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## Death Notice

### Allen

Dorothy Lou Allen departed this life on November 23, 2021, in Buffalo, Missouri at the age of 80 years old.

She is survived by her brother, Richard Douglas and wife Donna of Bronte, Texas; her son, David Allen and his children, Jenna Allen, Sierra Allen, and Samantha Turner and husband Dailyn, and their children, Kynlee Turner and Madison Turner, all of Urbana,

Missouri; granddaughter, Kim Stidham and husband Donnie of Buffalo, Missouri, and children, Kailyn Hutchings and Ben Hutchings of Buffalo, Missouri; granddaughter, Jamie Allen of Buffalo, Missouri, and son, Chase Allen; grandson, Jerry Allen of Buffalo Missouri, and children, Camren Allen and Lily Allen; grandson, James Allen and wife Jennifer of Phillipsburg, Missouri; and many aunts and uncles.

Visitation was held from 6 pm to 8 pm on Wednesday, December 1, 2021, at the Canton-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home. Cremation rites were accorded under the care and direction of the Canton-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home of Buffalo.

meet there this month.

The landscaping is continuing, and the area around the gazebo is all that is still lacking. The work is being done by Crosscuts Landscaping of Robert Lee, owned and operated by Logan Phillely.

Testing for Covid for everyone not vaccinated is back to monthly status. The shot mandate for long term care facility employees is due to take effect in December.

The new telephone system has arrived and will be installed by Snider IT in the next few days.

Three property bid proposals were approved by the board.

The Employee Handbook was tabled until the next meeting.

The date was set for the employees Christmas party in December.

Future agenda items were discussed.

The board then went into Executive Session, beginning at 11:25 am and ending at 12:10 pm. No action was taken. The board meeting then adjourned.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be December 21, 2021, hopefully in the newly restored board room.

The December calendar of activities looks busy and festive. On December 7, there will be a trip to San Angelo for dinner and a tour of the Christmas lights. On the next afternoon, December 8, at 2:30 pm, the residents will be celebrating Christmas with Elvis. On December 14 at 3 pm, is Christmas Party time! Gifts for the residents will be given by Our Lady of the Guadalupe Church, Mary Kay, Friends of the Care Center, and Pecan Baptist Church. Maybe Santa will be in attendance....who knows?? The monthly birthday party will be hosted by the Spanish Club kids at 3:30 pm on December 15. The birthday celebrants for December are Bettye Milligan and Bonnie Thomas. Happy birthday to

both of you, ladies! On Christmas weekend, the residents will be enjoying some Christmas movies, and on December 31 at 3 pm, they will be ringing in 2022 at a New Year's Party, with Jim Gross providing the entertainment. As 2021 winds down to a close, here's wishing everyone a very Blessed Christmas and a happy, healthy, peaceful New Year!



### December Love

By James M. Decker

Every year about this time, I candidly discuss my complicated feelings about the Christmas season. To be clear, as always, I LOVE Christmas and the power of the true message of Christmas. My struggle comes from all of the things that sometimes surround and overwhelm the reason for the season.

Christmas can be extremely difficult for many people. In a season that places importance on family - gathering together, spending time, sharing gifts, and such - family time is not always a

guarantee of happiness. Some of our friends and neighbors are lonely. Others are dealing with grief from the loss of loved ones. It may be their first holiday season without a family member. It may not be the first for others, but even as successive holidays get a little more manageable, they never go back to "normal." Others may have a difficult relationship with family, so gatherings may be unpleasant or impossible.

If that was not hard enough, the commercial aspects of Christmas place extraordinary pressure on each of us to "perform" up to some arbitrary societal standard. We're expected to perform with gifts, decorations, and all other manners of festive behavior, regardless of whatever other challenges life might be throwing our way. In his book, "Conversations with Wendell Berry," rural author Wendell Berry keenly observes:

*"People who love each other need to have something they can do for each other, and it will need to be something necessary, not something frivolous, You can't carry out a relationship on the basis of Christmas and anniversary and birthday presents. It won't work."*

*You have to be doing something that you need help with, and your wife needs to be doing something that she needs help with. You do needful, useful*

# UPCOMINGS!

### Longhorn Classic Stock Show set for December 18

Bronte ISD FFA is hosting their Longhorn Classic Stock Show on Saturday, December 18, at 10 am at the show barn

in Robert Lee.

You won't want to miss the 'celebrity' showmanship event. Teachers, administrators, and community members have been nominated by students to show off their skills in the ring.

## WCCHD board meeting minutes told

By Pat Stephens

The Board of Directors of the West Coke County Hospital District met in regular session November 30, 2021, in the old jail annex.

President Beverly Burdett called the meeting to order at 9:40 am and declared a quorum was present. Pat Stephens led the invocation. Board members present were Pat Stephens, Betty Lewis, and Noel Tinkler. Houston McGuire, Administrator, Janie Munoz, BOM, and Chris Martin, Consultant, were also present at the meeting. The minutes from the previous meetings were approved. There were no absentees. There were no visitors.

In the staffing update, there is a need for a DON, RN and CNA's. There are currently 38 residents as of the meeting date. The board was provided with an update on the QIPP program and things are running smoothly. The next payment is due in December.

Houston reported Danco

Electric is still waiting for parts to begin the electrical work.

The restoration of the board of Directors' conference room is complete, but due to a water leak, the board was unable to

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### 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

#### St. James Catholic Church

215 N. Washington, Bronte  
 (325) 365-2687  
 Rev. Yesu Mulakaleti, Jr., Pastor  
 Sunday Bilingual Mass 8 am

#### 4C Cowboy Church

Drawer R • Bronte • (325) 895-4080  
 Robert Lemmond, Pastor  
 Sunday, 10:30 am - Texas Theater  
 Wednesday Bible Study 6 pm -  
 4C Feedlot Youth Building

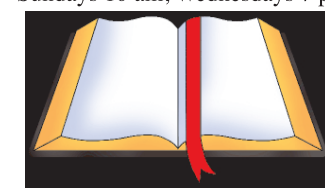
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#### Bible Baptist Church

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

#### Robert Lee Cowboy Church

James Brunson, Pastor  
 (469) 834-3932  
 10:30 am Sunday • Robert Lee Rec Hall

#### 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

#### 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

#### Victory Assembly of God

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting  
 (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

#### Coke County

Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study

#### 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