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Obituaries



Rogers

Benny Douglas Rogers passed away on May 13, 2017. Viewing was held on Monday, May 15, 2017, from 9 am until 8 pm at the funeral home located at 1939 Sherwood Way in San Angelo. Graveside services were held at 10am, Tuesday, May 16, 2017, at the Robert Lee Cemetery in Robert Lee, Texas. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home/Sherwood Way.

Benny was born on May 28, 1929, to Marshall and Winnie Ann Rogers in Breckenridge, Texas. His childhood was spent in the oil field camps of West Texas - Denver City, Hobbs and Wink.

On April 9, 1951, he married Charlene Gann in Seaside, California, while he was stationed at camp Pendleton in the Marines. They were happily married for sixty two years, and lived in Robert Lee the last 40 years. He worked 32 years for Exxon, mostly in Big Spring and Robert Lee. He was proud that he served in the Korean War and in his later years he

wrote his memoirs of his days in that arena.

Benny enjoyed spending time with his family and telling stories about his experiences, mostly ones that made everyone laugh. He enjoyed football season the most. He loved reminiscing about his days playing in high school at Hobbs and Wink, and was an avid fan of the Texas Tech Red Raiders and the Dallas Cowboys. He cherished vacationing in Colorado and traveling with Charlene. Wherever he was, the day was not complete without at least one good nap. A really good day would include cake and ice cream.

He is survived by a daughter, Kay Duff of San Angelo; a son and daughter-in-law, Mitt and LaJohnna Rogers of Rockwall, Texas. He has two granddaughters, Misty LaPane, and Kristal Monroe and her husband, Kelby of Austin and two grandsons, Wesley Duff and his wife Janice of Denver, Colorado and Dustin Rogers and his wife Erin of San Antonio. He has three great grandsons and a great granddaughter. He is survived by his sister, Billie Stillwell of Odessa.

Online condolences may be made at www.shafferpioneer.com.

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Vision with a Purpose meeting held

Vision with a Purpose held its monthly meeting Thursday, May 4, at Victory Assembly of God in Robert Lee.

President Marshall Millican called the meeting to order and opened with a prayer.

Guests Sparks and Beverly Burdett attended, along with Diane Rainbolt.

Grace Todacheeny presented the minutes from the March meeting, which were approved.

Crystal Stanford presented the Treasurer's report, which was discussed and approved.

Guest Diane Rainbolt gave information for summer camps for elementary students. Teachers have agreed to work with students grades 1-3 in a science camp and ages 4-6 in an art camp. She asked for VP to help sponsor the programs. All members agreed and approved.

Building Maintenance reported that we're still waiting for floor plans for the VP building renovation.

A bake sale will be held at Robert Lee State Bank at 9 am on Friday, May 12. Casseroles and baked goods will be available.

The VP garage sale, scheduled for June 10, originally to be held in the VP building, has been moved to Memorial Park due to demolition of the interior of the building.

A new Red Oak tree has been purchased and planted by VP in Memorial Park.

Crystal Stanford appeared on KSAN television station to promote our upcoming golf tournament, Saturday, May 20, to be held at Mountain Creek Golf Course. Mark your calendars. Breakfast burritos will be served that morning and Bar-B-Que pork sandwiches will be available at lunch.

Todd Smith ended the meeting with prayer.

Our next meeting will be held June 1 at Victory Assembly of

God. All are welcome.

Local support grows for Red River landowners battling feds

Coke County farmers and ranchers are cheering a recent admission by the federal Bureau of Land Management (BLM) that it incorrectly conducted surveys used to claim private property along the Red River.

"No landowner should have to go through this," John Ross Copeland, Coke County Farm Bureau president, said. "After decades of working the land, paying taxes on it and building lives there, the federal government stepped in and said it was theirs. It's not right."

Two years ago, BLM claimed some 90,000 acres along a 116 mile stretch south of the Red River. The claim made was made thanks to a previous landowner lawsuit that gave BLM contested land between the Texas and Oklahoma border.

Following the announcement, eight landowners, three counties, a county sheriff, the state of Texas and the General Land Office filed suit against BLM and the federal government.

During the discovery phase of the trial, BLM admitted mistakes in accounting for movement of the Red River over time into consideration.

"We're thankful BLM finally admitted an error that the landowners have contested all

along," John Ross said. "Their fight for the land that is rightfully theirs is not over. We support their suit and hope one day the cloud over their private property is lifted."

The landowners are represented by the Texas Public Policy Foundation's Center for the American Future.

Their lawsuit is expected to go to trial this summer in Wichita Falls.

"Texas Farm Bureau has played an integral role in these landowners' fight for their property," John Ross said. "Their viral video brought the issue to light and encouraged others to join in to protect private property rights across Texas."

Farm Bureau is still working on a legislative solution like the Red River Gradient Boundary Survey Act, which is sponsored by Congressman Mac Thornberry and Senator John Cornyn. The legislation, which passed the House earlier this year, establishes a fair process for conducting land surveys along the Red River.

Red Hat Society to meet June 1

The Red Hat Society will meet at 11 am Thursday, June 1, 2017, at Mrs. Allen's Family Meals at 1301 Broadway in Sweetwater.

Get your red hat and join us for some fun and lots of laughter. Laughter is very good medicine so join us for a big dose of laughter.

Area Churches

Invite You to Worship

Bronte

Bronte Church of Christ
PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson • Bronte
(325) 473-3291
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
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
Tuesday 6 pm Table Time

St. James Catholic Church

215 N. Washington, Bronte
(325) 365-2687
Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
Sun. 5 pm

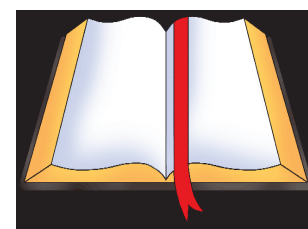
4C Cowboy Church

Texas Theater, Downtown Bronte
Pastor James Brunson
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.pecanbaptist.org
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship



Robert Lee

Bible Baptist Church
PO Box 938 • 9th & Austin
Robert Lee, John Fiore, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School,
11 am & 6 pm Worship,

Emmanuel Pentecostal
PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy
Pastor Tim Wood (325) 453-2360
Sundays 2 pm, Thursdays 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
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
(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

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\$12 adults, \$8 children under 12,
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Menu changes weekly

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prior to Sunday by calling
453-2149 or 763-8890