

War and while stationed in Hawaii, he was awarded the Army Commendation Ribbon with Medal Pendant and the Hawaiian Red Cross Citation of Honor for rescuing a family whose fishing boat capsized.

After leaving the military he moved his family to Odessa to work in the oilfield. He worked on the production side and retired in 1994 as a Drilling Foreman with Amoco Production Company after 31 years with the company.

Upon retirement he spent part of his time in Odessa and part time in Robert Lee. He was an active member of Chapel Hill Baptist Church in Odessa until retirement then transferred his membership to the Pecan Baptist Church in the Edith Community where he remained very active.

He loved his little slice of heaven in the country at Edith which he always considered to be his true home. He enjoyed the outdoors, watching the wildlife, and visiting with family and friends. A true man of his word, he led by example through his work ethic and character. He exemplified a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather who loved his Lord and family. He was a true role model for many generations of

family and friends.

Bobby is preceded in death by his parents, Curtis and Lula Walker; and sister, Wanda Caulder.

He is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Vada Joyce King Walker; his two sons, Dave and wife Donna Walker of Odessa, and Rex and wife Gwen Walker of Sherman; three granddaughters, Laurel Elizabeth and husband Jarrod Holder, Meredith Joyce and husband Daniel Bright, and Taylor Paige and husband David Batton; six great-grandchildren; Felicity Diane Holder, Kagan Richard Holder, Walker King Bright, Sunny Ann Bright, Caroline James Bright and Mattie-Mae Joyce Bright; two brothers, Donald and Janis Walker of San Angelo, and Curtis Wayne and Annice Walker of Robert Lee; and many more nephews and nieces. He will be missed on this earth but he is celebrating in Heaven.

Services were Monday, February 22, at 2 pm at Pecan Baptist Church, west of Robert Lee, with visitation Sunday at Shaffer Funeral Home in Robert Lee from 3 pm to 5 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: Paint Creek Cemetery Fund, c/o Blake Box, 630 FM 2059, Robert Lee, Texas 76945.

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**Frozen!** In the midst of the Texas freeze, Coke County Judge Hal Spain issued a Declaration of Disaster due to prolonged freezing temperatures and electrical outages. Coke County Water Supply was hit hard because of frozen pipes at its pump stations, causing a 3 day water outage. Bottled water was supplied by the Texas Department of Emergency Management to the county. On Friday, February 19, and Saturday, February 20, with the assistance of Coke County Water Supply employees and local volunteers, water was handed out or delivered to residents who were in need due to a boil notice by Coke County Water Supply or busted pipes causing customers to cut off their water until repaired. Pictured above assisting with water distribution is Kelly Baker, Walter Tinkler, Ricardo Reyes, Jams Porallis, and Corrinna Porrallis. Also assisting, however not pictured, was Charles Yorke, George Lewis, Kim Lewis, Blake Pitcock, and Donnie Robertson.

## ECCHD Board meeting minutes told

The East Coke County Hospital District Board of Directors met for a regular meeting on Monday, January 18, 2021, at 6 pm, in the council room at Bronte City Hall. Vice-President Everett Bedford presided over the meeting. Other board members present were Michael Bohensky, Lanette Fletcher, Gina McCutchen, and Jerita Taylor. Administrator Daisy Toms, Director of Nurses Amy McKinney, Chief Financial Officer Johnny Mathis, and Business Office Manager Fran Sonnenberg were also present.

The meeting was called to order at 6 pm by Vice-President Bedford.

A quorum was established.

Prayer was led by Michael Bohensky.

There were no public comments.

Fran Sonnenberg gave the Oath of Office to Michael Bohensky.

Gina McCutchen moved that the following be nominated for officers: President - Everett Bedford, Vice-President - Michael Bohensky, and Secretary - Lanette Fletcher. Lanette Fletcher seconded the nominations. Jerita Taylor moved that these officers be elected by

acclamation. Gina McCutchen seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Minutes of the December 21, 2020, meeting were reviewed. Gina McCutchen moved that the minutes be approved as presented and was seconded by Lanette Fletcher. The motion carried unanimously.

Their will be two directors to be elected during the May 1, 2021, election, for two-year terms. Applications can be filed in the business office. Lanette Fletcher moved that the election

be called, and that Fran Michael Bohensky seconded the Sonnenberg be appointed to motion and the motion carried serve as voting clerk with Amy unanimously. McKinney as alternate clerk. (Continued on next page)

### Chicken Spaghetti fundraiser slated for March 7

Due to the recent hard freeze, some Bronte ISD classrooms experienced damage. A chicken spaghetti fundraiser will be held on Sunday, March 7, in the parking lot of First National Bank. Plates consisting of chicken spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, and dessert will be sold beginning at 10:30 am until sold out.

### Benefit Lunch set for March 7

A benefit lunch will be held Sunday, March 7, beginning at 12 noon. The drive through event will be held at Robert Lee Baptist Church, with pickup available under the awning. Plates will consist of brisket, red beans, potato salad, bread, and dessert. Orders can be placed ahead of time by calling the church at

(325) 453-2724, sending an email to rlbaptist1904@wcc.net, or contacting Susan Pentecost at (325) 212-4255. All proceeds from the event will benefit Kobe Smith, who has recently been diagnosed with epilepsy, to assist with medical expenses.

### Sid and Bernice Evans Scholarship to be awarded

The Bronte United Methodist Women announce that applications for the Sid and Bernice Evans Scholarship are now being accepted. The Evans were longtime members of the Bronte First United Methodist Church. The Scholarship Foundation was established by their family.

The scholarship is for students who are in at least their second year of college or trade school. Applications are available from Lanette Fletcher at Glenn-Bivins Insurance, 123

W Main Street in Bronte, and from Pastor Stacy Sprinkle at Bronte's First United Methodist Church.

Applications must be returned to Lanette Fletcher or another United Methodist Women's member no later than Friday, March 12. The scholarship recipient will be announced after the United Methodist Women's September meeting.

### Golf tournament slated for May 8-9

The 2nd Annual Grip It and Sip It Invitational Golf Tournament will be held May 8-9 at Mountain Creek Golf Course in Robert Lee. The 2-person scramble will have tee times of 9 am and 2 pm. The tournament will be capped at 54 teams. To register or for more information, contact Mason Ross at (325) 763-7516 or Chris Baltzell at (432) 661-1158. All proceeds from the event will benefit Mountain Creek Golf Course.

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