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Early voting begins Tuesday in primary elections

Early voting for the March 1, 2016, Democratic and Republican primaries will begin Tuesday, February 16, 2016, and continue through Friday, February 26, 2016. Voters in all Coke County Precincts may vote at the Courthouse Tuesday, February 16, to Thursday, February 18, and Monday, February 22, to Thursday, February 25, from 8 am to 12 noon and 1 pm until 5 pm. On Fridays, the Courthouse closes at 1 pm. Early voting will be held at the Courthouse Friday, February 19, and Friday, February 26, from 8 am to 1 pm.

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.

Wayne McCutchen, Marty

Boyd and Josie Dean have filed to retain their offices and will run unopposed. Nicholas Arrott II will run unopposed for County Attorney. Nobody filed for the office of Constable, Precinct 1.

There will be several candidates on the ballot for the Commissioner positions in Precincts 1 and 3. In the Republican primary, Shaunna Grantham, Donald Robertson, Sid Burns and Michael Salls are candidates for Precinct 1 Commissioner and Marshall Millican and Andy Swinney are candidates for Precinct 3 Commissioner. In the Democrat primary, Charles Yorke is a candidate for Precinct 3 Commissioner.

The election for Precinct 1 Commissioner should be decided in the primary election. The Precinct 3 race will be a marathon lasting until November. In the November 8th general election, the winner of the Republican primary (either Millican or Swinney) will face off against Democrat Charles Yorke and Bill Burns, Independent.

Holiday Closings noted

The City of Robert Lee and the Coke County Courthouse will be closed Monday, February



New Speed Limit Signs! New speed limits, for traffic traveling north and south, have been imposed upon the stretch of Hwy 277 just north of Bronte. TxDOT installed the new signs last month and traffic appears to be complying with the new laws.

15, 2016, in observance of Presidents Day. With this being

a federally recognized holiday, the post offices and banks will be closed. The City of Bronte will remain open on this day.

Bronte FUMC posts schedule

The Bronte First United Methodist Church will have a Lenten Bible Study. "The Way" by Adam Hamilton will begin Wednesday, February 17, at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. A light meal will be held before the study. Contact Rev. Everette Boyce for more information.

Holy Week Services will be held beginning Sunday, March 20. There will be more information on these services at a later date.

VP votes to sponsor EMT Training

Robert Lee's Vision with a Purpose voted to sponsor two of their members, Grace Todacheeny and Gina Moran in their pursuit of Emergency Medical Technician training at their monthly meeting. The meeting on Thursday, February 4, was held at their headquarters on Austin Street in Robert Lee.

The training is a 16 week course which includes rotations, skills testing, and on-line training. These women, upon completion of their training, will

be a very much needed asset to Robert Lee. In case of emergencies, they will be able to assist with most situations.

VP would like to challenge any organization or business to sponsor any young adult interested in emergency training for our community.

In years to come, VP would like to sponsor anyone interested in pursuing this challenging career. Contact any VP member for further information.

Mt Creek membership meeting set

The Mountain Creek Golf Club general membership meeting will be held at 1 pm Saturday, March 5, 2016, at the course clubhouse. All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

Local government entity filing period ends February 19

The filing period for the May 7, 2016, local government entity elections will end at 5 pm next Friday, February 19, 2016.

The City of Robert Lee will hold an election for the position of mayor and for two council members. These are two years terms. The offices are currently held by Mayor Leroy Casey and
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Destructive Fire! Early Monday morning, February 8, 2016, a fire destroyed the Blackwell Family home at the intersection of Mule Creek Road and US Highway 277 south of Tennyson. Both the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department and the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department, along with deputies from the Coke County Sheriff's Office, responded. Early indications point to the fire's cause as being electrical in nature.