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## Primary Election to be held March 1

Voting for the March Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, from 7 am until 7 pm. Voting will take place that day at the following locations:

Precinct 1 - Robert Lee Rec Hall, 150 County Road, Robert Lee;

Precinct 2 - Bronte Community Center, 350 E. Park Rd, Bronte;

Precinct 3 - Coke County Courthouse, 13 E. 7th Street, Robert Lee;

Precinct 4 - First Baptist Church, 424 S. Washington, Bronte.

Offices up for election include County Judge, currently held by Hal Spain; County Treasurer, currently held by Therese Emert; Justice of the Peace, currently held by Russell Johnson; County/District Clerk, currently held by Monica Reyes; Commissioner Precinct 2, currently held by Paul Williams; and Commissioner Precinct 4, currently held by Joe

Sefcik.

The following incumbents will be on the ballot in the Republican Primary: County Judge Hal Spain, County Treasurer Therese Emert, Justice of the Peace Russell Johnson, Precinct 4 Commissioner Joe Sefcik. and County/District Clerk Monica Reyes.

New candidates on the ballot for the Republican Primary election include Ashley McCutchen Braswell for the office of County/District Clerk, Henry Chisholm for the office of Commissioner, Precinct 2 and George Ray Sparks for the office of Commissioner, Precinct 4.

Paul Williams, the current Precinct 2 Commissioner, and Jennifer Burdett have both filed Declarations of Intent with County Judge Hal Spain to run for office in the November General Election. Williams filed for his current office and Burdett filed for County/District Clerk.



**Meet the Candidates!** A Meet the Candidates event was held on Thursday, February 17, 2022, at the Bronte Housing Authority Community Room. Coke County Republican candidates, as well as State Senate District 31 candidates, were in attendance to speak with members of the public.

## Ballot set for May local entity elections

The ballot has been set for the May 7, 2022, local government entity elections. Most entities have unopposed candidates however and may cancel their elections.

Due to three candidates filing for the ballot, Bronte ISD must hold an election to elect two members to the Board of Trustees. These terms are currently held by David McWright and Josh Schoenfield. Both incumbents have filed for re-election and will be joined by Scott Snyder on the ballot.

The City of Robert Lee will hold an election for mayor, currently held by Jason Moran. The council member terms expiring are held by Jonathan Torres and Daniel Jasso. Both Jason Moran and Jonathan Torres have filed to retain their seats.

The City of Bronte will hold an election for mayor, currently held by Paul "Buzz" Gohman. The council member terms expiring are held by Kinley Pritchard and Gwen Dyess. All incumbents have filed for re-election.

The City of Blackwell holds all of their elections for mayor and council members at one time and this is not an election year for this entity.

Robert Lee ISD will also hold an election to elect three members to the Board of Trustees. These three year terms are currently held by Beverly Sinclair and Erin Oleksiuk. The two year unexpired term left vacant by George Grim's passing is also on the ballot. Cole Bosworth has filed for the unexpired term, with the above incumbents filing to retain their seats.

Blackwell CISD will hold an election to elect three members to the Board of Trustees. These seats are currently held by Jody Bell, Rick Stanford, and James Lee Sanderson. Incumbent James Sanderson filed and will be joined on the ballot by Abe Gott and Sheldon Claborn.

West Coke County Hospital District will have two terms expiring for their Board of Trustees. These seats are currently held by Pat Stephens and Judie Andrews. Pat Stephens has filed for re-election, with Roma McCarley joining her.

East Coke County Hospital District Board of Trustees has two terms expiring. These offices are currently held by Jerita Taylor and Everett Bedford. Incumbent Jerita Taylor has filed for re-election and Everett Bedford plans to file as a write-in candidate.

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Friday, February 25

Congressman Pfluger Town Hall Meeting, 11 am,  
Robert Lee Rec Hall  
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High School Tennis -  
Blackwell Varsity at Sterling City

### Monday, February 28

Friends of the Robert Lee Care Center Meeting, 10 am,  
10 West 15th Street, Robert Lee  
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High School Golf -  
Bronte Boys, Robert Lee Boys and Girls vs Garden City  
at Bentwood Country Club, San Angelo  
Robert Lee Girls, Blackwell Girls at Eden

### Tuesday, March 1

Junior High Track -  
Bronte at Highland  
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High School Golf -  
Robert Lee Boys, Blackwell Boys at Eden

### Thursday, March 3

High School Tennis -  
Eden at Robert Lee  
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Junior High Track -  
Blackwell at Trent

### Friday, March 4

High School Track -  
Bronte, Robert Lee at Highland  
Blackwell at Trent

### Pfluger to host Town Hall in Robert Lee

Congressman August Pfluger will host a Town Hall meeting in Robert Lee on Friday, February 25, at 11 am. The meeting will be held in the Rec Hall at the County Park in Robert Lee. All county residents are invited to attend.

### Friends of the RLCC to meet February 28

The February meeting of the Friends of the Robert Lee Care Center will be held on Monday, February 28, at 10 am, at 10 West 15th Street in Robert Lee. The group welcomes anyone wishing to support their goal of enhancing the lives of the Robert Lee Care Center residents to attend and check it out.

### Cookoff and roping slated for March 19

The Ranch in Coke County will be hosting a goat cookoff and horseless goat roping on March 19, 2022, at 1 pm.. The event will include also live music and more.

For more information or to enter the cookoff, call/text Blake at (325) 245-5042.

### Spring Market seeking vendors

The Robert Lee Spring Market is seeking vendors for their event on March 26, 2022, from 9 am until 6 pm. The event will include food trucks, crafters, boutiques, booster clubs, small businesses, school organizations, and more.

For more information, contact Eva Torres at (325) 812-5345.

### Varmint Hunt slated for April 2-3

Wingate Volunteer Fire Department is hosting a Varmint Hunt from 12 noon on April 2 until 12 noon on April 3. Registration for the contest will be held until April 1 at 3 pm. Entry forms can be picked up at Cactus Rose Salon and Hideaway in Bronte or Rough Country Outdoors in Ballinger. Entry can also be made online at [www.wingatefire.org](http://www.wingatefire.org).

Weigh-in will be held at 12 noon on April 3 at the Wingate Community Center, located at 106 Smithson St. in Wingate. Concessions and raffles will be available at the weigh-in location.

For more information, contact Ryan at (325) 977-1756 or John at (214) 534-9265.