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# UPCOMINGS!

## Prayer event to be held August 18

The Robert Lee Ministerial Alliance is sponsoring a back to school prayer event for all Robert Lee ISD school students, faculty, staff, parents and guardians on Sunday, August 18, at 6 pm. Please meet at the school flagpole for a time of encouragement and prayer, followed by participants walking around the campus lifting prayers for the school year. It will be a positive beginning for a safe and successful year.

## Bronte Pool dates for August/September announced

The Bronte Pool will be open from 12 noon until 4 pm, August 17 - 18, August 25, and September 1 - 2.

## Tom Sawyer Jr. Memorial set for September 21

The 3rd Annual Tom Sawyer Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, September 21, at Mountain Creek Golf Course in Robert Lee. There will be shotgun starts at 8 am and 2 pm with breakfast/lunch provided. If you have your own cart, please bring it as the golf course has limited carts available. Sponsorships are available and can be made by contacting Becky Ross at (325) 763-7513.

To register, fill out the form online at <https://forms.gle/eWPgrLa4zMkb7Fw69>. For more information contact Sandy at (325) 450-6567.

## Benefit dinner and dance to be held September 28

A benefit fundraiser for Cody Schenkel will be held on Saturday, September 28, at The Ranch on Highway 208 south of Robert Lee. The event will include a meal and dance, featuring Coke County's own Backroads West. The gates will open at 6 pm with the meal to begin at 6:30 pm. Please RSVP to noeltinkler1@gmail.com by Saturday, September 21 for the meal. There will also be a silent auction. The event is BYOB and those attending are asked to please bring your own chairs.

## Kid Fish Event slated for October 19

The third annual Bronte Kid Fish event is set for Saturday, October 19, 2024, from 8 am to 12 noon at Lake Knierim (Old City Lake) in Bronte. Bait, tackle, and lunch/snacks/drinks will be provided. This event is provided for children up to age sixteen (16) in Coke and surrounding counties. No fishing license is required for children under the age of seventeen. Parents are highly encouraged to attend with children. Volunteers will be on hand to assist with rigging tackle, baiting, and fish removal. Participants are welcome to take their catch home. Prizes will be awarded for biggest fish, biggest bag, etc.

Bronte Kid Fish is now a non-profit organization and is accepting donations to help with this event. Donations can be made at Bronte Guns and Tackle at 103 W. Main St. or at PO Box 151, Bronte, Texas 76933. Tax deductible donation forms available upon request. Bronte Kid Fish board of directors are Dan Waddell, president; Tim Smith, vice-president; and Jennifer Addona,

treasurer/secretary.

## Bronteoberfest slated for October 19

The 10th annual Bronteoberfest will be held on Saturday, October 19, at the park in Bronte.

The event will have a variety of activities including shopping, live music, the much loved wiener dog races, and much more.

Live music concerts will begin at 6 pm with Coke County's own Kickapoo Creek Band, as well as local favorite McGinn of Dolly Shine fame. The headliner for this year's event is Cory Morrow.

Registration is now open for cook off teams, vendors, and food trucks. This can be done online at [www.restoringbrontefoundation.org](http://www.restoringbrontefoundation.org).

More information about Bronteoberfest will be available in the upcoming weeks.

## Stuff from the Pastor

Well, finally the Olympics are over. Red and I have watched most, if not all of the events. Some were replays of earlier events, but when you have short-term memory loss, it was an entirely new event when we watched it later. I must say I am grateful there were no disturbances during the games. The Munich Olympics in 1972 were shortened because of terrorists taking over a portion of the athletes' village and killing two athletes in their dorm. Nine more athletes died when these terrorists took their hostages to an airport. While sitting in a military helicopter, shots rang out from the darkness and all the hostages were killed as a grenade was released in the helicopter killing all on board. I watched the news story about the event and words like untrained, unprepared, and amateurish were used by the reporter. What one does know is that many coaches and athletes who came to represent their nation in competition were

massacred on two terrible days in the first week of September, 1972. Some things brand your memory. Does anyone else remember this atrocity? This year athletes lost their races and medals by hundredths of a second and some gained a medal in just sixty-four seconds. Things can change just that quickly. Did the closing ceremony leave you wanting more, or was that just my take on the event? I trust we will be able to create a polished safe event when we host the athletes of the world in Los Angeles in 2028. Channel Change.

School starts next week for some young'uns, or school has already started for some. On behalf of the Robert Lee Ministerial Alliance I welcome all students, parents, guardians, faculty, staff and guests to gather at 6:00 P.M. next Sunday evening, August 18, at the school flagpole for a moment of encouraging words and prayers. There will be brief comments made by clergy and others. (Yeah, I know brief and comments by clergy do not go together). After the 'short' comments the students and those with them are invited to walk around the campus and pray for classrooms, students, teachers, staff, and safety for all athletes in their respective sports. I would encourage you to pray for hallways, athletic fields, and all travel pertaining to school activities. What better

way can we show our support for the students and school than by letting them know we will hold them up in our prayers. Hope to see you Sunday. Keep praying for rain for our parched earth.

Be Well,  
Gary Karschner



## Plant Sequoias

By James M. Decker

If you asked me to name my single favorite line authored by Wendell Berry, I might have a nervous breakdown just thinking about the question. I would have to narrow it down to a top ten or so and then if you asked me the question on ten different days, I might give ten different answers, depending on my mood and what topics were on my mind that day.

However, there are a few single lines that would always appear on a shortlist. "Jayber Crow" would be well-represented. "Hannah Coulter" would make an appearance. Several non-fiction essays would get at least

## 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

#### Robert Lee

#### 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,

#### 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

#### 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](http://www.pecanbaptistchurchrl.com)

Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
11 am & 7 pm, Worship

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