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Evans Scholarship to be awarded

The Bronte United Methodist Women announce that applications for the Sid and Bernice Evans Scholarship are now being accepted. The Evans were long-time members of the Bronte First United Methodist Church. The Scholarship Foundation was established by their family.

The scholarship is for students who are in at least their second year of college or trade school. Applications are available from Lanette Fletcher at Glenn-Bivins Insurance, 123 W Main St., and from Pastor Stacy Sprinkle at the church office.

Applications must be returned to Lanette or another UMW member no later than February 6th. The scholarship recipient will be announced after the February meeting.

Filing period for local entity elections continues

The filing period for the local government entity elections began Wednesday, January 15, 2020, and runs through Friday, February 14, 2020. The elections will be held Saturday, May 2, 2020.

Local entities to be included in the elections are City of Robert Lee, City of Bronte, Bronte ISD, Robert Lee ISD, West Coke County Hospital District, and East Coke County Hospital District.

Those wishing to be included on ballot for one of these elections should visit entity in which they would like to run.

Early voting for primary election begins February 18

Early voting for the March 3, 2020, primary elections will begin on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, and run through Friday,

February 28, 2020. Coke County elected offices to be decided in 2020 include Commissioners Precinct 1 and 3. These positions are currently held by Donald Robertson and Marshall Millican respectively. Others to be decided and their current office holder are County Attorney (Nick Arrott), Constable (Marty Boyd), Tax Assessor/Collector (Josie Dean), and Sheriff (Wayne McCutchen).

All incumbents have filed to retain their seats and Constable Marty Boyd will be joined on the ballot by Billy Williams.



Essays from West of 98 Stand Up and Be Counted

By James M. Decker

Today, I am deviating slightly from my new series on action that leads to community transformation. I am writing this essay on Martin Luther King Jr.

Day and I would be remiss not to use Dr. King's inspiration for today's writing. As has become my tradition, I want to share with you some of my thoughts from Dr. King's April 16, 1963 masterpiece "Letter from a Birmingham Jail."

Yet, maybe I'm not deviating from my new series at all. If you've read my last two essays, then you know my mind is currently fixed on actions that change our communities' perception with both residents and outside onlookers. Dr. King's letter represents that idea better than just about any writing you can find. King was responding to a group of eight white clergymen—Catholic,

Protestant, and Jewish—who had joined together in a letter telling Dr. King and his fellow protestors to tone it down, use formal legal channels, and wait for time to run its course. In short, if the protestors would just be patient long enough, they'd get their rights.

Dr. King was appalled. He

had been told "wait!" for years, to no avail. It had been nine years since the United States Supreme Court struck down segregation of schools and Southern leaders were openly ignoring this ostensible law of the land. Dr. King rightly believed that "wait" has almost always meant "never."

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Fires West of Robert Lee! The Coke County Sheriff's Office, Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department and Texas Parks and Wildlife Officers responded to several brush pile fires west of Robert Lee near Paint Creek Road and Harmon Lane on Saturday, January 18, 2020. Coke County is, and was, under a burn ban. The piles had been left unattended after being lit and one of the piles had already set the surrounding pastureland on fire.

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 • Pastor George Cooper
Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,
10:55 am Worship, 6 pm Bible
Study & Worship

Wednesday 6 pm RA's & GA's,
6:30 pm Youth & Adults

First United Methodist Church

Corner of Washington & Holmes
Bronte
(325) 473-3281
Rev. Stacy Sprinkle, Pastor
Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship

Forgiven Ministries

117 W. Main, Bronte
Russ Frasier, Pastor
Sun. 10 am

Tuesday 6 pm Table Time

St. James Catholic Church

215 N. Washington, Bronte
(325) 365-2687

Rev. Yesu Mulakaleti, Jr., Pastor
Sunday Bilingual Mass 8 am

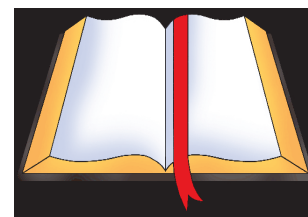
4C Cowboy Church

Texas Theater, Downtown Bronte
Interim Pastor Robert Lemmond
Sunday, 10:30 am

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



Robert Lee

Bible Baptist Church

PO Box 938 • 9th & Austin
Robert Lee
Sunday 10 am Sunday School, 11 am and
5 pm Worship, Wed 5 pm Bible Study

Emmanuel Pentecostal

PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy
Pastor Kevin Millstid 453-2360
Sundays 10 am, Wednesdays 7 pm

First United Methodist Church

PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
Robert Lee • (325) 453-2417
Cyndi Weidner, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am Worship, 5 pm Choir Practice

Iglesia Bautista Betel

101 Houston • Robert Lee
Sun. 9:45 am • Sunday School
11 am Service • Bible Study Wed. 6 pm

Southside Church of Christ

PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
Robert Lee (325) 453-2176
Recardo Reyes, Preacher

Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 6 pm, 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. Yesu Mulakaleti, Pastor
Saturday Vigil Mass 5 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 & 7 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

Victory Assembly of God

(325) 453-2208, PO Box 638
6th & Houston, Robert Lee
Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor

Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study

Tennyson

Tennyson Baptist Church

Hwy 277 • Tennyson
(325) 473-2040
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

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