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Obituaries



Carper

Marcia "Sam" Lee Carper was born to Adeline Annie Halamicek Carper and Elbert Clayton Carper, on November 16, 1944, in San Angelo, Texas, and has passed away. Both parents are pre-deceased.

Marcia was married to Roger Adams, deceased, and had 3 children, James Adams, and wife Grace, daughter Nicole

and son Hunter Shamblin and their three grandchildren Heaven, Kaemon, and Carlee of Abilene; Roger "Bud" Adams, and wife Rebecca, their daughter Ashleigh Dickerson and her husband Jason, and their granddaughters Gwendolyn and Mason of Rogers, Arkansas, and son Clayton Adams, and wife Brittany, with their daughter Lillian, of Kaufman, Texas; Jackie Neff, and husband Dan, daughter Ashton Secundino and husband Pedro, and daughter Abigail of Abilene, twin sons, Daniel Neff, who is currently serving in the United States Air Force, and Brandon Neff of Denton, Texas.

Marcia has had an interesting life. She lived all over the US but stayed in Texas for most of it. Raised in the country, she couldn't help being a tomboy. She loved to ride horses, loved gardening, and eating tomatoes right out of the garden. She was in the ranching business for several years, owned a bar/convenience store, but mainly

worked for other companies. Marcia was an active member of the VFW 8541 Ladies Auxiliary of San Antonio, where she volunteered lots of her time cooking and/or serving several military organizations as the Disabled Vet, Blind Vets & Special Forces Chapter XV. Her passion was playing pool and she was pretty "fair with it." Marcia also enjoyed going to the Senior Olympics to compete in pool playing, which she even won a couple of times. In August 2006 she had her lower left lung removed due to a cancer mass, and she continued to have re-occurring Adenocarcinomas. She fought through seven different chemotherapies and 28 "zaps" of radiation until her death. Throughout her entire struggle she was incredibly good at keeping her spirits up and giving encouragement to others.

She would like to thank so many people whose prayers you gave her to keep her going, along with those of family, friends and people she didn't know.

A visitation for Marcia was held on Friday, November 13, 2020, at 6 pm at Lange Funeral Home and a graveside service was held the following day, Saturday, November 14, 2020, at 2 pm at the Evergreen Cemetery in Rowena, Texas. David Davidson officiated.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the American Cancer Association, the ASPCA, or the VFW.

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his Elves will be handing out gifts for children up to 9 years of age. There will also be free popcorn and hot chocolate.

Car Show slated for December 12

The Christmas in Olde Bronte Car Show will be held on Saturday, December 12, in the parking lot of First National Bank in Bronte. Registration begins at 9 am, judging at 1 pm and the show ending at 2 pm. Cash prizes will go to the Crowd Favorite, Best in Show, and Fun Pick.

WCCHD to meet December 15

The West Coke County Hospital District Board of Directors will meet on Tuesday,

December 15, 2020. The meeting will begin at 9:30 am at the Old Jail Annex in Robert Lee.

Kickapoo Water Board sets election

Coke County Kickapoo Water Control and Improvement District #1 will hold an election on January 12, 2021, for the purpose of electing three directors.

Directors Mark Duncan, Chris Lange, and Ronnie Robbins have filed for re-election.

The election will be held at Bronte City Hall.

For further information concerning the election, contact Clerk Fran Sonnenberg by 5 pm on Friday, December 4, 2020.



Vacant Buildings or Vacant People

by James M. Decker

The following is the very first of these essays, published on Facebook, as something of a spur-of-the-moment idea in November 2017. This project has since grown into something larger and more lasting. As the

reading audience grows through the new West of 98 website. I thought it would be important to re-publish this essay. It was inspired by a national feature on native son James Washington, then an All-American wide receiver at Oklahoma State, now a member of the Pittsburgh Steelers. The author wrote of Stamford's vacant buildings but also its wonderful people. Stamford still has vacant buildings. Some buildings are recently vacant. Some previously vacant buildings are now occupied. We have other new construction happening. But the community's greatest asset remains its people.

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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

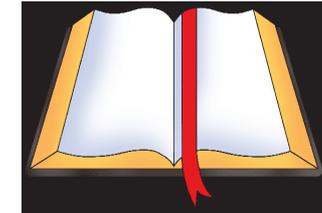
Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy

(325) 453-2065, Bill Hood, Pastor

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Sun. 10 am, Sunday School

11 am & 7 pm, Worship



Robert Lee

Bible Baptist Church

PO Box 938 • 9th & Austin

Sunday 10 am Sunday School, 11 am and

5 pm Worship, Wed 5 pm Bible Study

Emmanuel Pentecostal

PO Box 794 • 1004 Hillcrest

Pastor Brantly Robertson

(972) 841-2009

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

UPCOMINGS!

Community

Thanksgiving Service slated for November 22

The annual Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Sunday, November 22, at 6 pm at Robert Lee Baptist Church. The speaker this year will be Rocky Youngblood, Interim Pastor at First Assembly of God Church. Music will be provided by Backroads Band and other local talent. An offering will be taken and all proceeds will go to the Coke County Food Pantry. Please bring your favorite snacks for the fellowship to follow.

Friends of the RLCC to meet November 23

The monthly meeting of the Friends of the Robert Lee Care Center will be held on Monday, November 23 at 10 am in the home of Della Alexander (located at 10 West 15th Street in Robert Lee). This will be the last meeting in 2020. Anyone interested in checking out the RLCC Auxiliary is encouraged

to attend. Social distancing can be observed and a face covering worn by those who choose to do so.

Small Town Christmas set for December 5

Vision with a Purpose will host their annual Small Town Christmas on Saturday, December 5, in Robert Lee. The event will begin at 5 pm with activities at VP's Event Center on Austin Street and at the Memorial Park. Santa and

Russell Davis
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