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## Elections set for Tuesday

Voters across the state will go to the polls on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, to decide on seven Texas Constitutional Amendments. These proposed amendments are listed at the end of this article.

Voters in Bronte ISD, will also go to the polls to approve or reject the increased tax rate. Last year's tax rate was \$1.04. The new tax rate is \$1.17, a difference of only .13 per \$100 of tax valuations. If a home is valued at \$100,000, the increase will raise those taxes \$130 per year. The average Bronte ISD homeowner will only see an increase of \$30.26. Total Bronte ISD valuations fell this past year by over \$16 million. With new construction decisions made in the past, necessary repairs to vital infrastructure was ignored and now is unusable due to safety concerns

for the children.

Since Bronte ISD is a fractionally funded district, they were effectively being penalized for the local taxpayers' low rate of \$1.04 and not receiving all the state funds for which they were eligible. By raising the rate to \$1.17, the district's revenue from local taxpayers will increase by approximately \$100,000. However by increasing the local rate, they will be eligible to receive approximately another \$100,000 from state funding previously withheld.

Polls will be open on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, from 7 am to 7 pm. Voters in Precincts 1 and 3 will vote at the Coke County Courthouse in Robert Lee. Voters in Precincts 2 and 4 will vote at the Bronte Senior Center at 613 E. Oliver in Bronte.

## FOOTBALL FRIDAY NIGHT!



**Robert Lee Steers vs. Westbrook Wildcats**  
Friday, November 3, 2017  
7:30 pm Westbrook

**Bronte Longhorns vs. Baird Bears**

Friday, November 3, 2017  
7:30 pm Baird



**Blackwell Hornets vs. Trent Gorillas**  
Friday, November 3, 2017  
7:30 pm Blackwell

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

- Friday, November 3**  
High School Basketball - Blackwell vs Cornerstone, 5 pm, Varsity Girls  
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High School Football - Bronte at Baird, 7:30 pm  
Robert Lee at Westbrook, 7:30 pm  
Blackwell vs Trent, 7:30 pm
- Saturday, November 4**  
Bronte Hunters Barbecue, 11 am - 2 pm, The Rusty Bell, Downtown Bronte  
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Blackwell Volunteer Fire Department Fish Fry, 5 pm, Blackwell VFD Station  
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Robert Lee Hunters Barbecue, 6 pm - 9 pm, Robert Lee Rec Hall
- Monday, November 6**  
Alcoholics Anonymous, 6 pm, First Baptist Church, Bronte  
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Bronte Evening Lions Club Meeting, 7 pm, First United Methodist Church, Bronte
- Tuesday, November 7**  
Robert Lee - Silver Lions Club Meeting, 6:30 am, Old Jail Annex, Robert Lee  
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Sorosis Study Club Potato Bake Luncheon, 11 am, First United Methodist Church, Bronte  
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Red Hat Society Meeting, 11 am, Sorosis Study Club Potato Bake  
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High School Basketball - Robert Lee at Roscoe, 5 pm, JV Girls and Varsity Girls  
Blackwell at Rotan, 6 pm, Varsity Girls
- Thursday, November 9**  
Junior High Football - Bronte at Albany, 5 pm  
Robert Lee at Garden City, 5:30 pm  
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JV Football - Robert Lee at Garden City, 7 pm  
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High School Football - Blackwell at Roscoe-Highland, 7:30 pm
- Friday, November 10**  
Robert Lee ISD Veterans Day Program, 9:30 am, RLISD Cafetorium  
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High School Basketball - Blackwell at Lohn, 6 pm, Varsity Girls  
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High School Football - Bronte vs Albany, 7:30 pm  
Robert Lee vs Garden City, 7:30 pm

### STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION NUMBER 1 (HJR 21)

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization for less than the market value of the residence homestead and harmonizing certain related provisions of the Texas Constitution."

### STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION NUMBER 2 (SJR 60)

"The constitutional amendment to establish a lower amount for expenses that can be charged to a borrower and removing certain financing expense limitations for a home equity loan, establishing certain authorized lenders to make a

home equity loan, changing certain options for the refinancing of home equity loans, changing the threshold for an advance of a home equity line of credit, and allowing home equity loans on agricultural homesteads."

### STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION NUMBER 3 (SJR 34)

"The constitutional amendment limiting the service of certain officeholders appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate after the expiration of the person's term of office."

### STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION NUMBER 4 (SJR 6)

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to require a court to provide notice to the attorney general of a challenge to the constitutionality of a state statute and authorizing the legislature to prescribe a waiting period before the court may enter a judgment holding the

### STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION NUMBER 5 (HJR 100)

"The constitutional amendment on professional sports team charitable foundations conducting charitable raffles."

### STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION NUMBER 6 (SJR 1)

"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 first responder who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty."

### STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION NUMBER 7 (HJR 37)

"The constitutional amendment relating to legislative authority to permit credit unions and other financial institutions to award prizes by lot to promote savings."

## Fall Back



Remember to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.

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