allow the surviving spouse of a person who is disabled to receive a limitation on the school district ad valorem taxes on the spouse's residence homestead if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of the person's death.

Proposition 8

The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the



USS New Mexico! On Thursday, October 7, 2021, Clabe F. Webb (left) of Bronte met with Mr. Chris McDougal, who is an archivist at The National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg, Texas, to gift a fascinating original photograph of the USS New Mexico (circa 1920 as best as can be identified) to the museum.

The USS New Mexico (BB-40) was in service in the US Navy from 1918 to 1946. She was the lead ship of a class of three "dreadnought" battleships including the USS Mississippi (BB-41) and USS Idaho (BB-42).

The hallmark of a "dreadnought" battleship was an "all-big-gun" armament. USS New Mexico saw action in the Atlantic and Pacific Theaters. In early 1945 she was attacked and damaged by kamikazes in the Battle of Okinawa. USS New Mexico escorted President Woodrow Wilson's passenger ship George Washington to France for him to attend the Versailles Peace Conference in 1919.

USS New Mexico was the official flagship of the Pacific Fleet from January 1921 through the 1920's. Her nickname was 'Queen'.

She was present in Tokyo Bay when Japan formally surrendered on September 2, 1945.

Visit the museum in Fredericksburg, located at 328 East Main Street, for amazing lessons in American history, where the past comes alive with unbelievable exhibits and fantastic displays!

market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services of the United States who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty.

number of farmers and ranchers 65 and older outnumber those 35 and under by a four-to-one margin. That is significant," John Ross said. "More than 370 million acres are expected to change hands in the next two decades."

Capital gains taxes are paid when a business - including a

family farm or ranch - sells a long-term capital asset, such as land. The tax is based on the amount that the asset has increased in value since purchase. Thanks to a special provision in the tax code, however, capital gains taxes are not imposed when assets are transferred to an heir after the death of a loved one. Tax law also allows the heir to increase, or step up, the basis of the inherited assets to fair market value without paying capital gains tax.

stepped-up basis by imposing capital gains taxes at death would force many family-owned farms and ranches to liquidate assets to pay the taxes. This new tax would be imposed on top of any existing estate tax liability, essentially creating an unthinkable second tax at death.

"Any proposal to tax capital gains at death and eliminate stepped-up basis as a way to raise revenue for new government spending would be devastating to American agriculture and the broader U.S. economy," John Ross said.

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Current federal tax provisions supportive of farmers, ranchers must be maintained

Farmers and ranchers in Coke County and across the country are urging Congressional leaders to leave important tax policies in place that allow farmers and ranchers to survive and pass their businesses on to the next generation.

Coke County Farm Bureau President John Ross Copeland said it's critical that changes not be made to current provisions in federal estate taxes, stepped-up basis, 199A small business deduction and like-kind exchanges. Congress is drafting legislation to address the Biden administration's spending priorities and is considering changes to federal tax polities to pay for increased expenditures.

"These tools are crucial as the

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