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Chew

John Edward Chew passed away peacefully with his wife and brother by his side on August 24, 2024, at the age of 76.

Johnny is survived by his wife,

Nancy Chew of Bronte; his brother, George Chew of Bronte; sister, Helen Parker of Bronte; granddaughter, Amanda Chew of Abilene; stepsons, Mario Adams and Tony Adams both of Fort Worth; along with numerous cousins, nephews and nieces.

A memorial service to celebrate Johnny's life will be held on September 7, 2024, at 2 pm at the Robert Lee Community Center.



Friends of the RLCC to meet September 23

The September meeting of the Friends of the Robert Lee Care Center will be held on Monday, September 23, at 10 am in the WCCHD Board located at 722 Room Washington Street. If you are new to the community, the group is an auxiliary who supports the residents of the RLCC. Anyone who is interested in learning more about the organization is encouraged to attend this monthly meeting.

The first fundraising event for this year is the Homecoming Bake Sale on Friday, October 4. Like the Facebook page, Friends of the Robert Lee Care Center, to receive posts on all activities and use this as a way to contact the group if there are any questions. Annual dues will also be due at this meeting.

Lunch and Learn event slated for September 25 Texas A&M AgriLife 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.

> Bake sale to be held October 4

The Friends of the Robert Lee Care Center will hold their annual Homecoming bake sale

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in the lobby of Robert Lee State Bank on Friday, October 4, from 9 am until noon (or sold out!). There will be both sweet and savory items to help in your homecoming weekend planning. All proceeds of the sale will be used to enhance the lives of the residents of the Robert Lee Care Center

The Shindig set for October 5

The annual Shindig event will be held on Saturday, October 5, at the park in Robert Lee beginning at 8 am. Activities will include a BBQ Cookoff, car show, inflatables, vendors, and a food court. The evening will end with a concert at 6 pm opened by Coke County's own Kickapoo Creek for headliner Hayden Haddock.

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 nonprofit 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, vicepresident; 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

Stuff from the Pastor

This last week Red, Cody, and I went on a cruise to Key West and the Bahamas. We cruised out of Galveston on a beautiful, BIG ship. I will tell you we ate in excess and walked our proverbial "butts" off getting around that BIG ship!! As I write this, my feet and head are still moving to the motion of the ocean.

We saw tremendous shows, excellent talent, and I shed a few tears during a special program honoring veterans.

Channel change. If you have never been on a cruise, I suggest you make an effort to earn your sea-legs on a cruise from Galveston. It is an awesome experience, and words do not do it justice. There's just something magical about watching the sunset across the ocean. Watching the sunrise was something I didn't experience because it was not in my time zone.

To prove it is a small world, we met people whose children had gone to my high school in Germany and we also met a former football player from Angelo State University whose wife is from Colorado City. We met a lady and her husband from Robert Lee, who currently live in San Antonio. Red and I had common friends and experiences with her. Every time we happened to meet, she would ask if we knew "so and so" and usually we did. Again, it is a small world.

I have one question from my observations of the time we spent on the cruise. Why do people bring their very, very small children (infants and toddlers) on a cruise? It's not fair to the little ones, and the parents cannot totally enjoy the experience of cruising. I also question why people bring so much luggage on a seven day cruise? Just sayin....

We heard about the rain in the Concho Valley while we were gone. Let's make a deal!! If we promise to make it rain the next time we go on a cruise, will you pay for it? Sounds like a fair exchange to me! (Wish we had

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**

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

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. Please RSVP to the Coke County Extension Office at (325)453-2461 or morgan.runyan@ag.tamu.edu by Monday, September 23.

Benefit dinner and dance to be held September 28 A benefit fundraiser for Cody Schenkel will be held on



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