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Jack and Jill golf tourney set for April 27 Mountain Creek Golf Course in Robert Lee will host a "Jack and Jill" golf tournament on Saturday, April 27 beginning at l pm.

To sign up or for more information, call (325) 453-2317 or (325) 277-1051.

Camp fundraiser to be held April 28

The First Baptist Church of Bronte Student Ministry will hold a camp fundraiser on Sunday, April 28, at 11:30 am at the church fellowship hall. The group will be selling lunches that will include a hamburger, chips, cookie, and tea or water.

San Angelo Cowboy Church to host Playday April 28

The Cowboy Church in San Angelo is hosting a Fun Playday on Sunday, April 28. Events include barrrels, straight barrels, poles and two bucket flags. Registration will begin at 12:30 pm with riding to begin at 1:30 pm. All ages are welcome from lead line to 90+.

If you attend church at 10 am that day, your entry fees are paid.

Come enjoy the church services and fun in the arena. The youth group will provide a concession immediately after church and throughout the playday. All proceeds from concession will help the youth group attend church camp this summer.

413-4216 (432)or vprobertlee@gmail.com by Monday, April 15.

The Event Center in Robert Lee will also have vendor space available. For more information, contact Lori at (325) 650-2073 or TheEventCenterRL@gmail.com.

RLISD Pre-K/ Kindergarten registration set for May 6

Robert Lee ISD will host Pre-K and Kindergarten registration on Monday, May 6, from 5 pm until 6 pm in the elementary office.

Incoming Pre-K students must be 4 years old by September 1 and incoming kindergarten students must be 5 years old by September 1.

Parents are asked to please bring the student's birth certificate, social security card, and current shot record.

For more information, contact RLISD at (325) 453-4555.

Local election to be held May 6

Early voting for the May 6 election will begin on Monday, April 22, and continue through Tuesday, April 30. In Coke



County, Bronte ISD, in the only contested race, is looking to make changes to their Board of Trustees, along with an election seeking to issue a bond for repairs and upgrades to the campus and facilities.

Bronte ISD has three seats currently up for election. Incumbents Ashley Braswell and Lynsey Coalson are seeking reelection. The seat currently held by Cara Barker who was appointed earlier this year is also up and she has filed to retain her seat. These ladies will be joined on the ballot by Jeff Schoenfield.

The issuance of a bond in a combined total of \$12.1 million is also being proposed by Bronte ISD. Proposition A, in the amount of \$10.965 million, is focusing on the building of an animal science project barn for additional space for housing student's show animals; total campus roof replacement and A/ C replacement; safety upgrades, such as fire alarms and a secured vestibule entry; and renovations to include foundation repair and exterior window replacements. Proposition B, in the amount of \$1.135 million, would go towards resurfacing of the track and football field.

Early voting will be held from 8 am until 4 pm, Monday through Friday, in the school administration office.

Robert Lee ISD, the City of Bronte, and the City of Robert Lee have all canceled their elections.

There are three terms up for the Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees and all incumbents, including Wes Washam, Jose Morales, and Cole Bosworth, have filed for re-election.

For the City of Bronte, the office of Mayor, as well as two council seats are up for election. Mayoral incumbent Paul Gohman has filed for reelection, as well as council member Mike Bailey. Gwen Dyess has chosen not to file for re-election and David Scott has filed for a place on the council. The current Robert Lee City

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Mayor, Jason Moran, will not be seeking re-election and Steven Arens has filed for his place. Incument council member Jonathan Torres has filed for reelection and Skyler Rainwater has filed for the other available council member seat.

FFA Banquet set for May 16

The Bronte High School FFA Chapter will hold their annual banquet on Thursday, May 16, at 6:30 pm at the First Baptist Church in Bronte. The event will include a meal, awards ceremony, and auction.

Runoff election slated for May 28

The primary runoff election will be held on Tuesday, May 28, across the state. Coke County will have one runoff election for County Attorney between Cody McCabe and Russell Ash.

Early voting will begin Monday, May 20, and continue through Friday, May 24.

Death **Notices**

Johnson

Dixie Faye Johnson, age 81, of Bronte, Texas, passed away peacefully on Saturday, April 20, 2024

Dixie's legacy lives on through her daughters, Laura Richmond and Paula McWright, along with her son-in-law David McWright.

She adored her grandchildren, Calli Eubanks and husband Josh, Cassidy McWright, Zachary McWright, and Seth Hardesty; as well as her great-grandchildren Eli Eubanks and Lillith Eubanks. also leaves behind Dixie numerous other loving family members and friends.



Confessions of a **Shameless Booster**

By James M. Decker I haven't always called myself a shameless small town booster. In fact, until recently, this is a moniker that I likely would have rejected.

Now, before you do a double take and begin to reconsider my entire persona, let me explain. I've been passionate about my community as long as I have known what a "community" was. I have spouted the local facts and revered the local history and culture since I was an annoying child (and some might say the only difference has been replacing "child" with "adult").

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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 10:00 am Sunday School Sun. 11:00 am Worship St. James Catholic Church 215 N. Washington, Bronte

<u>Robert Lee</u> 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

City Wide Garage Sale slated for May 4

Bronte's annual City Wide Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, May 4. The deadline to sign up and get a place on the map is Tuesday, April 30. Please sign up at City Hall. Maps will be ready for pickup on Friday, May 3, after 2 pm.

RL Trade Days set for May 4

The annual Trade Days in Robert Lee will be held on Saturday, May 4 in downtown Robert Lee.

If you would like your garage/yard sale to be included on the map, contact Nancy at

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(325) 365-2687 Rev. Timothy Hayter, Pastor Sunday Bilingual Mass 8 am **Bread of Life Church** 314 Fayette • Bronte (325) 227-0010 Michael Crane, Pastor Sunday, 9 am Wednesday, 6 pm Coke County Pecan Baptist 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

