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Obituaries



Caudle

Neva Sue Moore Caudle, 78, of Brownwood, formally of Bronte, went to be with her Lord and Savior Monday evening, June 4, 2018. Visitation was held all day Thursday, June 7, 2018 at Shaffer Funeral Home in Bronte with family present from 6 pm until 8 pm. A celebration of life was held at 10 am, Friday, June 8, 2018, at First Baptist Church of Bronte. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Sue was born October 12, 1939, in Putnam, Texas, to F. D. and Ruth (Wink) Moore. She attended and graduated from Cisco Junior College where she played basketball. Sue met J. W. Caudle in 1958 and they were married June 6, 1959. They lived in Ballinger before settling in Bronte where they lived for 53 years.

Sue was a longtime member of First Baptist Church of Bronte where she was very active. She was a member of the Red Hat Society and an avid golfer.

Sue is survived by her son, David Caudle and wife Jannette of Early; granddaughters, Angela Urban and Michael of Fort Benning, Georgia, and Lindsey Caudle of San Angelo; three great-grandsons, Cannon, Case, and Pierce; brother, Ernest Moore of Brownwood; sisters, Faye Emmons of San Diego, California, and Louise Gonce of Lawton, Oklahoma.

Sue was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, J. W.; daughter, Glenda Caudle; and brother, Clovis Moore. Online condolences may be made at www.shafferpioneer.com. 49-1tc

United Way to award Venture Grants

The United Way of the Concho Valley announced that venture grants will be awarded to fund qualifying projects in the 14 counties that comprise the Concho Valley, which includes Coke County.

A venture grant is a small, non-recurring grant designed to fund local projects of non-profit organizations that have a 501(c)(3) IRS tax status. Grant requests may not exceed \$5,000. To obtain a 2018 United Way of the Concho Valley Venture Grant application form or for more information, please contact Robyn Flores at the United Way office at (325) 949-3716. Applications for project grants must be submitted by 4 pm, Friday, June 29, 2018.

The Power of a Table

by James M. Decker

The surprising recent death of Anthony Bourdain brought a couple of topics into focus for me that I feel called to write about today. A celebrity chef, author, television host, and adventurer, Bourdain traveled the world finding the best of food, drink, and people in places that most Americans never get to visit. He seemingly had a dream life, until his troubles overtook him. His passing is a stark reminder that anyone can have struggles, no matter how magical their life seems to be. If a man who got to travel the world eating, drinking,



Art Gallery! The Robert Lee Senior Citizens Center "Lunch Bunch" visits in their art gallery. The group includes (from left to right) Kathleen Wright, Brenda Ellis, Joan Cantrell, Susan Milligan, Joyce Roach, and Rachel McAdoo.

and meeting interesting people still struggled with his life, there's no shame in "regular" folks like us having our own struggles.

That's my hope and prayer for anyone who reads this. If you are struggling in life, whether a passing dark cloud or prolonged difficulties, don't be afraid, ashamed, or hesitant to tell someone. Talk to a friend, family member, or trusted professional, or if you are hesitant to do that, talk to me. On the flip side, don't be hesitant to reach out to others and ask how they're doing. Check on them. Send them an uplifting message. Be a friend. Life can be hard and there's nothing wrong with admitting that. We're all in this life together and we're all going to stumble in the race here and there. When we're able to do so, we should look to help that brother or sister who is stumbling and pick them up until they can get back to running on their own.

Anthony Bourdain had a vision of food that is on my mind and opens up something I want to discuss in more detail next week. *Men's Journal* wrote that Bourdain's career showed the unifying power of food - "how a

shared meal can break barriers, challenge assumptions, and build bridges." Bourdain himself told National Public Radio that the best way for people to understand each other is over a meal. He said, "if you sit down with people and just say, 'hey, what makes you happy? What's your life like? What do you like to eat?' More often than not, they will tell you extraordinary things, many of which have nothing to do with food."

That unifying power of food is on my mind today. Anthony Bourdain showed it on a worldwide level, but how powerful can it be in our local communities? If we're honest, unless we're Mayberry (spoiler alert, we're not), then each of our communities has some form of division to overcome.

Whether reckoning with a segregated past or dealing with recent political tensions, there are bridges to cross in our communities. Crossing these bridges will bring together our people into a single unifying purpose, our most important purpose in 2018, growing our community for a prosperous rural future.

More on this topic is coming in the future, but in the meantime, I leave you with this thought: maybe sharing a meal is the way we bring our communities together as one.

James Decker is a lawyer, farmer, and mayor 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](https://www.facebook.com/james.decker).

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
 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. 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
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship

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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 Bel
 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

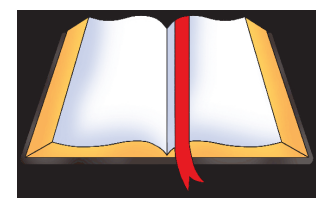
Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
 601 W. 10th, Robert Lee
 (325) 365-2687
 Rev. Yesu Mulakaleti, Pastor
 Saturday Vigil Mass 5 pm

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

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





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