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UPCOMINGS!

4-H Awards Banquet slated for October 6

The Coke County 4-H Awards Banquet will be on Sunday, October 6, 2019, at 6 pm at the First United Methodist Church Family Life Center in Robert Lee. The meal is potluck so please bring a side dish. Come help us celebrate and recognize our hardworking Coke County 4-H'ers!

Robert Lee to join cities nationwide for 'America's Night Out Against Crime'

On Tuesday, October 1, 2019, neighborhoods throughout Robert Lee are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the "36th Annual National Night Out" (NNO) crime and drug prevention event. National Night Out, which is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) and co-sponsored locally by the Robert Lee Community Watch, will involve over 16,790 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world. In all, over 38.6 million people are expected to participate in 'America's Night Out Against Crime'. NNO 2019 corporate sponsors are Ring, Associa, AT&T, Academy Sports and Outdoors, A&W, Dietz & Watson and Renewal by Anderson.

National Night Out is designed to: (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts; (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

From 6 pm to 8 pm on October 1, residents in neighborhoods throughout Robert Lee and across the nation, are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police. Many neighborhoods will be hosting a variety of special events such as block parties, cookouts, parades, visits from police, flashlight walks, contests, youth activities, and anticrime

rallies.

National Project Coordinator Matt Peskin said, "This is a night for America to stand together to promote awareness, safety and neighborhood unity. National Night Out showcases the vital importance of police-community partnerships and citizen involvement in our fight to build a safer nation. On NNO, we invite neighborhoods to join in *Giving Crime & Drugs a Going Away Party.*"

The Coke County Commissioners Court and County Judge proclaimed October 1, 2019, as National Night Out in Coke County and urge citizens to support the event.

The Robert Lee Community Watch encourages you to come have a "Picnic in the Park" on our 2nd National Night Out in Robert Lee. They will be cooking hot dogs for you. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets, have a hot dog, visit with your neighbors, and get to know your sheriff, deputies, constable, DPS officer, Game Warden, Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department and EMS. The RL4Restoration Foundation will be serving coke floats or hot chocolate, depending on the weather.

For more information, contact Shaunna Grantham at 895-1723.

CCRTA meeting held

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association met on Monday, September 16, at the First Baptist Church in Bronte for the monthly pot luck lunch and business meeting. President Kelso asked members to review their information in the yearbook and if changes were needed, contact Wanda Butler, who volunteers to compile and distribute the yearbook. Ann Hamilton described phone scams and email scams to watch for.

Teacher Retirement System health care information meetings will be held across the state. An Abilene session will be held on October 2. Contact

trs.org for agenda. In connection, it was pointed out that a home-health scam was on line, as well as likely Medicare scams. The Fall Conference of TRTA District XV will be held in Brady on October 10. Members are urged to attend. Information and agenda is on trta.org, drop-down District XV. Let the president know if interested.

The president of District XV, Janet Petronis, will be at the next meeting of the CCRTA which will be held on Monday, October 21, at the First Baptist Church in Bronte. The regular meeting includes pot luck lunch at 12 noon, fellowship, and a short business meeting. All active and retired public school personnel are encouraged to attend.

to come that day, but it did. All we can do is live our life the right way, with the right priorities, every day, so that when it IS our time, we're ready. James 4:13-17 gives us some good advice in that regard:

Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil. If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.

I'm speaking as the world's worst procrastinator. I've got a LOT of things that I'm going to get done tomorrow. Sadly, plenty of tomorrows have passed for some of those items and I still haven't finished them. But the truth is, we really don't know if tomorrow is coming. Like the audience for James' words, we carry on and make plans for tomorrow, taking for granted that tomorrow will come. But what if it doesn't? Some day, it surely won't, because death is the only guarantee in life. We can prepare for it coming in the natural course of life. But what about when it comes unexpectedly?

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Tomorrow and Today

by James M. Decker

I'm writing this essay on September 11, 2019, so I'd feel a little off to write about something other than my feelings on the anniversary of the 9-11 attacks on America. A couple of weeks back, I wrote an essay called "Priorities," centered around Andrew Luck's sudden retirement from the NFL at age 29. I've been blown away by the feedback on that essay. It seemed to strike a nerve with people from all ages and walks of life. That was heartening to me, to see people truly care about the right priorities in their life and to be encouraged when others take a stand for their own priorities. Whether he intended to or not, Andrew Luck likely has inspired a lot of other folks to reflect on the priorities in their own lives.

When I think about 9/11, I

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 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
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

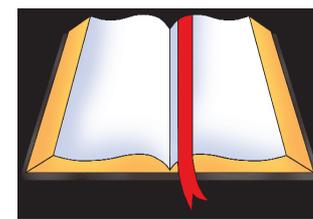
4C Cowboy Church

Texas Theater, Downtown Bronte
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
Robert Lee
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 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

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
Chris Walls, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship

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

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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