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Death Notices

Bearden

Milton Dwight Bearden, of San Angelo, passed into the arms of the Lord on June 15, 2023, at his home.

Milton is survived by his brother, Nathan Bearden and wife Michele of Bronte, Texas, and their two sons, Quinton Bearden and wife Kallie Jo with

their son to be born in November, and Parker Bearden; sisters, Mittie Funderburk and husband Bob of Jacksonville, North Carolina, and Kathy Bearden Vinson, of Hawley, Texas; stepsisters, Linda Cook Burns, Sharon Cook Paulsen, Debbie Cook Turman and Sandra Cook Smith; special cousins, Jimmy and Joyce Fine of San Angelo, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A visitation was on Thursday, June 22, 2023, from 5 pm to 7

pm at Harper Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, June 24, 2023, at 2 pm at Harper Funeral Home, with Russ Frazier officiating. Burial to follow at Belvedere Memorial Park.

Brown

Robert Brown, 87, of Bronte and Canadian, passed away on Friday, June 16, 2023, in Canadian, Texas.

Survivors include son, Miles Brown of Bronte; daughter, Debbie Brown of Canadian; two grandchildren; Monica Gauer of San Antonio and Derrick Gauer of Canadian; two great-grandchildren; Serene Blache and Melvin Stockman; sister, Flora Mae Brown Flannagan; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Family visitation was at 3 pm, Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Canadian. Public visitation was on Monday from 2 pm to 8 pm and Tuesday from 9 am to 8 pm.

Graveside services were at 10 am, Thursday, June 22, 2023, at Brookshire Cemetery in Runnels County with Rev. Mark Turman, officiating.



Needing to Want to be From Here Part 2

By James M. Decker

There's an episode of the great sitcom Parks and Recreation called "Born and Raised." In it, the champion of Pawnee, Indiana, Leslie Knope, discovers a disturbing fact: she wasn't actually born in Pawnee. Even worse, she was born in the hideous neighboring town of Eagleton. This is something of a technicality. Her parents lived in Pawnee and she has lived there her entire life. She was only born in Eagleton due to a raccoon infestation at Pawnee's hospital. It doesn't matter. She was running for Pawnee City Council on a "born and raised" platform. The citizens are incensed by this scandal. She is dejected until perpetually peppy City Manager Chris Traeger tells her:

"Where you're born is a piece of trivia. Where you're from, that's what makes you who you are."

There is an important tie between being from a place and loving a place. Not everyone from a place will love the place, for reasons both internal and external, but truly loving a place usually requires a certain connection. There are exceptions. Magnificent wonders of the world like the Grand Canyon, Great Sand Dunes, and Denali can elicit love from all but the coldest of humans. When it comes to other places, connection is important to build love. I have an affinity for rural America at large, but I am from Stamford and I love Stamford above other similarly-situated rural towns.

Why does this matter? There is an adage that I have used before, that people will not fight for something they don't love. Conversely, people WILL fight for what they DO love. We see this every day. Parents fight to protect their children. Spouses will fight for one another and for their relationship. Indigenous tribes fight to defend their sacred lands. A people who are rooted in place and community will fight to ensure that the place is preserved for generations to come.

Perhaps the most damaging aspect of uprooting the rural economy is the destruction of this connection between people and place. When a people who are unable to prosper in a place and are set adrift by forces

UPCOMINGS!

FBC to host VBS

July 10 - 14

First Baptist Church in Bronte will host their Vacation Bible School Monday, July 10, through Friday, July 14 from 6 pm until 8 pm each evening. The event is open to kids in Pre-K through 6th grades.

For more information, contact First Baptist Church at (325) 473-2331.

Mini Cheer Camp slated for July 31 - August 4

The annual Robert Lee Mini Cheer Camp will be held Monday, July 31, through Friday, August 4 from 9 am until 11 am each day at the old gym at RLISD. Cheers, chants, and sidelines will be taught by the 2023-2024 Robert Lee High School cheerleaders. The camp is open to campers going in to Pre-K through 6th grades. Those attending are asked to bring a water bottle and wear tennis shoes. Campers will get to perform at one high school pep rally and five minutes at a home football game.

For more information, contact McKayla Fiveash at mckayla.fiveash@rlisd.net.

Tom Sawyer Memorial Tournament set for August 26

The 2nd Annual Tom Sawyer Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, August 26, at Mountain Creek Golf Course in Robert Lee. The tournament will include shotgun starts at 8 am and 2 pm. Lunch will also be provided. Carts are limited so it

is encouraged to bring your own cart if you are able to.

All proceeds will benefit Robert Lee High School athletes.

For more information, contact Sandy Sawyer at sandy.sawyer12@gmail.com or (325) 450-6567 or Inga Elliott at inga.elliott@rlisd.net or (325) 453-1137.

Summer Revival set for August 17 - 23

Victory Assembly of God will host their Summer Revival Services Thursday, August 17 through Wednesday, August 23, at the City Park Pavilion in Robert Lee. Services will begin

each evening at 7 pm.

Scrambles held at Mtn. Creek Golf Club

Mountain Creek Golf Club in Robert Lee is hosting evening scrambles each Tuesday at 6 pm.

For more information, call (325) 453-2317.

Fort Chadbourne to host event September 16


Fort Chadbourne will be hosting "An Evening with Barry Corbin" on Saturday, September 16. Tickets include dinner, show, and a question and answer period with Barry after the show. All proceeds benefit the Fort Chadbourne Foundation.

For more information, contact Fort Chadbourne at (325) 743-2555 or (325) 743-2556.




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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
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

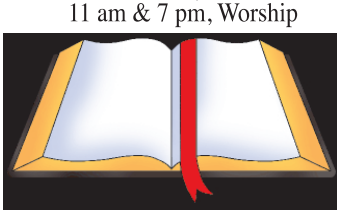
4C Cowboy Church

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

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
Robert Lee • (325) 453-2417
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
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 & 6 pm, 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

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