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Death Notices

Lynch

Gayla Marie Lynch, 80, of Benbrook, passed away Friday, March 19, 2021.

Graveside services were held in Benbrook Cemetery in Benbrook, Texas.

She leaves behind her two daughters, Lisa Lynch of

Benbrook and Teresa Busby of Benbrook; grandson, Brandon Busby of Bronte; granddaughter, Shasta Mills of Fort Worth; five great-grandchildren; nine nieces, and nephews; and many close friends.

Halamicek

John Davis Halamicek gained his wings on March 31, 2021.

He is survived by his wife Sonya and son Brian Elmore.

The family will be holding a private service.

grade); girls and boys pants/shorts in all sizes, girls and boys shirts in all sizes; shoes in any size. The closet is used very often by students and is currently running low. The clothes and shoes can be gently worn and do not have to be brand new, however donated underwear are asked to be new for hygiene purposes.

For more information, contact Bronte ISD at (325) 473-2511.

Street Affair scheduled for September 18

The Robert Lee Street Affair Committee recently announced that their event will commence for 2021 on September 18. There will be vendors to shop from, food trucks, BBQ Cook Off, car show, bounce houses and games for kids. The evening will end with a dance under the Coke County stars. Watch for more details on this exciting event!



Hope: A Special Easter Message

By James M. Decker

[Author's Note: This week's essay is a special Easter message that's on my heart.]

Today is a good day to focus on hope.

Sometimes, it can be hard to focus. We're busy. Our attention gets pulled too many ways at once. If you're like me, you might have five urgent tasks that all simultaneously need your attention, so you can't focus on any of them. The things of the world have a knack for averting our gaze. We get distracted by shiny objects to pursue. Sometimes those shiny objects are worthy goals. Other times, they're just meaningless, material things that truly don't matter. We get distracted by all the negativity of a fallen, sinful

world. We see everything that's wrong, that's appalling, and that needs fixing, and we have the impulse to lash out against it.

Don't get me wrong. There's a time and place for the shiny objects and there's a time for fixing things and battling the negative. But on Easter Sunday - Resurrection Day - there's one matter that should hold our focus. I'm working on that focus today and I encourage you to do the same. Jesus' tomb was empty on Resurrection Day but it wasn't empty to give us time to chase shiny objects or focus our energy battling negative things. Jesus' tomb was empty for the greatest, most important of purposes - to give us hope of salvation by His perfect grace.

Here are a few thoughts from Easter Sunday at our house. We can unfollow and ignore people and pages on social media who sow only discord and division. Remember, they're not doing it for anything other than their own personal enrichment. We can reach out to others and tell them we love them, especially those people in our world who might be a little hard to love. Maybe they need to hear our love more than we realize. We

can look past the petty disagreements of the world and focus on the simple humanity that unites us all. We're different in many ways, and that's what makes each of us unique and what makes life interesting, but ultimately we're all just people made in the image of God. Every single one of us.

Jesus calls us to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. That instruction is found in the Sermon on the Mount. It is extraordinarily simple, but very powerful. Like salt, we should have a savory effect on all that we touch. If we don't have that effect on others around us, then what good are we? As the light of the world, our lives should shine in such a way that draws others nearer to Christ. If our light is hidden or if it repels others, then we're doing it wrong. There's a lot going on in the world. Most of it really doesn't matter. Today, I choose hope. I choose to focus on being the salt of the earth and the light of the world. What better day to pursue that focus than today, the most hopeful of all days?

We love you all,
 James, Lauren, Miriam,
 and Ruth Decker

Vision with a Purpose monthly meeting held

Vision with a Purpose held their April meeting on Thursday, April 1, at 6 pm at their Austin Street headquarters. Debbie Childers opened with

prayer and then a meal was served. Sheri Millican read the minutes and the treasurer's report was reviewed. Both were approved.

UPCOMINGS!

Bake Sale slated for May 7

Vision with a Purpose will host a bake sale on Friday, May 7, from 9 am until 1 pm at Robert Lee State Bank. Cakes, cookies, casseroles, and more will be available for purchase.

Bronte FUMC to host Chair Yoga

Chair Yoga will be held each Tuesday and Thursday from 10:30 am until 11:30 am at the First United Methodist Church in Bronte. For more information, contact Pastor Stacy Sprinkle at pastorstacy.bumc@gmail.com or (325) 473-3281.

RLCC to host CNA classes

Robert Lee Care Center will be having a CNA class, beginning May 24 through June 10. Classes will be held Monday through Friday and will be free to participate. An application will need to be submitted to be considered for the class. A selection committee will determine those that are accepted. There is a limited number of spots. A COVID test will be required per employee guidelines. For more information, call Blanca at (325) 453-2511.

Blue Agave hosting vendor event

A vendor event will be held at Blue Agave Cattle Company in Blackwell on Saturday, April 24, from 10 am until 7 pm. If you are a vendor and would like a registration form emailed to you, please contact Kristi Holland at (325) 338-3181 or Laci Wylie at (432) 413-8575.

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.

Bronte Elementary Clothes Closet seeking donations

The Clothes Closet at Bronte Elementary is in need of items, including the following: girls and boys underwear in all sizes (especially sizes for children in grades Pre-K through 2nd

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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

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 Robert Lemmond, Pastor
 Sunday, 10:30 am - Texas Theater
 Wednesday Bible Study 6 pm -
 4C Feedlot Youth Building

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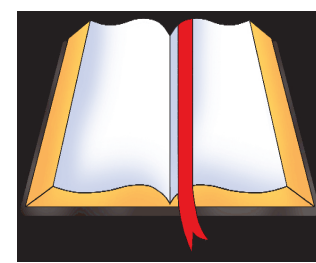
Bible Baptist Church

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

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
 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

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

Tennyson

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 Hwy 277 • Tennyson
 (325) 473-2040
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting