

# THE OBSERVER/ENTERPRISE

Published Weekly

The Observer/Enterprise, LLC  
 (325) 453-2433 (325) 473-8863 Cell  
 observerenterprise@gmail.com  
 www.ObserverEnterprise.com

Periodical Rate Postage paid at Robert Lee, Texas

POSTMASTER: Please send address changes to  
 Observer/Enterprise  
 PO Box 1329, Robert Lee, Texas 76945

### STAFF

Melinda McCutchen, Publisher  
 Morgan McCutchen Brigham, Editor  
 Ashley McCutchen Braswell, Social Media Coordinator

### SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Per Year in Coke County ... \$35.00  
 Per Year Elsewhere in Texas ... \$40.00  
 Per Year Outside of Texas ... \$45.00

## VP holds

### December meeting

Vision with a Purpose met Thursday, December 1 at their headquarters at 701 Austin Street in Robert Lee.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Floyd Pettit, giving results of the Hunter's BBQ, held November 5. Almost 300 people were served, not including the helpers and assistants. Notes were made of changes to be made for improvements and what was successful this year. VP couldn't have done it without the help of our volunteers. The community always comes through to make this a huge success.

Final plans were made for the Robert Lee Open House, held Friday, December 2 and Small Town Christmas that was held Saturday, December 3.

The next meeting will be held in February, at 6 pm at VP headquarters. There will be no January meeting. Pak structures and lights will be left up through the middle of January to be enjoyed.



**New Deputy!** Coke County Judge Hal Spain is shown swearing in new Coke County Sheriff's Office Deputy Bubba Pierce on Tuesday, November 29.

## Death Notice

### McCreery

Tony Alan McCreery, age 48, of Bronte, passed away on Thursday, November 24, 2022.

He is survived by his wife, Leeann McCreery; daughters, Kylan McCreery, Karys Pena and son-in-law Francisco; grandchildren, Logan and

Loralai Pena; brother, Chris McCreery and wife Mary; sister, Sandy Walvoord and brother-in-law Mike; and numerous nieces, nephews, and other loving family members and friends.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, November 29, from 5 pm until 8 pm at First Baptist Church of Bronte. A memorial service and celebration of life was held on Wednesday, November 30, at 10 am, at First Baptist Church with Pastor George Cooper officiating.

## Friends of the RLCC meeting held

The November meeting of the Friends of the Robert Lee Care Center was held on Monday, November 28 at 10 am at the WCCHD Board Room. There were 6 members present.

Business conducted on open issues included an update on the Christmas Decoration Project. The trees were constructed. Lights have been put on the deer and trees. The intent is for these items to be brought to Robert Lee Care Center on Tuesday afternoon and be set up outside the resident dining room. A motion was made and passed to give a \$100 gift card to Monte Sparkman as a thank you for his work in constructing the trees.

The Brown Bag Fundraiser brought in over \$800.

The report on the progress of the gazebo dedication sign was that Bar Seven Metalworks is not going to be able to create the sign. The gazebo committee will meet in the upcoming months to review the sign design and look for another

source of having one made.

In new business items a motion was made and passed to give a \$50 donation to the Methodist Church for the use of the Family Center for the Brown Bag Fundraiser.

Discussion was held on whether to run a Christmas card in the Observer Enterprise this year and those present decided not to run the card this year.

The Executive Committee approved a request from Mary Rodriguez that the FRLCC provide blankets and socks as Christmas presents for the residents. Orders are being placed to purchase these items.

There will not be a meeting held in the month of December. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 23, 2023.



### Humble, Ordinary, and Familiar

By James M. Decker

The holiday season gnaws at me. I touched on this last week and I have written about it at length over the years, including a few Merle Haggard-inspired essays. It is not that I am not a festive person (quite the opposite, actually), but I am always bothered by the pressure and strain that impacts so many friends, loved ones, and

neighbors during the holiday season. I'm not here to recycle old essays, though. Today, I am thinking about how to grapple with the holiday season and in doing so, how to improve our communities and local culture. It is not holiday-focused, but I have been thinking about a line in Wendell Berry's epic, complex new book, "The Need to Be

## 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  
 firstbronte@gmail.com  
 Pastor George Cooper  
 Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,  
 10:30 am Worship  
 Wednesday 6 pm - 8 pm  
 Children and Youth

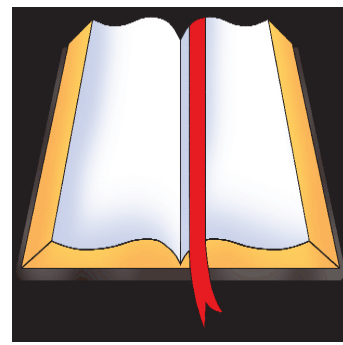
**First United Methodist Church**  
 Corner of Washington & Holmes  
 Bronte • (325) 650-4836  
 Sun. 11:00 am Worship

**St. James Catholic Church**  
 215 N. Washington, Bronte  
 (325) 365-2687  
 Rev. Timothy Hayter, 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

#### 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  
 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. 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 & 7 pm, Worship  
 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

**Victory Assembly of God**  
 (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  
 Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study



**Russell Davis**  
 Agent

611 Austin Street  
 PO Box 1079  
 Robert Lee, Texas 76945  
 (325) 453-4505 office  
 (325) 453-4524 fax  
 (325) 650-1904 mobile  
 TXFB-INS.COM


**Edward Jones** > edwardjones.com | Member SIPC

Tap into the benefits that CDs bring

Bank-issued,  
 FDIC-insured

4.75%

1-year APY\*



**Larry M Gilbert, CFP®, AAMS™**  
 Financial Advisor  
 122 N 8th St  
 Ballinger, TX 76821  
 325-365-2505

\* Annual Percentage Yield (APY) effective 12/02/2022. CDs offered by Edward Jones are bank-issued and FDIC-insured up to \$250,000 (Principal and interest accrued but not yet paid) per depositor, per insured depository institution, for each account ownership category. Please visit www.fdic.gov or contact your financial advisor for additional information. Subject to availability and price change. CD values are subject to interest rate risk such that when interest rates rise, the prices of CDs can decrease. If CDs are sold prior to maturity, the investor can lose principal value. FDIC insurance does not cover losses in market value. Early withdrawal may not be permitted. Yields quoted are net of all commissions. CDs require the distribution of interest and do not allow interest to compound. CDs offered through Edward Jones are issued by banks and thrifts nationwide. All CDs sold by Edward Jones are registered with the Depository Trust Corp. (DTC).

FDI-1916M-A © 2022 EDWARD J. JONES & CO., L.P. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED. AECSPAD

Deadline to  
 submit  
 information to  
*The Observer/  
 Enterprise*  
 is Monday  
 at 5 pm.