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Obituaries



Minikheim

Brenda Louise Minikheim, 77, was born on October 14, 1943, in Robert Lee, Texas, to Jesse Martin Casey and Annie Rebecca Bessent. Brenda passed away on Saturday, May 1, 2021.

Brenda was one of a kind and an amazing storyteller. She loved her big family. Anyone she ever came in contact with was never a stranger to her. She was the most gentle person and very kind, which carried a sweetness in the tone of her voice that you could feel and hear. She loved taking care of

plants and animals. Brenda enjoyed cooking and making delicious meals for her family and friends. There was always a good home remedy for anything that ailed you also, patient and caring for many. She loved her family from far and wide. She was an amazing wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. Her eyes always shined with loving smiles when she spoke of them. She will be greatly missed by many.

She is preceded in death by her mother and father; brother, (Elmer) William E. Casey; sisters, Dorothy Calder, Tommie Sue McDaniel; and stepdaughter, Renee Minikheim.

She is survived by her husband, Edwin (Butch) Minikheim; brother, Frank Casey; daughters, Angela Mueller, Deanna Contreras and husband Chris; stepsons, Mark Minikheim and Sean Minikheim; stepdaughter, Robin Shaw; grandsons, Chris Ponce, Jesus Ponce III, John Del Real, Brendan Contreras, Scott Minikheim, Seth Minikheim; granddaughters, Seana Arrechaga, Cassie Minikheim, Autumn Jock, Summer Jock, Olivia Minikheim; and 5 great-grandchildren.

There will be no services at this time.

Online condolences can be made at www.shafferpioneer.com.
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held Tuesday, August 3, at Mountain Creek Golf Course in Robert Lee. The 9 hole scramble will begin with a 6 pm shotgun start. Watch out for registration information to come. Proceeds from the event benefit the Robert Lee Junior High cheerleaders.

RL Mini Cheer Camp slated

Robert Lee ISD will hold their Mini Cheer Camp August 2 - 6, 2021, from 9 am until 11 am in the RLHS Old Gym. The 2021-2022 Robert Lee High School Cheerleaders will teach cheers, chants, and sideline cheers to children in grades Pre-K through 6th grade (for the 2021-2022 year). Those attending camp will get to perform at one high school pep rally and five minutes at home football game.

For more information visit www.rlisd.net or email Kacee Sellers at kacee.sellers@rlisd.net.

Food Handlers Class available on request

The "Texas Food Establishment Rules (TFER)" now requires all food employees to complete an accredited food handler training program within 60 days of employment.

A food handlers course accredited by the Texas Department of State Health Services is being offered by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Coke County Extension Office. Food Safety: It's In Your Hands is available upon request.

This 1-2-hour course will now be required for all food service employees to help promote the service of safe food. The certificate is good for 2 years and is valid anywhere in the State of Texas. The course is a basic overview of food safety practices that are necessary to ensure that safe food is served at your establishment. Practices discussed include good personal hygiene, cross contamination, and time and temperature abuse.

To register for the course, call the Coke County Extension office at 325-453-2461. Registration can also be done in-person the day of the course. The cost is \$20.00 per person and must be paid in full before the course begins. The class is taught in English, but Spanish

handouts are available if requested in advance.

Individual with disabilities who require auxiliary aide service or accommodation to participate in the event are encouraged to contact our office within 5 working days prior to the program. Educational programs of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, national origin or genetic information or veteran status.



The Trouble With Toughness

By James M. Decker

May is Mental Health Awareness Month in America, so I would be remiss not to devote one of this week's essays to my recurring thoughts on mental health in rural America. In this space, I have previously mentioned my friend Shannon Ferrell. He's a professor at Oklahoma State University and a nationally renowned farm and

ranch estate and succession planning, which means he's also a leading expert in the complicated intergenerational feelings and emotions of rural America.

Drovers Magazine (one of America's leading livestock publications) recently published a powerful article by Jennifer Shike entitled "Toxic Grit: Is Our Greatest Strength Our Greatest Weakness on the Farm?" This article featured the wisdom of Professor Ferrell which he recently shared in an online seminar with agriculture producers. Shike opens with the phrase, "suck it up, buttercup," a familiar instruction to be tough, resilient, and self-reliant. Professor Ferrell points out that this mentality is not inherently bad. Independence helps us in many aspects of life, but he notes that this mindset can also teach us to be inward-facing. I have heard him say to crowds, "we in rural America are not good at talking about our feelings." Professor Ferrell says when we struggle, there's a stigma against talking about our feelings. We do not want to be judged or misunderstood, so we suffer in silence.

Professor Ferrell points out that agriculture is particularly stressful. The work is often physically demanding and regularly requires interaction with dangerous equipment and animals. Many outcomes are

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
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

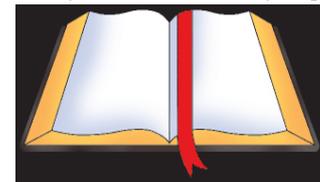
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Bible Baptist Church

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

Robert Lee Cowboy Church

James Brunson, Pastor
(469) 834-3932
10:30 am Sunday • Robert Lee Rec Hall

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

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

UPCOMINGS!

Friends of the RLCC to meet May 24

The May meeting of the Friends of the Robert Lee Care Center will be held Monday, May 24, at 10 am, at 10 West 15th in Robert Lee. This will be the last meeting before summer break. It is not too late to come check the group out and be ready to participate in activities when they resume meeting in September.

RL4Restoration meeting slated for May 25

RL4Restoration will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 25, at 6 pm in the Family Life Center at First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee. The group will discuss progress for park

fundraising and plans for the park. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Golf tournament set for August 3

The third annual Parent/Child Golf Tournament will be

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