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UPCOMINGS!

Christmas in Olde Bronte to be held on December 9

Christmas in Olde Bronte is set for Saturday, December 9 in downtown Bronte. Vendors will be set up for shopping at beginning at 10 am with Mrs. Claus Storytime to be held at 1 pm at the bank. Pictures with Santa will begin at 2 pm at the Blue Goose with the chili cook-off set for 4 pm. The light parade will begin at dark at Bronte Health and Rehab Center and conclude at the depot. The parade awards will be announced at the depot following the parade and a Christmas movie will be shown at the depot following the awards.

Filing period closes December 11

The filing period for public office candidates requesting a place on the 2024 Republican primary ballot, county chair filing, as well as the filing period for Republic Precinct Chairs closes Monday, December 11 at 6 pm.

Those interested in running for one of these positions may contact Coke County Republican Chair Deborah Bailey at (325) 277-9128.

RLISD to host music program

Robert Lee ISD will host a holiday music program on Wednesday, December 13, at 6 pm.

For more information, contact Amber Bosworth at amber.bosworth@rlisd.net or (325) 453-4555.

Youth Ministry to be held every Wednesday

The Coke County Youth Ministry is holding gatherings

each Wednesday evening from 5:30 pm until 7:30 pm at the Rec Hall in Robert Lee. The event will include great food, amazing testimonies, uplifting praise and worship, transformational bible studies, and fun activities.

For more information, call/text Amber Bosworth at (325) 450-3005 or Inga Elliott at (325) 453-1137.

End of Year Party slated for December 30

A Eve of New Year's Eve Party will be held on Saturday, December 30, from 8 am until midnight at the Robert Lee Rec Hall. Music will be provided by Coke County's own Backroads West and the event is BYOB (please also bring a snack to share).

There is a human tendency to prioritize thankfulness more when times are good. That is not to say that we are not thankful at other times, but it is easy to let adversity and frustrations distract us from thankfulness. Yet, some of our nation's finest Thanksgiving proclamations have come during those difficult times. President Abraham Lincoln wrote one of the most powerful statements of thanksgiving on October 3, 1863, at arguably the darkest hour in our nation's history. On November 2, 1901, President Theodore Roosevelt was tasked to proclaim a time of thanksgiving only two months after William McKinley's death unexpectedly thrust him into the highest office in the land. Roosevelt acknowledged his predecessor's assassination and wrote, "[y]et in spite of this great disaster, it is nevertheless true



Thanksgiving Opportunity

By James M. Decker

And so the Thanksgiving season is upon us.

Now is a time when we are called, encouraged, or otherwise inspired to consider the reasons why we are thankful. We do it individually. We do it in families and other small groups. We discuss it in larger groups. Presidents and other leaders make sweeping pronouncements of collective thankfulness.

Area Churches Invite You to Worship

Bronte

Bronte Church of Christ

PO Box 346
118 S. Jefferson • Bronte
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

Central Baptist Church

324 S. Franklin • Bronte
(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

4C Cowboy Church

Drawer R • Bronte • (325) 895-4080

Robert Lemmond, Pastor

Sunday, 10:30 am - Texas Theater

Wednesday Bible Study 6 pm -

4C Feedlot Youth Building

Coke County

Pecan Baptist Church

PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of

Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy

(325) 453-2065, Bill Hood, Pastor

www.pecanbaptistchurchrl.com

Sun. 10 am, Sunday School

11 am & 7 pm, Worship



Robert Lee

Bible Baptist Church

PO Box 938 • 9th & Austin

Sunday 10 am Sunday School,

11 am and 5 pm Worship,

Wed 5 pm Bible Study

Emmanuel Pentecostal

PO Box 794 • 1004 Hillcrest

Pastor Brantly Robertson

(972) 841-2009

Sundays 10 am, Wednesdays 7 pm

First Methodist Church

PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne

Pastor Gary Karschner

Robert Lee • (325) 453-2417

Sun. 11 am Worship,

Iglesia Bautista Betel

101 Houston • Robert Lee

Sun. 9:45 am • Sunday School

11 am Service • Bible Study Wed. 6 pm

Southside Church of Christ

PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston

Robert Lee (325) 453-2176

Sun. 10 am, Sunday School

11 am Worship

Wed. 6 pm, Worship

Northside Church of Christ

PO Box 508

9th & Chadbourne • Robert Lee

(325) 453-2685, (325) 763-2118

or (325) 473-1053

Services: Sun. 10 am

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

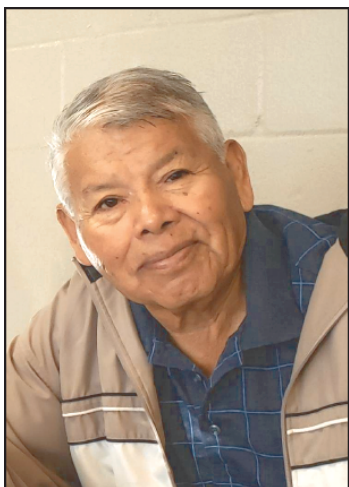
Rev. Rocky Youngblood, Pastor

Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School

10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study

Obituaries



Basquez

Matias Gutierrez Basquez was born February 24, 1940. He was born and raised in Bronte, Texas. His parents, Juan and Apalonia Basquez, raised him and his eight siblings. He attended school in Bronte and worked hard during his teenage years to support his family. He made many lifelong friends while living in Bronte. He married his wife, Olivia R. Basquez, on December 1 in 1958.

Matias lived in Bronte Texas and was married to his wife for 58 years. He worked for the CRMWD for 30+ years while also being known for pouring concrete with his sons on the weekends to earn extra money. He poured cement until he was 75 years old. While in his last few years of retirement, he worked for the City of Bronte as the dogcatcher and would run the convenience center on the weekends. He spent most of his free time outdoors, playing golf and fishing. He also enjoyed watching the Texas Rangers play baseball.

He was survived by his daughter, Vivian Lori Eubanks (Ronald Eubanks); and his two sons, Ricky D. Basquez and Matthew P. Basquez (Sheila A. Basquez); his seven grandchildren, Joshua P. Eubanks, Jacob M. Eubanks, John M. Basquez, Sarah M. Evans, Gabriel D. Basquez, Paul V. Basquez and Michaela I. Basquez. He also had four

great-grandchildren, Aumri J. Evans, Asher C. Evans, Eli M. Eubanks, and Lillith H. Eubanks.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Juan Basquez and Apalonia Basquez; his siblings, Aurora, Leonard, Jimmy, Gilbert, Armado, Jinoveva, Juanita; his wife, Olivia R. Basquez; and his oldest son, Martin L. Basquez.

The viewing was held at Shaffer Funeral Home in Bronte, Texas, on November 28 from 9 am to 7 pm. The family was present at the viewing from 5 pm to 7 pm for visitation. The funeral was held on November 29 at 10 am, located at the First Baptist Church in Bronte, with the graveside service following at the Fairview Cemetery. The officiant was Brother George Cooper.

The pallbearers were his six grandsons, Joshua P. Eubanks, Jacob M. Eubanks, John M. Eubanks, Gabriel D. Basquez, Paul V. Basquez, and Colton C. McIntire.

The family of Matias Guterrez Basquez wants to say thank you to the Bronte Health and Rehab Center in Bronte, Texas, for all of the love and care they showed to our Dad while he lived there. In lieu of flowers, we ask that a donation be made to the Bronte Health and Rehab Center in his honor.

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