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## Covid-19 strikes county nursing homes

Bronte Health & Rehab Center and Robert Lee Care Center, along with the nursing home in Sterling City have a contract with a company to provide outpatient health care services. One of this company's providers was unaware of their Covid-19 infection and continued to provide health care services to residents in all three care centers.

As it stands now in both Coke County facilities, a large majority of residents in both facilities tested positive for Covid-19 with most not showing any symptoms at all and the rest experiencing mostly

minor symptoms. There have been no Covid-19 deaths in Coke County due to this specific outbreak.

Overall in Coke County, the most recent report from Coke County Judge Hal Spain showed the following breakdown of active cases: Bronte Health & Rehab Center - 14; Robert Lee Care Center - 13; Robert Lee - 4; Bronte - 3; and Blackwell - 1. There are 35 total active cases in Coke County as of Monday, October 19, 2020. Several of the recent nursing home cases are considered "recovered" and are no longer considered "active".

## Early voting continues through October 30

Early voting for all elections began Tuesday, October 13, 2020, at the Courthouse in Robert Lee and will continue through Friday, October 30, 2020. Voting by mail on a broad scale will not happen in Texas.

Courthouse doors leading to the parking lot are locked until November 4. All visitors to the Courthouse and voters must use the front Courthouse door.

Thanks to Covid-19, the May 2, 2020, local entity election (city councils and mayors, school



**Coke County Championship!** In a tense football game on Friday, October 16, the Robert Lee Steers won the Coke County Championship over the Bronte Longhorns with a very close score of 43 - 42.

boards, and hospital district boards) had to be rescheduled and is going to be conducted on November 3, 2020, along with the General Election.

On election day, voters will go to their local precinct polling location. There they will receive a ballot specific to the address on their voter registration card. On November 3, voters will cast their ballots in the following locations:

- Precinct 1 - Robert Lee Rec Hall
- Precinct 2 - (CHANGE) Bronte Community Center
- Precinct 3 - Coke County Courthouse in Robert Lee
- Precinct 4 - First Baptist Church in Bronte

For example if you live in the City of Bronte, you would receive a ballot that includes all

national, state, and county races, plus the City of Bronte. Because only incumbents filed, East Coke County Hospital District and Bronte ISD have cancelled their elections. The ballot for the City of Bronte will include Paul Gohman (incumbent) for mayor, and the following five new candidates for the two open council seats - Gwen Dyess, Tiffany Harendt, John Graham, Katherine Shaw, and Kinley Pritchard.

If you live in the City of Robert Lee, you would receive a ballot that includes all national, state, and county races, plus the City of Robert Lee and Robert ISD. Since there were no contested races, West Coke County Hospital District was able to cancel their election. The ballot for the City of

Robert Lee will include Jason Moran for mayor, and the following four candidates for the two open council seats - Daniel Jasso, Manual Abalos, Grace Todacheoney, and Jonathan Torres. For the open seats on the Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees, incumbents, Irma Torres and Jeffie Roberts, filed for re-election and will be joined on the ballot by Linda Burns.

Voters in Precinct 2 also have the opportunity to vote in the Blackwell CISD School Trustee election. Incumbents Jason Jones and Brandye Glenn have filed for re-election and will be joined on the ballot by Carole Allen. Early voting for this election will also be held at the Courthouse in Robert Lee. On November 3, voting will take place at the Bronte Community Center.

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Monday, October 26

Friends of the Robert Lee Care Center Meeting, 10 am,  
Della Alexander's Home (10 W. 15th, Robert Lee)

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Junior High Volleyball -  
Veribest at Bronte, 5:30 pm

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High School Football -  
Highland at Bronte, 6 pm

### Thursday, October 29

Junior High Football -  
Bronte at Highland, 5:30 pm  
Blackwell at Trent, 5:30 pm

### Friday, October 30

High School Football -  
Westbrook at Robert Lee, 7:30 pm  
Trent at Blackwell, 7:30 pm

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## Annual Hunting & Fishing Guide set for November 6

The 2020 Coke and surrounding counties Hunting and Fishing Guide will be published in the November 6 edition of *The Observer/Enterprise*. It is running a week later than normal since the main deer hunting season doesn't

begin until November 7 this year.

The deadline for pictures, advertising and editorial copy is Monday, October 26. If you have pictures of wildlife in this area, pictures or stories from last season's hunting and/or fishing,

or pictures of this year's bow season, please send them in to be included in this year's issue. All information and pictures may be emailed to

ObserverEnterprise@gmail.com. For more information or to book advertising, please call (325) 453-2433 no later than 5 pm, Monday, October 26.

