

virtual public meeting or in-person option, please contact Pamela Stark, San Angelo District, at (325)947-9323 no later than 4 p.m. CT, May 6, 2022. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for the TxDOT to arrange.

**Benefit event slated for May 28**

A benefit event for Melinda McCutchen, who is currently undergoing treatment for cancer, will be held on Saturday, May 28, 2022. The event will be held at The Ranch in Coke County, from 3 pm until 11 pm, and will include live music by Wyatt Bosworth, Kramer LaBarge, and

Backroads West. Other activities include cornhole and washer tournaments, BBQ plates, and a silent auction. A one hour helicopter hog hunt will be live auctioned at the event as well.

Raffle tickets are also being sold for a chance to win either a Smith & Wesson SW9VE 9mm pistol, Remington 700 243 rifle, and a Remington 700 50 cal. muzzleloader. Tickets may be purchased in Robert Lee at the Coke County Sheriff's Office and Coke County Feed and Ranch Supply and in Bronte at the office of the Coke County Justice of the Peace and Bronte Guns and Tackle.

Benefit accounts for Melinda have also been set up at Robert Lee State Bank and First National Bank in Bronte.

For more information on the event or to donate, contact Shaunna Grantham at (325) 895-1723.

**WCCHD meeting set for May 26**

The West Coke County Hospital District Board will meet on Thursday, May 26, at 9:30 am. The meeting will be held at the WCCHD Board Room, located at 722 Washington in Robert Lee.

**Touch a Truck to be held June 8**

The Coke County Library will be hosting a 'Touch a Truck' event on Wednesday, June 8, at 11 am. Kids of all ages are welcome to come see and experience the sights and sounds of local emergency, utility, and construction vehicles.



**Ribbon Cutting!** A ribbon cutting was held on Saturday, April 30, for the Polar Station, located at the intersection of Highways 208 and 158 in Robert Lee. The operators of the Polar Station are Mark and Jessica Halfmann, pictured here with their children.



**April 2022**

The Coke County Sheriff's Office answered 516 calls for the month of April 2022.

Sheriff's Information Report - 6

Criminal Trespass - 1

Criminal Trespass Warnings - 2

Theft - 5

Burglary - 1

Driving While Intoxicated - 1

Assault Family Violence - 2

Credit Card Abuse - 1

Unattended Death - 1

Public Service (includes funerals, court, motorist assist, alarm calls, etc) - 327

Civil Process - 0

Case Reports - 20

Prisoner Transport (includes arrest and to and from court) - 5

Livestock Calls - 22

Accidents - 22

Accident Assist - 2

Blue Forms Issued - 0

Traffic Stops - 93

Traffic Stops Resulting in Citations - 43

Total inmates in jail as of May 6, 2022:

Males - 3

Females - 1



**Membership**

By James M. Decker

What does it mean to be a member of a group?

We can be members of something formal - churches, community organizations, or groups associated with a certain trade or hobby. We can be members of informal associations, like fans of a sports team. Sometimes, these memberships have specific requirements, like annual dues or membership meetings. Other memberships require only our allegiance. These memberships are largely voluntary. Other memberships are less voluntary. We are born or adopted into a family. We become members of other family via marriage.

Members can impact a group for both good and bad. We invest our time, talent, and/or treasure into making the group better. We serve in a leadership role. We show up to meetings but do very little to improve the group. We act like a fool and bring shame upon the group.

What if we were members of

a group, whether we knew it or not, whether we like or not, and with no ability to decline membership?

I remember a controversy in my childhood involving legendary basketball player Charles Barkley. In 1993, Barkley vowed in a Nike advertisement, "I am not a role model." His full opinion on the matter was slightly more nuanced. He observed that parents should not blame him for their child's behavior, because it was his job to play basketball and their job to raise their children. Even so, Barkley ignited quite a debate about role models. He was a famous, popular athlete and our society has long prized athletes

and other entertainers and placed them on a pedestal of celebrity. Barkley was going to be viewed as a role model, good or bad, whether he liked it or not. He did not want to be a role model, but his position in society rendered that desire moot.

We generally recognize that

high-profile people - celebrities, politicians, and the like - influence the world. Like Barkley, they are role models. People learn from them, good and bad. They make policy decisions or invest money in ways that impact the world and each of us.

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# Grand Opening

## May 14th

### 10a - 2p

#### Thankful Ladies Boutique

121 W Main St, Bronte

## BRONTE SENIOR CLASS OF 2022

The First National Bank in Bronte has opened an account for the Bronte ISD Graduating Class of 2022.

If you would like to make a monetary gift to any of the Seniors, You can take it to the bank. A check will be given to each Senior along with a list of who contributed to them.

*Thank You for your generosity. We are thankful to be part of this amazing community.*

## May 7, 2022, Local Election Results

### Bronte ISD School Board

**Scott Snyder - 126\***

**Josh Schoenfield - 106\***

**David McWright - 41**

*(2 Seats Available)*

<b>Proposition 1</b>	<b>Proposition 2</b>
<b>For - 194</b>	<b>For - 203</b>
<b>Against - 27</b>	<b>Against 23</b>