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UPCOMINGS!

Bronte Pool dates for August/September announced

The Bronte Pool will be open from 12 noon until 4 pm through August 11, August 17 - 18, August 25, and September 1 - 2. It will also be open from 4 pm until 7 pm August 12 - 16.

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.

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.

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.

Death Notices

Sparks

George Ray Sparks (age 70) passed away peacefully into the arms of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, after a 10-year courageous battle with cancer, on Sunday, July 28, 2024, at his home in Bronte, Texas.

He is survived by his wife Linda; daughter, Shelby Sparks; sons, Colton Holmes (Shelby), Joseph Baierski, Michael Baierski; and grandchildren, Levi Lee, Harrison Holmes, and Hadley Holmes. Others include his brothers, Marion Sparks (Mary), Terry Sparks (Jana); sisters, Louise Drennan (David), Pauline Coxe (Mitch), Ann Jones (Gary), Elwanda Jones, Shirley Thomas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held at the Bronte Methodist Church on Sunday, August 4 from 2 pm to 4 pm. A Celebration of Life was held at the Robert Lee Baptist Church on Monday, August 5, at 10 am.

Stuff from the Pastor

The Olympics will be over this next weekend. Have you watched many of the events? I have to say Red and I have been obsessive in our Olympic viewing. We have proven to know nothing of some of the official events. A few of these sports are unique and make me question if this is a sport at all. I offer breakdancing and men's artistic swimming as two examples of the new 'sports' offered this year. Many of the events offer sports some of us American viewers never see in

person. When was the last time you saw a handball game? This handball is similar to soccer being played on a basketball court with only using your hands to catch and score. The defenders hang onto the person holding the ball and prevent the player from throwing the ball into a guarded net. I will tell you this game is highly contested. There is a new event called cross-country kayaking. The boaters must negotiate obstacles and fight the man-made downhill water current. I will tell you the dedication these athletes put into their 'sport' is commendable. You don't get into the Olympics with marginal talent and minimal effort. I know, after watching these folks twist and hit their bodies during warm ups, I would pull a muscle and never walk up right again. Watch the swimmers spread their arms and hit their backs or think about performing on the uneven bars and catching that bar again and again. If I had to do the landings some of those high flying gymnasts do to complete their routines, I would be at least five inches shorter than I am now. If I ran as fast as those sprinters run, I would get motion sickness. What is your favorite sport to watch? What do you think about some swimmers refusing to swim in the Seine River? Nuff said. I commend all the athletes and wish them well in their future endeavors. Channel Change.

School is nearing and with that goes the tradition of shopping for school clothes and buying school supplies. I offer this to keep those new shoes looking new. Spray them with Scotchguard to protect them and keep them looking good longer. Please also note this reminder to the Robert Lee students to mark your calendars for Sunday, August 18 to meet at the school flagpole at 6:00 P.M. with school staff, parents and friends for a back to school prayer event. The Robert Lee Ministerial Alliance will be there to offer prayers and words of encouragement to those in attendance. Please plan on participating in this short, but meaningful time. I say thank you for the rains we have recently received and I pray for more to come.

Be Well,
Gary Karschner

Robert Lee Cemetery Memorials/Donations

Memorials

Lendy Devoll

Yvonne Devoll

Ron Devoll

Yvonne Devoll

Bill McCutchen

Yvonne Devoll

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Donations

Craig and Paula Adams
Bobby and Melissa Blaylock
Theresa Denman Brady
Carolyn Davis
Runnion Ranch

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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