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Obituaries



Sparks

Ruthie Mae Sparks, 89, passed away at Bronte Health and Rehab Center on November 14, 2013. She was a Bronte resident, formerly of Blackwell, Texas.

Services were held at 1 pm Monday, November 18, 2013, at Blackwell First Baptist Church. Reverend Daniel Dotson and Reverend James Robertson officiated. Interment followed at Blackwell Cemetery.

Ms. Sparks was born on June 1, 1924, in Blevins, Arkansas. She married John Sparks on June 17, 1944, in Hope, Arkansas. She worked at Finish Line and Dry Manufacturing in Winters. Ruthie worked in Sunflower, Kansas, at ammunitions factory during World War II.

Survivors include two Sons- Frank E. Sparks of Robert Lee, Texas, and John Sparks of Fredericksburg, Texas; Grandchildren- Sylvia Harvey and her husband Shane, of Katy, Texas, Kyle Sparks and his wife Brittney, of Lubbock, Texas, Diane Chapa and her husband Abel, of Fredricksburg, Texas, Tony Sparks and her wife Crista, of Mabanck, Texas, Deborah Edging of Georgia, Adella Edging of Georgia; Great-Grandchildren - Andrew Chapa, Fabian Chapa, Micah Chapa, Kinsley Chapa, Ayden Harvey, Mason Harvey, Tucker Sparks, and T.J. Sparks.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Sparks, on July 2, 1990,



her parents, children, Jerry Sparks and Mary Sparks Edging, and her siblings, Etta West, Cleo West, and

Florine West.

Pallbearers were Lonnie Hill, Bobby Hejl, Al Edwards, Shane Harvey, Kyle Sparks and Tony Sparks.

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Red Hat Society meeting slated

The Red Hat Society will meet at 11 am on Thursday, December 5, at Asian Buffet, located at 3508 Knickerbocker Road in San Angelo's Southwest Shopping Center.

If you wish to carpool or follow someone, be at the Bronte Bank parking lot before 10:10 am. We will leave promptly at 10:10. Come have lunch with us. Each lady pays for her own meal. We always have fun and good fellowship.

Changes noted in Health Services at VA

The West Texas VA Health Care System will no longer provide acute inpatient services at the Big Spring VA Medical Center as a result of declining need. Instead, Veterans who need inpatient care will obtain the care from other VA hospitals or from community health partners. Veterans are encouraged to contact their health care providers

and primary care teams for urgent or emergent care that could require hospitalization.

"We will continue to focus on quality health care to all Veterans within our area, focusing on becoming a rural health model facility with emphasis on outpatient services," said Andrew Welch, interim director of WTVAHCS.

The declining need for inpatient beds is largely attributed to changes in how health care is delivered with greater emphasis on prevention of illnesses and procedures being done on an outpatient basis. Home telehealth programs and additional transportation programs will be expanded to assist Veterans who live great distance from the facility in Big Spring.

Coke County Retired Teachers Association update

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association convened Monday, November 18, 2013. The noon luncheon was held at the First

Baptist Church in Bronte. Bill Hood, First Vice President, presided at the session in the absence of President Gary Smith.

Beth Prather, unit historian, reminded members of the historical importance the CCRTA scrapbook. She asked that those who had not filled out an information sheet to please do so.

Members were reminded to begin gathering volunteer hours and miles logged walking. These numbers are due in January 2014.

CCRTA does not meet in December. The next meeting will be January 20, 2014. On behalf of the unit, Bill Hood extends a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year to all.

Attending the meeting were Cristi Bagwell, Gayle Bolding, Judy Gibbs, Kay Gothard, Paul Gothard, June Gulley, Ann Hamilton, Rhonda Hood, Bill Hood, Merle Kelso, Sug Lawhon, Kathy McCown, Beth Prather, Gerald Sandusky, and Lee Wommack.

Come As You Are

Sunday Mornings • 10 am

Table Time • Tuesday 7 pm

Pot Luck Dinner at 6 pm

Recovery Meetings • Monday 7 pm

FORGIVEN MINISTRIES

Downtown Bronte • Across from Grocery Store

Russ Frasier, Preacher

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
 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

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
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

United Christians Fellowship
 PO Box 938 • Robert Lee Rec Hall
 (325) 453-2468
 Ed Zimmerman, Minister
 Sunday 10 am Sunday School,
 11 am 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

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
 5:00 pm Choir Practice

Iglesia Bautista Betel
 101 Houston • Robert Lee
 Sun. 9:55 am • Sunday School
 11 am • Service & Children's Church

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
 Services: Sun. 10 am

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
 PO Box 638
 6th & Houston, Robert Lee
 (325) 453-2208
 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


Christmas Decorating Contest
 Hosted by Robert Lee's Vision with a Purpose
 Homes \ Businesses \ Organizations
 PRIZES for 1st, 2nd and 3rd
 Entries due by December 13th - Judging December 15th
 For More Information: Cookie Burns @ 763-7263

Christmas Raffle
for 55" Samsung HDTV
Hosted by Robert Lee Vision with a Purpose
Donated by Floyd C. Pettit Insurance
\$2/each or 6 for \$10
Tickets sold at B's Blossoms N Bloom,
Floyd C. Pettit Insurance, Coke County Abstract,
or any VP member.


 Please join us
 for our
Christmas Open House
 Friday, December 6th,
 10 am to 4 pm
B's Blossoms N Bloom
 5 East 6th Street,
 Robert Lee
 (325) 453-2390