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Vacation Bible School set for RLBC

Robert Lee Baptist Church will hold Vacation Bible School July 9 through July 13, from 5:30 pm until 8:30 pm. Children going in to Pre-K through 6th grade are invited to attend. A pool party will complete the week on July

For more information, contact Robert Lee Baptist Church at 453-2724.

Ladies Retreat slated for August 4

Robert Lee Baptist Church will host a Ladies Retreat on Saturday, August 4, from 10 am until 2:15 pm. Whitehurst will be the speaker, with Tammy Aten as the worship leader.

Water Aerobics to be held

Ladies water aerobics will be held each Monday and Thursday at the Bronte Pool, beginning at 6:15 pm.

Sparks Becoming Wildfires

by James M. Decker If you've seen the national political news this past week, you're probably exhausted, annoyed, and frustrated. Our news has been consumed by incivility, ugly behavior, petty wars of words, and a general lack of leadership servanthood. This soap opera is fueled by 24 hour cable news and social media, which keep us in a constant frenzy in the name of ratings, revenue, and clicks.

If you're tired of that, let me tell you about the news in Stamford this past week. Don't get me wrong, we've got our share of struggles and issues, but three developments stand out. First, an anonymous business owner offered to underwrite free admission to the city pool for the remainder of the summer, so that a cornerstone recreational opportunity in the community is accessible to everyone, as often as desired, regardless of financial limitation. Then, after news of a hospital layoff, our local bakery offered free sweet treats to any employees affected by the news. Finally, one of our churches announced a new summer program offering a weekly lunch at the city park to all school-aged children, free of charge, for the rest of the summer. Different people, stepping up in their own ways, with one goal: to improve

their community. When I compare discouraging

national news to inspiring local news, I think about America's history. Our most powerful changes have risen from the bottom up. They were rarely issued from the top down. America wasn't founded by a benevolent leader who kindly granted liberty to the people. America was founded by regular community leaders who threw off the voke of a tyrannical monarch and created a new environment that fostered life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. segregated America wasn't integrated by a government that eventually realized the error of its ways. Segregation was ended by the passion and energy of local community leaders who saw that right was right and refused to accept anything less, pressuring a recalcitrant government and a reluctant society, facing down death and danger until their movement finally sparked a wildfire of change across the

It's easy to be despondent about our country today: we seem polarized, divided, and unwilling to work together. Don't be. Instead, think about the tough times of our country's past, which are too numerous to list in this essay. New leaders have always risen to the challenges of their era. The people rarely waited on top-down government to save the day. Instead the people and new leaders sought out better days and better ways, and bent the government and society to their

Don't let the national story be the story of our collective future. I am heartened by the leaders rising up in Stamford - people putting their own stamp on a better future for the community through business, philanthropy, public service, and ministry. I pray that this spark turns into a wildfire that sweeps through our town and spreads elsewhere. We need not wait on Washington or Austin to fix our society. With a wildfire of community leaders across the country seeking better days and better ways for their place, we'll be the ones who do the fixing.

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

RLISD Board Meeting minutes told

The Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees met on May 16, 2018, at 5 pm in Robert Lee ISD Conference Room 119.

Members present included Wes Washam, Jeffie Roberts, Beverly Sinclair, George Grim, Erin Oleksiuk, and Tom Sawyer.

Irma Torres was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 5 pm by President Wes Washam and a quorum was established.

The invocation was given by Erin Oleksiuk and the pledge was recited.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of April 17, 2018, and was seconded by George Grim. All were for.

Beverly Sinclair made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented by Robin Allen and to approve the bills. She was seconded by Tom Sawyer. All were for.

The Conflict of Interest Disclosure was signed by the

Elected Board Members were sworn in by Robin Allen. They included Wes Washam, George

Grim, and Tom Sawyer.

Erin Oleksiuk made a motion to keep Wes Washam as President, Tom Sawyer as Vice President and Jeffie Roberts as Secretary. The motion was seconded by George Grim and all were for.

David O'Dell gave the principals report; enrollment for grades 7-12 was 102 and attendance rate was 96.6% for the month of April. McCown gave the principals report for elementary; enrollment was 174 students and 95.0% attendance rate.

Supt. Hood recommended signing the Interlocal Agreement with Concho Valley Council of Governments Head Program. Erin Olekisuk made the motion to approve recommendation and seconded by Tom Sawyer. All were for.

The Breakfast and Lunch Prices were tabled until June meeting.

Supt. Hood recommended the 2018-2019 TREA Services Program as presented. George Grim made the motion to approve the recommendation and was seconded by Beverly Sinclair. All were for.

Supt. Hood recommended to

sign the Resolution to Consider Alternative Graduation Requirements and to adopt EIF Regulation as presented. Jeffie Roberts made the motion to approve the recommendation and was seconded by Tom Sawyer. All were for.

Supt. Hood gave his respective report on enrollment numbers, update on budget process, facilities update, graduation, and the the board signed the diplomas. Supt. Hood presented information on a possible May 2019 Bond Issue.

Supt. Hood read resignation letter from Brett Glaze, effective May 25, 2018. Erin Oleksiuk made a motion to approve the resignation and was seconded by Jeffie Roberts. All were for.

Supt. Hood read resignation letter from Susan White, effective May 25, 2018. Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve the resignation with regrets and was seconded by Beverly Sinclair. All were for.

The next regular board meeting will be Thursday, June 21, 2018, at 12 pm.

Tom Sawyer made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Jeffie Roberts. The meeting was adjourned at 5:51 pm.

Robert Lee

Bible Baptist Church

PO Box 938 • 9th & Austin

Sun. 10 am Sunday School, 11 am

Robert Lee, John Fiore, Pastor

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, Dowtown 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



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

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

11 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 6 pm, Worship

(325) 365-2687 Rev. Yesu Mulakaleti, Pastor Saturday Vigil Mass 5 pm **Robert Lee Baptist Church** PO Box 493 •22 W. 11th

601 W. 10th, Robert Lee

(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

Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship

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