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## General, local entity elections set for Tuesday

Early voting for all elections ends today Friday, October 30, 2020. This year's extended early voting began Tuesday, October 13, 2020, and continued through today at the Courthouse in Robert Lee.

Tuesday, November 3, 2020, voters will go to their local precinct polling location. There they will receive a ballot specific to the address on their voter registration card. Precinct 1 voters will cast their ballot at the Robert Lee Rec Hall. Precinct 2 voters have been moved from the Senior Citizens Center to the Bronte Community Center. Precinct 3 voters will vote at the Coke County Courthouse in Robert Lee. Precinct 4 voters will cast their ballot at First Baptist Church in Bronte. Precinct 3 voters will need to enter the

Courthouse through the front door facing the street. Due to social distancing, both Courthouse doors leading to the parking lot are locked until November 4.

Thanks to Covid-19, the May 2, 2020, local entity election (city councils and mayors, school boards, and hospital district boards) had to be rescheduled and is going to be conducted on November 3, 2020, along with the General Election.

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

## FOOTBALL FRIDAY NIGHTS!



Robert Lee Steers  
vs. Westbrook Wildcats  
Friday, October 30, 2020

7:30 pm

Robert Lee

Bronte Longhorns  
are OPEN

Friday, October 30, 2020



HOME COMING!

Blackwell Hornets  
vs. Trent Gorillas  
Friday, October 30, 2020

7:30 pm

Blackwell

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

Friday, October 30

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

Saturday, October 31

Trunk or Treat, 5 pm - 6 pm,  
Methodist Church Family Life Center, Robert Lee

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Fall Festival, 5 pm - 7 pm,  
Coke County Park, Robert Lee

Thursday, November 5

Junior High Football -  
Westbrook at Bronte, 5:30 pm  
Sterling City at Robert Lee, 5:30 pm  
Loraine at Blackwell, 5:30 pm

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Vision with a Purpose Meeting, 6 pm,  
VP Headquarters, Austin Street, Robert Lee

Friday, November 6

High School Football -  
Bronte at Westbrook, 7:30 pm  
Robert Lee at Sterling City, 7:30 pm  
Blackwell at Loraine, 7:30 pm

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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.

Some voters in the northern most part of Precinct 2 will 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.

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 Todacheeny, 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.

## Covid-19 deaths continue to rise at local nursing home

As of presstime Tuesday morning, October 27, 2020, Bronte Health & Rehab Center has had a total of six deaths in the last couple of weeks due to the recent Covid-19 outbreak in the nursing homes in Bronte, Robert Lee and Sterling City. Robert Lee Care Center has only had one resident pass away from Covid during this current virus event.

The outbreak began when an infected employee of a contract

company providing outpatient health care services unknowingly brought the virus into all three nursing homes.

As it stands now in both Coke County facilities, a large majority of residents in both facilities have tested positive for Covid-19. Many of these are now considered "recovered" and are no longer considered "active".

The most recent breakdown (October 22, 2020) from Coke County Judge Hal Spain

showed the following breakdown of active cases: Bronte Nursing Home - 25; Robert Lee Care Center - 21; Robert Lee - 3; Bronte - 3; and Blackwell - 1.

On Tuesday, October 7, 2020, Spain gave a brief rundown on the latest figures he had received. There have been 107 confirmed cases and 34 probable cases in Coke County throughout these many months. There currently are 64 total active cases and 70 recovered cases in Coke County as of Monday, October 26, 2020.