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UPCOMINGS!

Early voting for November election ends November 1

Early voting for the November 5, 2024, general election will begin Monday, October 21, and run through Friday, November 1. Ballots may be cast at the Coke County Courthouse in Robert Lee on the following dates and times: Monday, October 21 through Friday, October 25, 7 am - 7 pm; Saturday, October 26, and Sunday, October 27, 7 am - 7 pm; and Monday, October 28 through Friday, November 1, 7 am - 7 pm.

Local offices up for election include County Attorney, currently held by Nick Arrott; County/District Clerk, currently held by Jennifer Burdett; Sheriff, currently held by Wayne

McCutchen; County Tax Assessor-Collector, currently held by Gina Williams; County Commissioner Precinct 1, currently held by Donald Robertson; and County Constable, currently held by Marty Boyd.

With the exception of the offices of County Attorney and Sheriff, the above incumbents have filed for re-election. Billy Williams will be on the ballot for the office of Sheriff and Cody McCabe for the office of County Attorney.

A special election will also be held the day of the general election regarding the creation of an Emergency Services District. Early voting will be held for this election will be held at the same times listed above as the general election.

Stuff from the Pastor

In my Stuff this week I am going to offer some thoughts rambling through my mind. See if any of these comments strike a chord with you. What vehicle did you learn to drive first? Was it a manual or automatic transmission? How did learning to drive a manual transmission work out? Do you know how to drive a stick shift? Oh, the stories we could exchange. Did you ever stall your vehicle in traffic? How did you do with a stick shift when you stopped going up a hill? We all have our stories of very similar memories. What was your first take home paycheck job? We have all had those jobs like babysitting and mowing lawns. Those were for many of us the only opportunity to make spending money. Who ever babysat and has that one story of the terror they experienced at the hands of one

or more of those you were charged with protecting and putting to bed. There was always that one child whose reputation preceeded him or her. The family had no problem getting a babysitter for the first time, but getting a repeat sitter was difficult. How much did you make when you babysat? I made

four-bits an hour and usually got a small tip because I always washed the dishes in the sink and cleaned up after the kids. That was the way I was taught. Also, I would study after the 'little people' were put to bed. My first real paycheck was for working in a summer work study program for base youth. I worked two weeks at the base furniture warehouse delivering and picking up furniture for military families. It was a fun but labor-intensive job. We did other tasks as needed and that was where I learned the real art of bartering. The young sergeant in charge of us was only four years older than I was. He was a wheeler and dealer. I remember this, if you knew someone in the base bakery you could earn some money by providing individuals with hot donuts and cookies. Know this, everyone has a sweet tooth and he who serves the sweets has a big advantage over many others. Those bakers lived better than most of the folks on the base. Do you remember what your hourly rate was at your first job? Mine surely wasn't much, but it was better than nothing and the donuts were fresh and abundant. I made money on weekends by washing and waxing cars. Who here has ever experienced the misfortune of laying down a pistol grip hose sprayer and having it spray a clean and dry car? Yeah, exactly. Let me close by encouraging you

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championships than can be remembered.

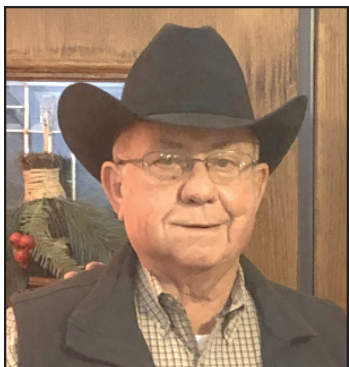
Mickey was preceded in death by his parents, Osmo and Kathleen Black of Bronte, Texas.

He is survived by his wife, Marsha Black; his daughters, Debbie Brownlow (Brian) and Kimberley Black; his grandchildren, Hayley Wade (Taylor), Mickenzie Stone (Caleb), and Carson Brownlow; and Marsha's children, Traci Beard (Ryan); grandchildren, Ryland and Tessa; Toby Warden and grandchildren, Mallery, Owen and Connor. Mickey is also survived by a large loving family and many close friends.

The family offers a heart-felt thank you to the staff of Adams House Assisted Living and Hospice of Lubbock for their excellent care and service.

Visitation was on Thursday, October 17, 2024, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at Sanders Funeral Home in Lubbock, Texas. Services were on Friday, October 18, 2024, at 10 am in the Chapel of LakeRidge Methodist Church (4701 82nd Street) with Reverend Brian Brownlow officiating. Interment followed at 3 pm at Fairview Cemetery in Bronte, Texas (S Franklin Street). Memorials may be sent to Hospice of Lubbock or a charity of your choice.

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Black

Mickey Lynn Black, 82, of Lubbock, Texas, died on October 15, 2024, surrounded by family.

Mickey was born on June 23, 1942, and grew up in Bronte, Texas. He graduated from Bronte High School in 1960. After transferring from Tarleton State University, he graduated from Texas Tech University in 1964 with a degree in Agricultural Economics.

In the summer before his junior year of college, he began working for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). While in college, he also participated in the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) and later served as a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army from 1964 to 1966. His service took him to Maryland and Oklahoma, before he returned to Texas and continued working for the NRCS.

At NRCS, he worked his way up from a Soil Conservationist to Assistant State Conservationist in the High Plains Region. In 2012, he retired after 50 years of service with the NRCS. His commitment, dedication, and hard work were recognized in 2003, when Texas Tech's College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources honored him as a distinguished alumnus. Mickey continued managing the family ranch near Bronte throughout his life. He was a fan of rodeos and all Texas Tech athletics. Mickey was known for supporting his daughters and their activities, often coaching their sports teams. He spent decades coaching girls and womens slow-pitch softball, including the teams Lampe Green, Team Texas Green, and Team Texas Blast. He was part of more state

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Central Baptist Church

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 (325) 473-4811
 Dale Patterson, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School
 11 am & 5 pm Worship

First Baptist Church

424 S. Washington • Bronte
 (325) 473-2331
 firstbronte@gmail.com
 Pastor George Cooper
 Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,
 10:30 am Worship
 Wednesday 6 pm - 8 pm
 Children and Youth

Bronte Methodist Church

Corner of Washington & Holmes
 Bronte • (325) 650-4836
 Pastor Keith Fletcher
 Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship

St. James Catholic Church

215 N. Washington, Bronte
 (325) 365-2687
 Rev. Timothy Hayter, Pastor
 Sunday Bilingual Mass 8 am

Robert Lee

Emmanuel Pentecostal

PO Box 794 • 1004 Hillcrest
 Pastor Brantly Robertson
 (972) 841-2009
 Sundays 10 am, Wednesdays 7 pm

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 Robert Lee • (325) 453-2417

Southside Church of Christ

PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
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 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am Worship

Northside Church of Christ

PO Box 508
 9th & Chadbourne • Robert Lee
 (325) 453-2685, (325) 763-2118
 or (325) 473-1053

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church

601 W. 10th, Robert Lee
 (325) 365-2687

Rev. Timothy Hayter, Pastor

Saturday Vigil Mass 6 pm

Robert Lee Baptist Church

PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
 (325) 453-2724
 Chris Walls, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11 am Worship

Wed. 6:30 pm, Prayer Meeting

Victory Assembly of God

(325) 453-2208, PO Box 638
 202 E. 6th Street, Robert Lee
 Rev. Rocky Youngblood, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study

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