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Bronte and Robert Lee Special elections

On November 8, Bronte and Robert Lee held special elections to authorize the use of 1/2 cent sales tax funds for water projects. Less than one hundred people voted in each city's election.

In Bronte, the measure passed 76 to 10. In Robert Lee, it passed 74-2. The wording on the ballot was as follows:

"The use of Type B sales and use tax proceeds for infrastructure relating to water supply facilities, dams, transmission lines, well field developments, other water supply alternatives, water conservation programs, brush control programs, and programs to replace malfunctioning or leaking water lines."

There will be no increase in the sales tax rate and will not affect either city's property tax rate.

State Constitutional Amendment election results

A Texas Constitutional Amendment election was held Tuesday, November 8, 2011. Just over 5% of the state's eligible voters turned out adopting seven of the ten proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution.

The amendments which

passed are listed below.

Proposition 1 - SJR 14

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran."

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Filing period for 2012 primaries to begin November 28

The filing period for the March 6, 2012, Democratic and Republican primaries originally scheduled for Saturday, November 12, 2011, through Monday, December 12, 2011, has now been ordered by the Court to be held Monday, November 28, 2011, through 6 pm Thursday, December 15, 2011. County offices up for election include Coke County Commissioners in Precincts 1 and 3, currently held by Gene Montgomery and Gaylon Pitcock; County Constables in Precincts 1 and 2, currently held by Marshall Millican and Marty Boyd respectively; County Attorney, currently held by Nancy Arthur; County Tax Assessor/Collector, currently held by Josie Dean; and County Sheriff, currently held by Wayne McCutchen.



Jessop Convicted! Frederick Merrill Jessop (left) was convicted Monday, November 7, 2011, of the charge of performing an unlawful marriage ceremony by a Coke County jury in Robert Lee. The jury deliberated less than an hour and a half before returning the guilty verdict. The state proved their case that Jessop performed an illegal wedding ceremony between his twelve year old daughter and YFZ head Warren Jeffs. Jeffs was convicted earlier this year of two counts of sexual assault of a minor, one resulting from this marriage. He is now serving a life sentence. Jessop was sentenced to the maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine, following the hearing Monday afternoon and Tuesday. Before being taken into custody Monday afternoon, Jessop is shown with two of his sons, Nathan and Jim Jessop, outside the courthouse in Robert Lee.

Photo courtesy of the Eldorado Success.

Those interested in filing may pick up and return the applications and the filing fee (or petition with signatures) to either the County Party Chairman or to the

Coke County Clerk's office. The Democratic Party Chairman for Coke County is Robert Houck, 849 Mountain Road, Robert Lee, Texas 76945, (325) 453-2158. The Republican Party Chairman for Coke County is David Kitten, 653 Sweet Road, Blackwell, Texas 79506, (325) 282-2425.

For more information, contact either party chairman or the Clerk's office at (325) 453-2631.

Longhorn Golf Club scramble slated

The Longhorn Golf Club will be hosting a 18-hole 2-person scramble Saturday, December 3. It will begin at

9 am at the golf course in Bronte.

For more information, call 473-2156.

Mountain Creek Golf Course tournaments slated

The Sunday Skins Golf Tournaments will be held every Sunday from now until March, 4 2012, at Mountain Creek Golf Course.

Lunch will be held at 12 noon and Tee off is 1 pm.

Teams will be drawn based on handicap/known ability. Participants may play with their own groups. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, please call the golf course at 453-2317.



Wild Game Lunch! The annual Hunters' Wild Game Barbecue Lunch, sponsored by Hall's Super Save and B&K Processing, was held Saturday, November 5, 2011. Judging by the long line waiting to be fed and the impressive number of vehicles in town, the lunch was once again a huge success.

Football Playoffs



ROBERT LEE STEERS

vs.

Rankin Red Devils

7:30 pm • Friday, November 11 • Mertzon

BRONTE LONGHORNS
HAVE A BYE

