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Death Notices

Jowers

Tomas Paul Jowers, 48, entered eternal rest on Saturday, August 17, 2024, in Bronte, Texas.

His legacy lives on through

his wife, Elisha Jowers; one daughter, Sarah Sperl; and two sons, Tyler Jowers, and Jacob Jowers. He has one sister, Julie Stewart; two daughter-in-laws, Tuuri Jowers and Kristyn Jowers; one grandchild, David Beckham Jowers, and many cousins, nieces, nephews, and other beloved family members.

A celebration of life will be held at First Baptist Church in Bronte, Texas, on August 31 at 4 pm.

Spring 2025 student teaching scholarships open

By Emmy Powell
TFB Communications
Specialist

Agricultural education students who are preparing to student teach in spring 2025 can apply for scholarships from Texas Farm Bureau (TFB).

Every spring and fall, senior agricultural education students are encouraged to apply for Mia Balko Student Teaching Scholarships from TFB. The scholarship is awarded to four students each semester and is valued at \$6,000.

The scholarship was created to help students cover expenses during their semester of off-campus student teaching.

“Preparing the next generation of educators to take on the role of an agricultural science teacher and engaging young students about agriculture is important to Texas Farm Bureau,” McKenna Bush, TFB Youth Outreach coordinator, said. “This scholarship helps provide support to college students who are pursuing this profession as their career.”

The demand for agricultural science teachers is high, and TFB is helping students prepare to fill the roles not only of agricultural science teachers but also community leaders.

“Agricultural science teachers play a critical role in developing students’ understanding and appreciation for agriculture,” Bush said. “By supporting the next generation of agricultural science teachers, TFB is supporting the future of agriculture.”

Pre-service teachers often are unable to have a job and are not always placed near their university or home while they are student teaching. Some student teachers may have to travel long distances, and the scholarship helps lessen the financial stress they might face.

The application is available online through the MyTFB membership portal at my.texasfarmbureau.org.

Pre-service agricultural science teachers who are student teaching in spring 2025 are encouraged to apply.

Applications must be submitted by Oct. 30.

The application includes a written essay, several short answer questions and a recommendation form from a college or university supervisor.

The student must be part of a TFB member-family to qualify, and that membership must be maintained for the duration of the scholarship.

The student teaching scholarship winners will be announced in mid-December.

More information is available at texasfarmbureau.org/scholarships.

RLISD board meeting minutes told

The Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees held a regular meeting on Thursday, July 18, 2024, at 12 noon.

Those present included board members Wes Washam, Jeffie Roberts, Cole Bosworth, Beverly Sinclair, and Linda Burns. Board members Erin Oleksiuk and Jose Morales were absent.

The meeting was called to order by President Washam.

The invocation and pledge were led by Linda Burns.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of June 20, 2024, and was seconded by Cole Bosworth. All were for.

Beverly Sinclair made a motion to approve the financial report as presented and to approve the bills as presented by Supt. Hood. She was seconded by Jeffie Roberts and all were for.

Koty Albert gave the elementary summer update and David O’Dell gave the high school summer update.

Supt. Hood discussed the 2024-2025 District Salary Schedule.

A Public Meeting was held on ARP ESSER III Federal Grant, ESSA Federal funding and State Compensatory Education Program and Evaluation.

Supt. Hood recommended to adopt the same policy on Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Learning Plan. Cole Bosworth made the motion to adopt as presented and was seconded by Linda Burns. All were for.

Discussion was held on Status on Implementation of TIA Plan.

Supt. Hood recommended T-TESS Calendar for 2024-2025. Jeffie Roberts made the motion to approve the calendar as presented and was seconded by Beverly Sinclair. All were for.

Supt. Hood recommended naming David O’Dell, Koty Albert, and Aaron Hood as District Appraisers for 2024-2025. Beverly Sinclair made the motion to approve the

recommendation and was seconded by Jeffie Roberts. All were for.

Supt. Hood recommended the RLISD Responsible Use Policy for 2024-2025. Linda Burns made the motion to accept the recommendation and was seconded by Cole Bosworth. All were for.

Supt. Hood recommended the RLISD Device Policy and Usage Handbook for 2024-2025. Cole Bosworth made the motion to approve the Device Policy and Usage Handbook and was seconded by Jeffie Roberts. All were for.

Supt. Hood presented the RLISD Dress Code.

Supt. Hood presented the RLISD Faculty Dress and Grooming Policy.

Supt. Hood recommended approving the RLISD Student Code of Conduct and Extracurricular Code of Conduct. Linda Burns made the motion to approve the Code of Conduct as presented and was seconded by Beverly Sinclair. All were for.

Supt. Hood recommended to sell Bus Surplus Property. Jeffie Roberts made the motion to approve the recommendation and was seconded by Linda Burns. All were for.

Supt. Hood recommended a full retainer with Eichelbaum Wardell Hansen Powell &

Munoz for 2024-2025. Cole Bosworth made the motion to approve the recommendation and was seconded by Beverly Sinclair. All were for.

Supt. Hood held a budget workshop for 2024-2025.

Supt. Hood recommended to approve the proposed tax rate for 2024-2025 as .6855 for M&O and .42 for I&S for a total tax rate of \$1.1055. Linda Burns made the motion to approve the proposed tax rate and was seconded by Jeffie Roberts. All were for.

Supt. Hood recommended moving the Localized Policy Manual Update 123 to the August board meeting and there were no objections.

Supt. Hood recommended to consider a resolution calling for a portion of outstanding RLISD Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2016 for redemption prior to maturity. Cole Bosworth made the motion to approve the recommendation and was seconded by Beverly Sinclair. All were for.

Supt. Hood gave his respective report on summer maintenance update, summer board conference, audit, and read thank you notes.

The next regular school board meeting will be August 15, 2024, at 5 pm.

Jeffie Roberts made the motion, seconded by Cole Bosworth, to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 pm. All were for.

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

Southside Church of Christ

PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
Robert Lee (325) 453-2176
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School

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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