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Early voting for March 1 primary election to begin February 14

Early voting in the March 1, 2022, primary election will begin Monday, February 14, 2022 and continue through Friday, February 25, 2022.

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 have filed for re-election in the Republican Primary by turning in their forms and filing fee to Republican County Chair Deborah Bailey: County Judge Hal Spain, County Treasurer Therese Emert, Justice of the Peace Russell Johnson, and

Precinct 4 Commissioner Joe Sefcik. County/District Clerk Monica Reyes turned in her forms and a petition in lieu of the filing fee to Mrs. Bailey.

New candidates filing 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. These three candidates turned in their forms and filing fees to Republican County Chair Deborah Bailey.

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.



Search Conducted! Coke County Sheriff Wayne McCutchen and Texas Ranger Tod Reed led a search Tuesday, February 1, 2022, near the Colorado River south of Bronte. Pictured above are a few of the law enforcement officers present at the search. As of presstime, no results of this search have been released. Earlier this year, scraps of shorts and tennis shoes were found and identified as those worn by Brandon Lawson when he disappeared August 9, 2013. The clothing was found on ground searched multiple times in the days, weeks, and months following Lawson's disappearance. The searches were conducted on foot, by helicopter, ATV, on horseback, and using cadaver dogs.

Filing period continues for May's local entity elections

The filing period for the May 7, 2022, local government entity elections began Wednesday, January 19, 2022, and will continue through 5 pm Friday, February 18, 2022.

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.

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.

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.

Bronte ISD will hold an election to elect two members to the Board of Trustees. These terms are currently held by David McWright and Josh Schoenfield.

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.

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.

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.

East Coke County Hospital District Board of Trustees has two terms expiring. These offices are currently held by Jerita Taylor and Everett Bedford.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Saturday, February 5

Junior High Basketball -
Bronte, Blackwell at District Tournament, Sterling City

Daddy-Daughter Date Night, 5 pm - 8 pm,
First United Methodist Church Family Life Center, Robert Lee

Monday, February 7

Junior High Basketball -
Sterling City at Bronte, 5 pm
Irion County at Robert Lee, 5 pm
Blackwell at Water Valley, 5 pm

Tuesday, February 8

High School Basketball -
Irion County at Robert Lee, 4 pm
Blackwell at Water Valley, 4 pm
Sterling City at Bronte, 5 pm

Wednesday, February 9

CX Debate, Blackwell at Bronte

Friday, February 11

High School Basketball -
Blackwell at Bronte, 5 pm
Robert Lee at Water Valley, 5 pm

Daddy-Daughter Date Night set for February 5

The annual Daddy-Daughter Date Night will be held Saturday, February 5, from 5 pm until 8 pm at the Robert Lee First United Methodist Church Family Life Center.

Tickets are available in advance through February 3 in Robert Lee at Austin St. Coffee

Shop and in Bronte at Blackburn's Ranch and Hardware Supply. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Cookoff and roping slated for March 19

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

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.

Emergency Siren Signals

Cities of both Bronte and Robert Lee

- 1 Long Ring - Wind Advisory over 60 mph
- 2 Rings - Fire or VFD Meeting
- Another 2 Ring - Call for Additional Firefighters
- 3 Rings - Tornado Warning
- 1 Long Continuous Ring - All Clear for Tornado