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Robert Lee Ribbon Cutting! Cutting the ribbon at the dedication of the new Victory Assembly Youth Center were (from left) Todd Smith, Betty Smith, Pastor Irving Smith, Janie Munoz, Dave Hughes, Curtis Warren, Noel Tinkler, Nancy Wilson, Grace Todacheeny, Darlene Kelly, and Shirley Strakas. These members of the church and Robert Lee's Vision with a Purpose were joined by Christa, Emily, and Gracie McClellan.

Death Notices

Roye

Jesse Ernest Roye, 85, died Monday, April 30, 2012. Visitation was held Thursday, May 3, 2012 at the funeral home. A graveside service was held at 2 pm Friday, May 4, 2012, in Blackwell Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home/Sherwood Way.

Survivors include his wife, Rozelle Vest Roye of San Angelo; son, Jesse E. Roye, Jr. of Dallas; daughter, Janice Anne Roye of Waco; and step daughters, Susan Wilhelm Novak of Kenai, Alaska, and Sherry Wilhelm Wishert of Odessa.

District Retired Teachers meeting slated for June 19

Details are being completed on the Dixtrict XV Texas Retired Regional Meeting.

Brownwood is the location. Tuesday, June 19, is the date. Ten o'clock a.m. is the time. Tim Lee, Executive Director of the Texas Retired Teachers Association is the speaker. The TRTA pension plan future is the subject.

The "Defined Benefit" pension plan was established in 1936 in the Texas State Constitution. Education and educators were deemed important enough to the state to be included in the Constitution. Now, legislators are being encouraged to alter the long-standing plan to a "Define Contruition" which does not include beneficiary coverage, nor health coverage, nor insurance and which runs out when the contribution of the retiree runs out.

Currently there are over 312,000 educational retirees or their beneficiaries in Texas who contribute about 7.2 billion dollars into the Texas economy. Texas teachers opted to pay into a pension plan supported by the

Texas legislators, rather than into Social Security overseen on a federal level.

All active school personnel and retirees are encouraged to mark their calendars for this District XV sponsored meeting in Brownwood, Tuesday, June 19 at 10 a.m. in the Brownwood Coliseum.

Average age of area farmers on the rise

Farmer and ranchers in Texas and in Coke County are getting older.

That has some farmers and agriculture officials concerned about the future.

"As the average age of the American farmer goes up, so does our need to bring more young people into agriculture," said John Ross Copeland, Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau president and local farmer/rancher.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) farm census, aging farmers are the fastest growing segment in agriculture. The age group of 65 and older is increasing- nearly 22 percent between 2002 and 2007.

The Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau is rising to meet that challenge through its sponsorships of Agriculture in the Classroom projects and

sponsoring youth at the Texas Farm Bureau's Youth Leadership Conference held each summer. John Ross Copeland calls that a good start.

"We have to get young people motivated," he said. "Farming and ranching offers a way of life like no other. It's not always easy, but it's always rewarding. We need more young folks to see that."

"Do you know that you are loved?"

- Jesus

**Sunday Mornings • 10 am
 Bible Study • Tuesday 7 pm
 Romans • Pot Luck Dinner at 6 pm**

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 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. Matt Pennington, Pastor
 Sun. 9:30 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) 453-2482
 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
 Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

First United Methodist Church
 PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
 Robert Lee • (325) 453-2417
 Steve Peyton, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School
 11 am Worship
 5:00 pm Choir Practice

Iglesia Bautista Bethel
 101 Houston • Robert Lee
 Sun. 10 am • Worship
 11 am & 6 pm • Service
 Wed. 7 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) 655-9784 or 453-2685
 Services: Sun. 10 am & 1:30 pm;
 Wed. 6 pm

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

Emmanuel Pentecostal Church

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