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## Death Notices

### Garza

Hortencia T. Garza, 94, of Robert Lee, Texas, passed away peacefully September 1, 2020, at the Robert Lee Care Center.

Hortencia is survived by four children, Paula Jasso (Daniel), of Robert Lee; Lucia Ziegenhorn (Douglas), of Stafford, Virginia; Alicia Garza, of Robert Lee; and Esteban Garza, of Robert Lee.

She is also survived by several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Preceding Hortencia in death were her loving husband, Conrado; five children, Joe, Bertha, Julia (Christina), Conrado Jr. (Corny), and Raymond; and grandchildren, Patti Garza and Daniel Jasso Jr.

Respecting the health and safety of family and friends, a private burial was held on Saturday, September 5, 2020, in Robert Lee. However, once the coronavirus pandemic is no longer a threat, a "Celebration of Life" mass and reception for Hortencia will be planned and announced to honor this beautiful and loving woman.

Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

economy has changed drastically, but the underlying point is the same - the true prosperity and welfare of American society depends on the prosperity and welfare of the working men and women who make the society go. This was something of a controversial take in Roosevelt's era. To put it charitably, the robber barons were not known for valuing the working people or treating them as integral to American prosperity. Roosevelt knew better. He said, "it can not be too often repeated that in this country, in the long run, we all of us tend to go up or go down together. If the average of well-being is high, it means that the average wage-worker, the average farmer, and the average business man are all alike well off. If the average shrinks, there is not one of these classes which will not feel the shrinkage."

Roosevelt summed it thusly in his speech: "the welfare of each of us is dependent fundamentally upon the welfare of all of us." He placed paramount importance on electing men and women who would seek "to do good to each by doing good to all," who would represent not a single class's selfish interests, but all classes and interests.

Labor Day arose in the 1880s as a day set aside by trade unions to honor the working classes. In 1887, Oregon became the first state to recognize it as an official holiday and in 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed into law an act making Labor Day a federal holiday. Today, we honor the working men and women who are integral to the welfare and

prosperity of America as a whole. May we never forget that. May we remember that the welfare of each of us is dependent on the welfare of all of us, and endeavor to make that our reality.

James Decker is a lawyer, farmer, and mayor in Stamford, Texas, and the creator of the forthcoming "West of 98" 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 held a regular meeting on Thursday, August 20, 2020, at 5 pm.

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

Members absent were Beverly Sinclair, and Irma Torres.

At 5 pm, the meeting was called to order by President Washam with a quorum of members present.

The invocation and pledge was led by Erin Oleksiuk.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of July 20, 2020, and was seconded by Tom Sawyer. All were for.

Erin Oleksiuk made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented by Robin Allen and to approve the bills. She was seconded by Jeffie Roberts. All were for.

Principal McCown gave the elementary report and Supt. Hood gave the high school

report.

Supt. Hood recommended to approve the Order of Election for November 3, 2020. Erin Oleksiuk made the motion to approve the order and was seconded by Tom Sawyer. All were for.

Supt. Hood recommended to approve Flexible Benefits Plan Resolution Amendment for Cares Act Eligible Over the Counter Expenses. Tom Sawyer made the motion to approve the recommendation. He was seconded by George Grim. All were for.

Supt. Hood made the recommendation to sign Agreement Amendment No. 1 with Aviator Wind, LLC. Tom Sawyer moved to approve Agreement Amendment No. 1 with Aviator Wind, LLC, as recommended by counsel and the District's consultants. The motion was seconded by Erin Oleksiuk. All were for.

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## The Welfare of All of Us

by James M. Decker

September 7 is Labor Day in 2020. September 7 also happened to be Labor Day in 1903. On that day, President Theodore Roosevelt gave a speech at the New York State Fair in Syracuse, New York. Roosevelt was born into wealth and privilege in Manhattan, the scion of an upper class Dutch-American family. Despite that upbringing, Roosevelt spent his political career fighting for the rights and dignity of the common American, whom he identified with much more than the industrialists and robber barons who populated his social class in turn-of-the-century Manhattan.

On that day in 1903, President Roosevelt extolled the importance of the working man to American prosperity, describing the importance of the "tiller of the soil" and the "wageworker." These workers constituted the majority of the people and he opined that the welfare of the entire State depended on the welfare of these classes. He said "if circumstances are such that thrift, energy, industry, and forethought enable the farmer, the tiller of the soil, on the one

hand, and the wageworker, on the other, to keep themselves, their wives, and their children in reasonable comfort, then the State is well off, and we can be assured that the other classes in the community will likewise prosper. On the other hand, if there is in the long run a lack of prosperity among the two classes named, then all other prosperity is sure to be more seeming than real."

It has been 117 years since Roosevelt's speech. The nature of jobs in the American

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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
- Forgiven Ministries**  
117 W. Main, Bronte  
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  
Interim Pastor Robert Lemmond  
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
- Robert Lee**
- 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
- 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  
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

