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Local Entity Filing Period ends today

The filing period for the May 1, 2021, local government entity elections ends today, Friday, February 12, 2021. Ordinarily, there is a full year between elections. Due to Covid, there is only a six month period between the 2020 election and the 2021 election. The last local entity election was held in conjunction with the general election on November 3, 2020.

The City of Robert Lee will hold an election for the council member terms currently held by Becca McGuire and Tracy Grantham. The seat vacated by Jason Moran when he was elected Mayor is also on the ballot. David Lewis and Joshua Tennison have filed for the election.

The City of Bronte has terms for three council positions. These are two year terms. The offices are currently held by Ron Cooper, Stormy Vaughn and Santiago Rodriguez. Tomas Paul Jowers and Clabe Franklin Webb have turned in the applications for a place on the ballot.

Bronte ISD will hold an

election to elect three members to the Board of Trustees. These are three year terms currently held by Ashley Braswell, Terry Queen and Blake Braswell. As of presstime, only Ashley Braswell has filed for the election.

Robert Lee ISD will also hold an election to elect three members to the Board of Trustees. These are three year terms currently held by George Grim, Wes Washam and Tom Sawyer, Jr. All incumbents have filed for re-election.

West Coke County Hospital District has two two year terms expiring for their Board of Trustees. The terms of Noel Tinkler and Beverly Burdett are expiring. Both incumbents have filed for re-election. They will be joined on the ballot by Betty Lewis.

East Coke County Hospital District Board of Trustees has two two year terms expiring. These offices are currently held by Gina McCutchen and Jerita Taylor. Both incumbents have filed for re-election.



District Champions! For the first time since 2002, the Robert Lee Lady Steers were named the district champions. The Lady Steers clinched the title with their 37-35 win over Irion County on Tuesday, February 2, 2021. They also ended their undefeated district play on Friday, February 5, against Water Valley with a score of 47-43. Congratulations ladies!

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Friday, February 12

Local entity elections filing deadline

Saturday, February 13

Sip 'n Shop, 10 am - 5 pm,

Girls at the Kickapoo and Blue Goose, Downtown Bronte

Sunday, February 14

RLA Restoration Valentine's Lunch, 12 noon,

First United Methodist Church, Robert Lee

Monday, February 15

School Holiday -

Bronte ISD, Robert Lee ISD

Tuesday, February 16

Pancake Supper, 5:30 pm - 7 pm,

First United Methodist Church, Bronte

Thursday, February 18

Bronte City Council Meeting,

6:30 pm, Bronte City Hall

Current Covid numbers fall further

By Hal Spain

Reported COVID cases showed another sizable decrease this week in Coke County. Total confirmed plus probable cases as of Wednesday, February 3, 2021 were at 17 compared to 26 cases being reported last week. Of those 17 current cases, 5 were reported as lab confirmed with 12 probables.

The breakdown as to location of current cases consists of Bronte - 11 cases, Robert Lee - 5, and Blackwell - 1. Overall for the length of the pandemic, the State Health Department Dashboard lists Coke County with 211 confirmed cases, and 232 probables, for a total of 443. 417 cases are listed as recovered,

along with 11 fatalities.

I have several sources that county residents may use to register and be placed on a list to receive information for scheduling once more vaccine becomes available in our area. The link for the first website can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LXX7S6V>.

As we reported previously, the San Angelo Health Department has opened up registration for residents 65 and older, and you can register on their website, which is cosatx.us/vaccineform, and be placed on the list to receive the vaccine as it becomes available.

The Ballinger Hospital Clinic

Pancake supper set for February 16

The Bronte United Methodist Church will be hosting their Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, from 5:30 pm to 7 pm. There will be pancakes, waffles, butter, syrup, bacon, sausage, and drinks. Everyone is invited and the meal is by donation. This event has become the United Methodists men's annual fundraiser.

They will celebrate the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, as many call it Mardi Gras or 'Fat Tuesday' but the official name is 'Shrove Tuesday'. Shrove Tuesday is observed in many Christian countries through participating in confession and absolution. Shrove Tuesday is the last day for 'over indulging' and eating foods one might not should eat during the time of Lent. One

also has a registration process, and you can contact them at (325) 365-5737. You may also contact shannonhealth.com and click on the COVID tab to register. Additional registration opportunities may also be available at either HEB Pharmacy location in San Angelo. Residents are reminded that only those 65 years or older or those with special medical conditions are eligible to register for the vaccine at this time.

County residents can find up-to-date coronavirus information and what to do if you're sick, testing, and information at dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus. Those with local issues and questions are advised to contact the County Judge's office at 325.453.2641.

way many local churches celebrate 'Fat Tuesday' or 'Shrove Tuesday' is by hosting pancake suppers.

The next morning, Wednesday, February 17, Pastor Stacy Sprinkle will open the church from 7:15 am to 8 am for anyone who wants to receive ashes that morning. The Bronte United Methodist Church will also have Ash Wednesday services that evening at 6 pm.