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Court sets new date for 2012 Texas Primary Election

As ordered by the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, San Antonio Division, the 2012 Republican and Democratic Primary Elections will be held May 29. Per the Court's Order, the runoff for the May 29 Primary Election is scheduled for July 31. The Court's Order can be found at www.sos.state.tx.us.

"I am pleased Texas voters and candidates now have certainty when the 2012 primary and runoff elections will be held in Texas," said Secretary of State Hope Andrade. "I urge all voters who want to make their mark on Texas by casting a ballot in these critical primary elections to verify they are registered to vote, by visiting www.VoteTexas.gov. Texans who are eligible, but not yet registered will find the necessary information directing them how they can become registered voters."

Additional key dates in the 2012 Primary Election cycle either included in the Court's Order or the result of the Order are shown in the box.

For more information on Texas elections and voter registration, please visit www.VoteTexas.gov.

Texas Republicans accepting filings

On Thursday afternoon, March 1, the San Antonio three-judge federal panel issued an order setting a May 29th Primary Election and a related administrative calendar for the election.

Of particular importance - the order sets a re-opened filing period for the primary ballot, which will commence on Friday morning, March 2, at 9 am and will run through Friday, March 9, at 6 pm.

The Republican Party of Texas will be accepting filing applications at their Austin headquarters at 1108 Lavaca, Suite 500, Austin, TX 78701, for all candidates who are required to file with the State Party instead of their county chairman. This office is closed on Saturday and Sunday.

Candidates who filed during the prior filing period in late 2011 who still wish to seek the same office need not re-file their applications, assuming no information contained therein has subsequently been rendered inaccurate.

To file as a Republican contact David Kitten at 653 Sweet Road, Blackwell, Texas, 325-282-2425. To file as a Democrat contact Robert Houck at 849 Mountain Road, Robert Lee, Texas, 325-453-2158.

Ballots set for May 12 local elections

Filing ended Monday, March 5, 2012, for the upcoming local entities elections. The election will be held Saturday, May 12, 2012.

Along with the mayor, there are two two-year city council member terms on the ballot for the City of Bronte. Currently, these offices are held by Gerald Sandusky, mayor, and council members, Jennifer Stango, Paul (Buzz) Gohmann, and Jimmie Guthrie. Only the incumbents have filed for places on the ballot. The City Council will consider a resolution to cancel the May 12 City General Election and declare each unopposed candidate elected to office.

There are two council member terms and the mayoral position on the ballot for the City of Robert Lee. Currently, these council seats are held by Sid Burns and Richard Johnson. The office of mayor is held by John

<i>Important Election Dates</i>	
<u>County • State • National</u> <u>Primary Election</u>	<u>Local Entities</u> <u>Election</u>
CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD March 2, 2012 – March 9, 2012	CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD Ended Monday, March 5, 2012
VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE April 30, 2012	VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE April 12, 2012
EARLY VOTING PERIOD May 14, 2012 – May 25, 2012	EARLY VOTING PERIOD April 30, 2012 - May 8, 2012
RUNOFF ELECTION July 31, 2012	ELECTION DAY May 12, 2012
VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR RUNOFF ELECTION July 2, 2012	<i>Please Exercise Your Right to VOTE</i>
EARLY VOTING PERIOD FOR RUNOFF ELECTION July 23, 2012 – July 27, 2012	
PRIMARY ELECTION DAY May 29, 2012	

Jacobs. The City Council will consider a resolution to cancel the May 12 City General Election and declare each unopposed incumbent candidate elected to office.

There are three two-year Board of Director terms on the ballot for the West Coke County Hospital District. Currently, these offices are held by Pat Stephens, Sarah Green, and Farrell Jean Washam. Pat Stephens, Patsy Cason and Sarah Green filed. A resolution to cancel the May 12 election and declare each unopposed candidate elected to office is planned.

There are two two-year terms and one unexpired term on the ballot for the East Coke County Hospital District. Currently, these offices are held by Beverly Sims, Nancy Cooper, and Howard Baker. Howard Baker has filed for re-election and Mike Arrott, along with Everett Bedford have also filed. A resolution to cancel the May 12 election and declare each unopposed candidate elected to office is planned.

There are three three-year Board of Trustee terms on the ballot for the Bronte Independent School District. Currently, these offices are held by Ericka Knight, Wayne Coalson, and Doug Tounget. One person the end of last week and another six filed on the last day of the

period to have their names on the ballot. They include David McWright, Bryan Swecker, Andra Arrott, Blake Braswell, Blain McGinnis, Kerry Lee, and Jay Henderson.

There are three three-year Board of Trustee terms on the ballot for the Robert Lee Independent School District. Currently, these offices are held by Brandi Brosh, Wes Washam, and Tom Sawyer, Jr. Only the incumbents filed. This election will be cancelled. However, Robert Lee ISD will still hold a bond election on this day.

Meeting set for Saturday at local arena

The Coke County Roping Club will have their annual organizational meeting Saturday, March 10, at 3 pm at the arena in Bronte.

All people interested in the roping club or in promoting the arena are urged to attend.

Other communities have found their local arena to be a valuable commodity in drawing visitors to their area. The annual Coke County Ranch Rodeo continues to be an economic benefit to Bronte. However, our community must maximize the utilization of the resources we have to keep Bronte thriving.

If you have ideas of events to be held or improvement projects, or would like to assist with any events or projects, please attend

Saturday's meeting.

For more information, call (325) 716-9626.

Time to renew Robert Lee Livestock Permits

It is time to renew Livestock Permits in the City of Robert Lee. New permits should be received by April 1st. Any one failing to comply with ordinance by April 15th will be in violation of ordinance. Pick up permits at city hall or contact code-enforcement officer Marshall Millican at 325-473-0437.

Bronte Golf Tourney slated

The Bronte Longhorn Golf Club is sponsoring a 2 person 18 hole select shot golf tournament on Saturday, April 7. Tee time is 9 am.

Carts are limited, so sign up early if one is needed. For more information, contact Bronte Longhorn Golf Club at 325-473-2156 or after 4 pm on weekdays, call 432-661-3431.

Motor Vehicle section of tax office to be closed March 15

The Coke County Tax Office will not be open for motor vehicle transactions on Thursday, March 15, from 1 to 5 pm. The Texas Department of Transportation will be updating equipment.

If you have any questions please call the Tax Office at 325-453-2614.



Spring Forward

Remember to set your clocks
forward one hour before you
go to bed Saturday night.