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## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,  
 On June 30th, I will retire from a career in access of 25 years holding an EMS Certification, 20 of which has been as a Paramedic.

There have been a lot of good times and a few real bad days. I have worked for and with some amazing people. With that being said I have also worked with and for some real jerks.

I have watched life begin and with regret I have watched life end. I have held and tried to help babies and little children and with all the trying and using everything I knew, watched that precious little life leave. Then I think about the little ones that look in your eyes pleading for help and by the grace of God you bring them back from the edge. To later have them run up to you in a department store, hug you and thank you.

I have held the hand of an elderly patient as they have taken their last breath and have fought the "Grim Reaper" with every breath in me to bring back life, sometimes in triumph but most times in failure.

I have been supervisor in charge of 2 Ambulances and have been responsible for 7 Ambulances and crews. Dispatched 911. Listened to a mother crying for an Ambulance as she watched her son die of a drug overdose. Knowing the Ambulance is on the way but will it get there in time.

This may sound like the ramblings of an old man, well not really. I want to give the new people starting on the EMS journey a little in site of what you could expect.

Some of the people you come across will make an impression on you that will last a life time. Then some of them, you will think there needs to be more bleach added to that gene pool.

I taught EMS for a junior college in Waco, seeing the young faces eager to learn and seeing the disappointment when you tell them that they won't be a super hero every time they go to work. The students laugh and laugh when you tell them that EMS stands for Earn Money Sleeping. They will learn.

That being said, stand by your local EMS. Demand that they be the best that they can be. I have heard and read a few things that have been said locally that are not true. Be

## Engagement Announced!

Scot and Shelli Long of Sterling City, are proud to announce the engagement of their son, Mason Quade Long, to Ashley Nicole Doss, daughter of Rick and Cindy Doss of Grape Creek.

The future groom is a graduate of Angelo State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in AgriBusiness. He is currently employed at The First National Bank of Mertzon as a Credit Analyst.

The future bride is a graduate of Angelo State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. She will be employed by SAISD teaching at Bowie Elementary.

The ceremony will be held June 4, 2016 in San Angelo, Texas. The couple plans to reside in San Angelo following the wedding.



ready for the record to be set straight. I will step on toes now and in the future

## Free Online Program Helps Farmers and Ranchers with Conservation Efforts

As bad weather continues to hit large areas of Texas, the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) wants to remind farmers, ranchers and others about the ease and convenience of using the agency's online Conservation Client Gateway to work with NRCS personnel and local field offices.

"The Conservation Client Gateway web based tool came about because the Natural Resources Conservation Service saw an opportunity using web based technology to be able to expand its

client base and not only that, but to facilitate opportunities for our clients and non NRCS clients to have easier access to NRCS services and programs," says Salvador Salinas, Texas NRCS state conservationist.

For farmers and ranchers who do not live close to their local NRCS office, the Conservation Client Gateway offers numerous benefits. For instance, producers can go online and see all their NRCS contracts. They can also digitally sign their contracts online through the secure Conservation Client Gateway website. And, technical assistance from an NRCS employee is just a click away 24 hours a day, seven days a week online.

Rick Castello of Fayette County  
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## Area Churches Invite You to Worship

**Bronte**  
**Bronte Church of Christ**  
 PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson • Bronte  
 (325) 473-3291

Preacher John V. Driggers  
 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 & 6 pm Worship  
 Wed. 6 pm

**First Baptist Church**  
 424 S. Washington • Bronte  
 (325) 473-2331

Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,  
 10:55 am Worship,  
 5 pm Worship  
 6 pm Youth

Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting  
**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. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor  
 Sun. 5 pm

### Coke County

**Pecan Baptist**  
 PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of  
 Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy  
 (325) 453-2065, Bill Hood, Minister  
 www.pecanbaptist.org  
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship

### Robert Lee

**Bible Baptist Church**  
 PO Box 938 • 9th & Austin  
 Robert Lee, Joe Hodges, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School,  
 11 am & 6 pm Worship,

**Emmanuel Pentecostal**  
 PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy  
 Pastor Tim Wood (325) 453-2360  
 Sundays 2 pm, Thursdays 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  
 Jordan Arnold, 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

### Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church

601 W. 10th, Robert Lee  
 (325) 365-2687  
 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor  
 Sat. 6 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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**Come As You Are**

Sunday Mornings • 10 am  
 Table Time • Tuesday evening

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 Downtown Bronte • Across from Grocery Store  
 Russ Frasier, Preacher