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Elections Center to host open house for new voting equipment

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NEW BRAUNFELS — The Comal County Elections Center invites all residents to an open house introducing new equipment voters will use to cast ballots in future elections.

The open house will be from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, March 7. Residents will be able to participate in a mock election to familiarize themselves with the new touch-screen Hart Verity equipment, said Cynthia Jaqua, the county's elections coordinator.

“Rolling out new voting equipment is a big change, and we want to make sure voters have every opportunity to get comfortable with it before the next election,” Jaqua said. “If anyone can’t make it to the open house, they’re always welcome to call ahead and come in anytime during regular business hours, and we’ll be thrilled to help them.”

The Elections Center phone number is 830-221-1352.

Commissioners Court authorized purchasing the new equipment in December, and the 275 machines were delivered in January. Unlike the machines in use through the 2018 elections, the Verity machines use touch-screen technology.

“We’re excited to show off our new equipment and introduce the machines to our voters,” said County Clerk Bobbie Koepf, the county’s elections administrator. “Our goal is to make voting as easy and painless as possible, and these machines will help us do that.”

The new machines will be in use during school district and municipal elections on May 4, as well as the state constitutional amendment election in November.

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