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## Death Notices

### Martin

Billie Jean Martin, 78, of Roscoe, Texas, passed away on Thursday, October 8, 2020.

There was a graveside service at 10 am on Monday, October 12, 2020, at Roscoe Cemetery. Reverend David Draper officiated the service. There was a family visitation on Sunday, October 11, 2020, from 3 pm until 5 pm at McCoy Funeral Home in Sweetwater.

Survivors include her husband, Johnny Martin of Roscoe, Texas; daughter, Sonya Bowman of Sweetwater, Texas; sons, Randy Pieper of Blackwell, Texas, and Britt Pieper of Sweetwater, Texas; grandchildren, Steve Allen Eldred of Alba, Texas, Brittany Elliott of Blackwell, Texas, Austin Pieper of Weimar, Texas, Alex Massey of Roscoe, Texas, and Cyera Pieper of Sweetwater, Texas. Gran also dearly loved and enjoyed her eight great-grandchildren.

Billie was preceded in death by her parents, Joe Holley and Wilma Hyde Critz.

## Celebrate Red Ribbon Week October 23-31

Red Ribbon Week raises awareness of drug use and the problems related to drugs facing our community, and encourages parents, educators, business owners, and other community organizations to promote drug-free lifestyles. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service's Watch UR BAC program will partner with your local Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Family and Community Health Agent, Milissa Wright to increase the safety in our community and our Texas roads.

"Red Ribbon Week encourages our entire community to adopt healthy,

drug-free lifestyles," said Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Family and Community Health Agent, Milissa Wright. "The campaign brings together parents, schools, and businesses as we look for ways to keep kids and communities' drug free."

In 1985, Drug Enforcement Administration Special Agent Enrique S. "Kiki" Camarena was killed by drug traffickers. Shortly after his death, citizens from his hometown of Calexico, California, began wearing red ribbons to remember him and commemorate his sacrifice.

The first official Red Ribbon Week celebration was created by the National Family Partnership (NFP) in 1988. NFP continues to

coordinate the campaign for families, schools, and communities across the nation each year. Since then, the red ribbon has symbolized a continuing commitment to reducing the demand for illicit drugs in our communities.

"Red Ribbon Week gives us the opportunity to be vocal and visible in our efforts to achieve a drug-free community," said Milissa. "Reducing the use of drugs and alcohol among youth will help to reduce injuries and deaths from impaired driving."

"Research shows that children are less likely to use alcohol and other drugs when parents and other role models are clear and consistent in their opposition to drug use and the misuse of prescription drugs."

## NRCS announces 2021 deadlines for conservation assistance funding

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas has announced the first funding application deadline of December 4, 2020, for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). A second funding application deadline will be February 12, 2021.

Applications are taken year around for NRCS programs, but deadlines are announced to rank and fund eligible conservation projects. Producers interested in signing up for EQIP should submit applications to their local USDA service center. If already a USDA client, a producer can submit applications online via Farmers.gov offsite link image.

EQIP is a voluntary program that provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers. Technical assistance is provided without a fee from NRCS specialists to help landowners and land managers plan and implement conservation practices to help them meet

their land management goals, address natural resource concerns and improve soil, water, plant, animal, air, and related resources on agricultural land and non-industrial private forestland.

For additional information visit the NRCS Texas website at [www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov). Applications for EQIP are accepted on a continuous basis. Producers interested in EQIP can contact their local USDA service center or visit our NRCS EQIP web page.



## Attitudes, Others, and Ourselves, Redux

by James M. Decker

*[Author's note: I penned this essay in October 2018. As I was scanning through my archives, I found it particularly fitting and appropriate for the circumstances of 2020 and as a follow-up on*

# UPCOMINGS!

### Friends of the RLCC to meet October 26

The monthly meeting of the Friends of the Robert Lee Care Center will be held on Monday, October 26, at 10 am in the home of Della Alexander at 10 West 15th Street in Robert Lee. Anyone interested in checking out the RLCC Auxiliary is invited to attend.

### Trunk or Treat to be held on Halloween

The Robert Lee First United Methodist Church will host a Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 31, 2020. The event will be held from 5 pm until 6 pm at the Family Life Center parking lot.

### Fall Festival slated for October 31

A Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 31, from 5 pm until 7 pm at the Coke County Park in Robert Lee. A Trunk or Treat will be open to the public in the parking lot of the Rec Hall. Refreshments (including hot dogs, chips, sodas, and bottled water) will be available for purchase. Vendor space will also be available at no charge. All proceeds from the event benefit RL4Restoration and the restoration of the Coke County Park.

For more information, contact

# SHOP LOCAL

Brandi Sawyer or Inga Elliott at (281) 236-4841 or (830) 305-3071.

### VP meeting set for November 5

Vision with a Purpose will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday, November 5. The meeting will begin with a meal at 6 pm at VP Headquarters, located on Austin Street in Robert Lee.

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## 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](http://www.pecanbaptistchurchrl.com)  
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship

**Robert Lee Baptist 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  
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