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and have the City Attorney review the policy with changes.

A motion was made by Jonathan Torres to approve of Resolution 32-23, Adopting a Documentation & Retention Policy for ARPA Projects. He was seconded by Josh Tennison and the motion carried with a vote of 4 - 0.

The Council exited into executive session to discuss personnel at 7:30 pm and returned at 7:44 pm. No action was taken.

A motion was made by Tracy Grantham to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm and was seconded by Jonathan Torres. The motion carried with a vote of 4 - 0.

Stuff from the Pastor

The other night I watched several local high school basketball teams play on the television network we have on our set. I have two observations I offer as a result of watching those cagers play their games. One, boys are not the free-throw shooters the girls are. To a person the girls I, many times are more fundamentally sound, and thus are better shooters than the boys of the same ages. Boys sometimes want to look cool and do not set up properly for free throws. Thus, if you start off wrong, it is hard to correct a weak foundation. Two, the boys do not like to use the back board when they shoot from the general area around the paint. One of the best athletes ever to play the game always used a soft jump to put his shots in and he used the back board. Bill Walton would extend his arms far over his head and then use his wrists to gently put the ball off the board and into the net. Channel change.

I ask fans to give the officials a break. They are doing their job, and it is a job to help athletes learn and grow while participating in a game. Officials have to make calls quickly and consider several options each time they blow their whistles.

While watching replays on television what I think I saw originally is often overruled by the replay officials. It is a quick game and requires quick reflexes to make calls. Give these officials the benefit of a doubt and you will enjoy the game more. It is, after all, a game.

As we wind down the football season, who are you rooting for to make it to the Super Bowl? I can tell you the Super Bowl is often not a super game. I hope those multimillion dollar commercials are good and the halftime show is worth the millions they spend on the event. It is a few days before the Super Bowl so start planning your game activities now. What is your favorite go to game snack/beverage? I like Fritos and bean dip rinsed down with a cold Dr. Pepper. I am usually in a vegetative state when the game is over. Some of that has to do with watching the tube for five straight hours combined with consuming more than two humans should consume. The biggest Methodist Church in Robert Lee is having a covered-dish luncheon on Sunday. I will start fasting on Friday so I can do justice to the meal on Sunday. We will eat and grow together and then I will start my diet.

Be sure and give thanks for all the rain.

Be Well, Gary K.



Resolutions of Spring

By James M. Decker

What are your thoughts on New Year's resolutions?

I like the idea of setting intentional goals for areas of improvement in life. Specific goals and targets can be vital to actual self-improvement, but I have never loved the emphasis around January 1. I have finally realized why I find it bothersome: what about a new year actually leads to a new you?

With all due respect to New Year's Day, what is significant about January 1 other than flipping the calendar from one year to the next? When you go to bed on December 31, it's wintertime. When you wake up on January 1, it is still wintertime. The day is slightly longer but not noticeably so. The year may have changed but the season runs together.

Once upon a time, our forefathers lived within seasonal cycles. Certain tasks were undertaken in specific seasons and around harvest and planting calendars.

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Obituaries

Morrow

Lesa Irene Morrow, 74, passed away on January 12, 2024, in Winters, Texas, surrounded by family.

She was born on November 14, 1949, in San Angelo, Texas, to Jacob Bruce Morrow and Edna Mae Morrow. She graduated from Bronte High School in 1968 and went on to become a mother to four beautiful children.

Lesa was known for her passionate spirit and was loved by many for her giving heart. She enjoyed being with family and watching her favorite tv shows in her free time. Lesa embodied the best of qualities: unconditional love, forgiveness,

and her unwavering faith in Christ. She will be remembered for being the best mom and memaw to her family and loved ones.

Lesa leaves behind to cherish her memory her four children, Pamela Saunders, Molly Lee and husband Stephen, Misty Johnson and husband Travis and Jacob Golson; her seven grandchildren, Kyla McGinnis, Jaylon Saunders, Jarrett Lee, Jordan Gorell and husband Mike, Jacy Wyers and husband Jake, Katie Lee and Mitchel Golson; her four great-grandchildren, Ambree McGinnis, Kaiden McGinnis, Hayes Saunders and Jenna Wyers; three siblings, Laura Forman and husband Jim, Mary Jane Cooper and husband Donald and Jim Morrow and wife Mary; along with many nieces and nephews.

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RL City Council meeting minutes told

The Robert Lee City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 20, 2023, at City Hall.

Those present included Mayor Jason Moran; and Council Members Josh Tennison, Jonathan Torres, Brantly Robertson, and Tracy Grantham. Council Member Mike Stephens was absent.

The call to order was made, a quorum determined, and the meeting opened at 6:36 pm.

Discussion was held regarding insurance quotes for health, dental, and vision. The Council would like for the employees to decide which insurance plans would best benefit their needs and present them at the next meeting.

The City Superintendent and Mayor would like to utilize the Community Facility Program with USDA for the purchase of a new backhoe. Three different backhoes were presented to the council. A motion was made by Brantly Robertson to apply to the Community Facility Program and purchase the Caterpillar Backhoe from Cat. He was seconded by Jonathan Torres and the motion carried with a vote of 4 - 0.

A motion was made by Tracy Grantham to nominate Joshua Tennison and Mike Stephens to the appraisal district board ballot. She was seconded by

Brantly Robertson and the motion carried with a vote of 4 - 0.

A motion was made by Josh Tennison to approve of the second reading of Ordinance 29-23 Budget Amendment.

Discussion was held regarding Ordinance 33-23 - Resolution Amending the Personnel Policy - Parental Leave. The Council would like to remove part-time paid benefits from the policy

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11 am & 5 pm Worship

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firstbronte@gmail.com
Pastor George Cooper
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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

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(325) 365-2687
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Sunday Bilingual Mass 8 am

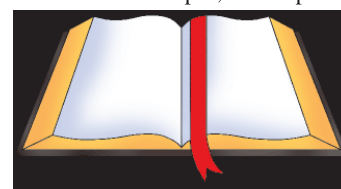
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Michael Crane, Pastor
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Wed 5 pm Bible Study

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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,
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(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

Victory Assembly of God

(325) 453-2208, PO Box 638
202 E. 6th Street, Robert Lee
Rev. Rocky Youngblood, Pastor
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Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study