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Early Voting for Primary Election ends March 2

Early voting for the March 6, 2018, Primary Election began Tuesday, February 20, 2018, and will run through Friday, March 2, 2018. Those wishing to vote early can do so by going to the County Clerk's office at the County Courthouse in Robert Lee.

Offices up for election in Coke County include County Judge, currently held by Roy Blair; County Treasurer, currently held by Hal Spain; Justice of the Peace, currently held by Jackie Walker; County/District Clerk, currently held by Mary Grim; Commissioner Precincts 2, currently held by Paul Williams; and Commissioner Precinct 4, currently held by Joe Sefcik.

As of the filing deadline, below are the candidates that have filed for a place on the ballot. Hal Spain, current County Treasurer and former owner/publisher of The Observer/Enterprise, has filed for County Judge and will be joined on the ballot for by Sherry Davidson. Therese Emert has filed for County Treasurer. Emert is a retired Verizon Sourcing Manager. Russell Johnson filed for Justice of the Peace, as well as incumbent Jackie Walker. Johnson is currently serving as a deputy with the Coke County Sheriff's Office. Monica Reyes has filed for County/District Clerk. Reyes is currently a deputy in the Clerk's Office. Three men have filed for Commissioner Precinct 2, Henry Chisholm, Robert Feil, and incumbent Paul Williams.



Another Fire! *For the second time in a two week span, a home in Coke County has burned. On February 17, 2018, Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department responded to the above home in the Cedar Cove Addition of Lake Spence in the western part of the county. Family members were awakened by the smoke and were able to make their way out safely. It appears that this fire, as well as the previous fire in the Tennyson area, was caused by an electrical issue.*

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, February 26

High School Golf -
Blackwell Girls at Eden
Blackwell Boys at Iraan
Robert Lee Girls at Eden

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting, 6 pm,
First Baptist Church, Bronte

Bronte Volunteer Fire Dept. Meeting, 7 pm,
Bronte City Hall

Tuesday, February 27

County Commissioners Court Meeting, 9 am,
County Courthouse, Robert Lee

Bronte High School UIL Band Concert,
3:30 pm, Ballinger ISD

High School Tennis -
Robert Lee at Bronte

Junior High Track -
Blizzard Relays at Winters
(Robert Lee)

High School Golf -
Blackwell Boys at Iraan
Robert Lee Boys at Eden

Thursday, March 1

Junior High Track -
Eagle Relays at Sterling City
(Bronte, Blackwell)

High School Tennis -
Bronte at Grape Creek

Friday, March 2

High School Track -
Eagle Relays at Sterling City
(Bronte, Robert Lee, Blackwell)

Chisholm is a retired law enforcement officer and Feil previously served as Commissioner Precinct 2 in years past. Joe Sefcik has filed for re-election as Commissioner Precinct 4.

Ballot tentatively set for May 5 local election

The ballot is tentatively set for the May 5, 2018, local government entity elections. As of press time, candidates are still able to withdraw their applications.

The City of Robert Lee will hold an election for the position of mayor and for three council members. The offices are currently held by Mayor Leroy Casey and council member Shaunna Grantham. Also open are the council member positions formerly held by Toni Rainwater and Joe Longoria. Leroy Casey has filed for re-election as mayor and will be

joined on the ballot by Allyson Crenshaw and Shell Williams. Shaunna Grantham has filed to retain her seat on the council with Billy Williams, Nora Broadbent, Brandi Brosh, Ricky Green, and Casey Scruggs filing for seats as well.

The City of Bronte has terms expiring for mayor and two council positions. These are two year terms. The offices are currently held by Mayor Gerald Sandusky and council members Wade Stautzenberger and Paul Gohman. Buzz Gohman has filed for the mayor's position, with Donna Hall, Lee Wommack, and Steve Hines filing for places on the council.

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, David McWright, and Blake Braswell. Blake Braswell, David McWright, and Ashley Braswell

have filed for re-election. Bill Torres, Chris Jernigan, TJ McCullough, and Walt Smith have also filed for a place on the board.

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, Tom Sawyer, Jr., and Wes Washam and all have filed for re-election.

West Coke County Hospital District has three two year terms expiring for their Board of Trustees. The terms of Pat Stephens, Pat Carwile and Sarah Green are expiring and all have filed for re-election.

East Coke County Hospital District Board of Trustees has three two year terms expiring. These offices are currently held by Howard Baker, Lanette Fletcher, and Everett Bedford. All incumbents have filed for re-election.

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Florida, and the many people
hurt by this tragedy.**

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