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# Obituaries



## Parker

Frankie Beth Parker, 69, of Bronte, Texas, passed away Monday April 30, 2018, after a battle with lung cancer.

Beth was born on December 29, 1948, to the late Frank and Dottie Hageman.

Beth was known for being a great friend, a wonderful mother and grandmother who loved her family and friends immensely and let's not forget her love for her cats. Beth worked in the accounting field for the majority of her career.

Beth was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Luann Ford, and her son Jay Parker.

Survivors include her daughter, Amie Kelly, and husband Michael Kelly and their two daughters, Misty and Kamara; her son, Lane Parker, his daughter, McKenna and son, Seth; her daughter-in-law, Sharon Pitre-Parker and her daughter, Taylor.

Graveside services are pending. Arrangements are by Shaffer Funeral Home.

The family would like to say a special thanks to the Wonderful staff at the Bronte Nursing Home for taking such great care of Beth.

Online condolences may be made at [www.shafferpioneer.com](http://www.shafferpioneer.com).

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## BHS Class of '68 reunion slated

The 1968 Class of Bronte High School will celebrate their 50 year reunion on Saturday June 9, 2018.

The Class will gather at the Williams Building at 3 pm, following the Doug McCutchen Memorial Golf tournament that morning. Doug was a member of the Class of '68.

We invite friends and family to stop by the Williams Building and visit and reminisce. For

more information regarding the reunion, please contact Linda Cumbie Gladden at (325) 655-6693 or (325) 340-5798 or Don Hageman at (325) 656-4265 or (325) 647-5207. The class looks forward to seeing one another plus all their friends.

For information regarding the golf tournament, contact the Bronte Longhorn Golf Club at (325) 262-5227.

## Of Yesterday and Tomorrow

by James M. Decker

In the era of digital writing, some say you should never "time stamp" your writing. That is, you should never reference a specific date, so that the article always seems fresh and not outdated in a perpetually - available digital world. For the most part, I try to follow that maxim, but today, I'll make an exception. As some (but maybe not all) readers know, I've spent the last several months campaigning for the office of Mayor of the City of Stamford. And this past Saturday, May 5, 2018, the voters of Stamford made their decision and selected me to serve as their next mayor.

Over the past 6 months, this weekly essay has touched on many things important for city government and elected leadership within the community. I made the deliberate decision to not specifically reference my mayoral campaign for two reasons. First, that was not the intent of starting this writing. Second, the goal of these essays is about more than just the mayor's office in Stamford. My goal is, in some small way, to help

encourage, shape, and inspire the thoughts and vision amongst others like myself who are passionate about their rural communities, whether in Stamford or beyond. It's been exciting and humbling to hear from folks young and old who enjoy reading what I have to say.

Moving forward, I intend to take a similar approach. As I move from the role of city councilman to mayor, you may see my writing take focus on deliberate action items that can improve our rural communities, but ultimately, the vision remains the same. Several friends have congratulated me and pointed out that now the real work begins. They're absolutely correct. Ideas are only worthwhile if they're put to action. Otherwise, they're just words on a page (or a screen).

I want to leave you with a quote from my friend, Otis Cooper. Otis is a Stamford native who has spent his career working and living in the city, but is soon moving back to his beloved hometown. Otis has been a great friend and supporter of my mayoral campaign and on Sunday afternoon, he sent me a text message that said something very poignant: *"Finally, Tomorrow has as much value as Yesterday in Stamford."*

To those of us who love our rural communities, young and old, we all have great memories and value in our Yesterdays. It can become easy to cling to those memories in lieu of taking action for the future. However, future prosperity in our communities depends on how well we manage for our



**Play Day!** Residents from Bronte Health and Rehab Center recently attended the annual Midwest Play Day and competed in various events of the Senior Olympics.

Tomorrow, not how much we love our Yesterday. May we be the people who give a renewed purpose and value to Tomorrow in rural America.

*James Decker is a lawyer, farmer, and mayor-elect in Stamford, and the creator of the forthcoming "West of 98" podcast and website. He may be contacted through Facebook at facebook.com/james.decker.*

## WCCHD Board Meeting minutes

by Pat Stephens

The Board of Directors of the West Coke County Hospital District met in regular session on April 24, 2018. President Pat Stephens called the meeting to order at 9:35 am and declared a quorum was present. Board

members present were Sarah Green, Pat Carwile and Beverly Burdett. Houston McGuire, RLCC Administrator, Roger Alexander, WCCHD Administrator, Chris Martin, Consultant, and Janie Munoz, BOM, were also present at the meeting. The invocation was given by Pat Stephens. There were no visitors. The Board minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

There are 30 residents in the Care Center as of the meeting date. The facility is currently taking applications for a full time nurse and PRN CNA. A CNA class will begin May 29. There are 8 signed up to take the class at this time.

Houston gave his Administrator's report.

# Area Churches

## Invite You to Worship

### Bronte

#### Bronte Church of Christ

PO Box 346  
 118 S. Jefferson • Bronte  
 Preacher David Lewis  
 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 Lee Bevly  
 Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,  
 10:55 am Worship, 6 pm Bible  
 Study & Worship

#### First United Methodist Church

Corner of Washington & Holmes  
 Bronte  
 (325) 473-3281  
 Rev. Everette Boyce, 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

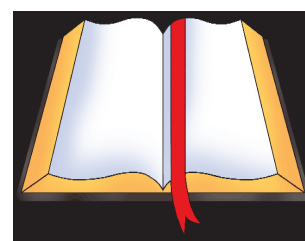
#### 4C Cowboy Church

Texas Theater, Downtown Bronte  
 Pastor James Brunson  
 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  
[www.pecanbaptistchurchrl.com](http://www.pecanbaptistchurchrl.com)  
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship



### Robert Lee

#### Bible Baptist Church

PO Box 938 • 9th & Austin  
 Robert Lee, John Fiore, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School, 11 am  
 Worship, Wed 5:30 pm Bible Study

#### Emmanuel Pentecostal

PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy  
 Pastor Kevin Millstid 453-2360  
 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, (806) 543-2118 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  
 Danny White, 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 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

## Russell Davis

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