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## Obituaries



**Fields**

Norma Dale Cowley Stephenson Fields passed away on September 1, 2012. She was born January 12, 1924, on the family farm in the Valley View Community

near Robert Lee, Texas. Dale graduated from Robert Lee High School in 1941. Dale and Elbert Stephenson of Bronte, Texas, were married in 1943. 1st Lt. Stephenson's B26 bomber was shot down and lost over Italy in 1944. Dale married Albert N. (Bob) Fields in 1947 and they were devoted to each other for 44 years.

Dale enjoyed working at Robert Lee State Bank for many years. She was an active member of the 64 Study Club and a longtime member and dedicated volunteer at the Robert Lee Baptist Church. One special interest of her life was dancing. She was a talented dancer and loved going to the senior country western dances around the San Angelo area. Dale met many good friends and enjoyed many wonderful times on the dance floor.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lem and Lillie Casey Cowley. Also two husbands, Elbert Stephenson and Bob Fields and brothers, Franklin, Jack, and Hardy Ray (infant) and sisters, Flora Smith, Cova Sparks, Clema Rampy, and Katy Doris (infant) preceded her. Survivors include two sons, Albert Dale Fields and wife Lois of Heath, Texas; James Cowley Fields and wife Peggy of Arlington, Texas; one granddaughter Kelly Fields of Tuscola, Texas; two grandsons, Brad Fields of Heath, Texas, and Casey Fields of Ft. Worth, Texas; numerous nieces and nephews; and one very special friend, Jack Brownfield of San Angelo, Texas.

Visitation was Monday, September 3, 2012, at the funeral home with the family present from 6 pm to 8 pm. Funeral services were held at 10 am Tuesday, September 4, 2012, at the Robert Lee Baptist Church with burial following in the Robert Lee Cemetery. Reverend Danny White officiated. Pallbearers were Clay Allen, Donnie Devoll, Marshall Millican, Stephen Myers, Joel Percifull, and Wes Washam. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Robert Lee Baptist Church or the charity of your choice. The family would especially

like to thank the staff of the Baptist Memorial Rehabilitation Center for their wonderful care and concern.

"Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass. It is about learning to dance in the rain."

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## Death Notices

### Hale

John Carroll Hale, Jr., passed away on Thursday, August 23, 2012, at his residence in Garland, Texas. Burial was in the Robert Lee Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include his daughters, Cindy Hale of Houston and Kim Hale of St. Louis, Missouri; sisters Lena Prather, Della Arms, and Barbara Hale, all of California.

### Shupe

Melba Joyce Shupe, 72, of Las Anima, Colorado, died Saturday, August 25, 2012. Funeral service was held at 2 pm Friday, August 31, 2012, at First Baptist Church in Blackwell, with burial following in Blackwell Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include her children, Pat (Tina) Shupe of Hawley, Texas, Charles (Alice) Shupe of Las Animas, Colorado, Glynn Taylor of Houston, Texas, Randy (Siria) Shupe of San Angelo, George E. Taylor of Las Animas, Colorado, Brenda Gribble of Las Animas, Colorado, Sissy (Gary) Cadle Ft. Worth, Texas; 18 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandson; brothers, Elvin Chew of Abilene, Texas, George Chew of Blackwell, Johnny Chew of Ft. Worth; and sisters, Juanita Belfield, of Amarillo, Texas, and Helen Parker of Winters, Texas.

**"I am in control."**  
**- God**

**Sunday Mornings • 10 am**

**FORGIVEN MINISTRIES**  
 Downtown Bronte • Across from Grocery Store  
 Russ Frasier, Preacher

## Area Churches

### Invite You to Worship

<p><b>Bronte Church of Christ</b>                  PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson • Bronte                  (325) 473-3291                  Preacher John V. Driggers                  Sun. 10 am &amp; 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm</p> <p><b>Central Baptist Church</b>                  324 S. Franklin • Bronte                  (325) 473-4811                  Dale Patterson, Pastor                  Sun. 10 am Sunday School                  11 am &amp; 6 pm Worship                  Wed. 6 pm</p> <p><b>First Baptist Church</b>                  424 S. Washington • Bronte                  (325) 473-2331                  Bro. Corey Cornutt, Pastor                  Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,                  10:55 am Worship,                  5 pm Worship                  6 pm Youth                  Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting</p> <p><b>First United Methodist Church</b>                  Corner of Washington &amp; Holmes                  Bronte                  (325) 473-3281                  Rev. Everette Boyce, Pastor                  Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School                  11:00 am Worship</p> <p><b>Forgiven Ministries</b>                  117 W. Main, Bronte                  Russ Frasier, Pastor                  Sun. 10 am</p> <p><b>St. James Catholic Church</b>                  215 N. Washington, Bronte                  (325) 365-2687                  Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor                  Sun. 5 pm</p>	<p><b>First United Methodist Church</b>                  PO Box 144 • 9th &amp; Chadbourne                  Robert Lee • (325) 453-2417                  Cyndi Weidner, Pastor                  Sun. 10 am Sunday School                  11 am Worship                  5:00 pm Choir Practice</p> <p><b>Iglesia Bautista Bethel</b>                  101 Houston • Robert Lee                  Sun. 10 am • Worship                  11 am &amp; 6 pm • Service                  Wed. 7 pm</p> <p><b>Southside Church of Christ</b>                  PO Box 698 • 8th &amp; Houston                  Robert Lee                  (325) 453-2176                  Jordan Arnold, Preacher                  Sun. 10 am, Sunday School                  11 am &amp; 6 pm, Worship                  Wed. 6 pm, Worship</p> <p><b>Northside Church of Christ</b>                  PO Box 508                  9th &amp; Chadbourne • Robert Lee                  (325) 655-9784 or 453-2685                  Services: Sun. 10 am &amp; 1:30 pm;                  Wed. 6 pm</p> <p><b>Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church</b>                  601 W. 10th, Robert Lee                  (325) 365-2687                  Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor                  Sat. 6 pm</p> <p><b>Robert Lee Baptist Church</b>                  PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th                  (325) 453-2724                  Danny White, Pastor                  Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School                  11 am &amp; 7 pm, Worship                  Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting</p> <p><b>Victory Assembly of God</b>                  PO Box 638                  6th &amp; Houston, Robert Lee                  (325) 453-2208                  Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor                  Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School                  10:45 am &amp; 6 pm, Worship                  Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study</p>
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**Coke County**

**Pecan Baptist**  
 PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy  
 (325) 453-2482  
 www.pecanbaptist.org  
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship

**Robert Lee**

**Emmanuel Pentecostal**  
 PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy  
 Robert Lee  
 (325) 453-2360  
 Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

**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

## Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The EAST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 2.43 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax rate calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on September 17, 2012, at 6:15 PM at 900 S. STATE STREET, BRONTE, TEXAS.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

**FOR: Howard Baker, Everett Bedford, Alonzo Robbins, Mike Arrott,**

**Doris Sims**

**AGAINST:**

**PRESENT** and not voting:

**ABSENT:**

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in EAST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT last year was \$60,841. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.409447 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$249.11.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in EAST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT this year is \$60,177. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.399727 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$240.54.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.409447 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$246.39.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.