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Death Notices

Hurley

Debra (Debbie) Hurley passed away in her home on August 14.

She is survived by her sister, Sharon Epperson (Rex) of

Blackwell, Texas; brother, Jerry Don Holcombe of Chandler Texas; Donnah Payne (Charles) of Mansfield Texas and Melodie Neeley (Ron) of Kemp Texas; six nieces, three nephews; five great-nieces; nine great-nephews; and three great-great-nephews.

There will be a Celebration of Life on September 7 at 2 pm at the First United Methodist Church, 324 S Washington St. Bronte Texas 76933.

UPCOMINGS!

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.

Ambassador Tryouts set for September 22

The San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo Ambassadors are looking to add two more members to their team and will be holding tryouts on Sunday, September 22. The event will begin at 2 pm at the Spur Arena in San Angelo and is open to ladies ages 13 - 24. Those wishing to try out are asked to please bring current coggins, letter of good standing from school/work, and a letter of recommendation.

Lunch and Learn event slated for September 25

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will host a Wildlife Lunch and Learn event on Wednesday, September 25, from 12 noon until 1 pm at Central Baptist Church in Bronte. The topic covered will be feral hogs with lunch being provided however you are welcome to bring your lunch.

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.

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



The Meaning of Education Part 2, The Quality of a Local School

Happy New Year! This week kicks off the school year in Stamford. For our community and so many others like it, this is the true "new year." Children, teachers, and staff members start a fresh season. New faces appear in the classrooms, hallways, and school buses. Some old faces have moved on to their next steps in life. Some children have started a new school journey that will last for over a decade. Others have completed their school journey forever.

A year ago, I penned an essay to kick off the school year entitled "The Meaning of Education." It turned out to be

one of my more widely-read essays in this West of 98 project. In that essay, I used one of Wendell Berry's most famous lines about the purpose of education:

"Education is not properly an industry, and its proper use is not to serve industries, either by job training or by industry-subsidized research. Its proper use is to enable citizens to live lives that are economically, politically, socially, and culturally responsible."

This is a powerful statement. It emphasizes both the hopeful ideal and the flawed reality of education in America as a whole. Our rural schools are handed an even more difficult task. The levers of power and funding are controlled at far-away political centers by politicians with their own hobby horses and schemes. They constantly war with one another, stepping all over us even as they forget that our schools have very real challenges of their own.

With the reality of that landscape, it has been on my mind over the preceding twelve months how a community can best improve its local education landscape and support those whom we elect and appoint to govern our local schools. Those schools do not exist in a vacuum separate from the rest of our local government and the rest of the community. Even if we wanted our school to be siloed off from everything else (and we

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

Sun. 10 am, Sunday School

11 am & 7 pm, Worship

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