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Death Notices

Merriman

Ronnie Louis Merriman passed away peacefully with family by his side July 7, 2022. He is survived by his loving wife of 25 years, Brenda Merriman of San Angelo, Texas; brother, William Merriman and wife Tami of Gun Barrel City, Texas; brother, Gary Merriman and Cheri of San Angelo, Texas; son, Malachi Cansler of San Angelo, Texas; daughter, Lynn Thornton of Springfield, Missouri; daughter, Lisa Merriman of Lawton,

Oklahoma; son, Ron Merriman and wife Cindy of San Antonio, Texas; son Wesley Perry and wife Kelli of Hewitt, Texas; son, Thomas Brawley and wife Lisa of San Angelo, Texas; daughter, Dannielle Durkay and husband of San Angelo, Texas; daughter, BranDe Merriman and Diana of LaVernia, Texas; and son Spencer Perry of Waco, Texas. Ronnie also has 16 grandkids, Lindsey, Amanda, Kade, Hailee, Kenneth, Kayla, Shawn, Jeremy, Cassie, Kendall, Justin, Dyan (deceased), Taylor, Kevin, LeAnna, and Brandy; as well as 28 great-grandkids, and 4 great-great-grandkids. Visitation was held at Shaffer Funeral Home on Monday, July 11, 2022, from 5 pm - 7 pm with services at Grace Temple Baptist Church on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at 2 pm.

TFB members save on Beef Cattle Course

Registration is underway for the 68th annual Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course in College Station, and once again, Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) members will receive a discount on registration. “This is a Farm Bureau member benefit that can be used to help Coke County Farm Bureau members learn more about beef cattle management,” John Ross Copeland, Coke County Farm Bureau president, said. “All farmers and ranchers, regardless of ranch size and experience, with an interest in beef cattle are encouraged to attend the event.”

The short course is set for August 1-3 in College Station. The Beef Cattle Short Course is the largest educational event of its kind and offers participants the opportunity to explore all topics of beef cattle production throughout the three-day event. More than 20 sessions covering basic practices, new technologies and hot topics are on the agenda. In addition to the educational presentations, participants can browse the trade show and enjoy the Texas Aggie Prime Rib Dinner. More than 2,000 ranchers, beef industry representatives and exhibitors are expected to attend this year’s event, but a virtual option will also be available. The fee is \$240 for those attending in person and \$160

Ross said. For more details on the Beef Cattle Short Course and to register, visit https://beefcattleshortcourse.com or call 979-845-6931. The short course is hosted by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Department of Animal Science at Texas A&M University. For a full list of benefits and services available to TFB members, visit https://texasfarmbureau.org/memberbenefits.

Palo Duro Canyon to close trails during extreme heat days

To curb the risk for heat exposure to visitors, Palo Duro Canyon State Park will begin closing select trails between 11 am and 5 pm when the National Weather Service issues heat advisories for the area. Extreme heat at Palo Duro Canyon State Park led to 47 recent rescue calls in under 48 hours. Every year, the park experiences a slew of distress calls during the hot summer months, stretching park staff and emergency services thin. “Days when Palo Duro Canyon sees extreme heat are not only dangerous for visitors, but also our first responders from around the community,” said Joe Allen, Superintendent of Palo Duro Canyon State Park. “This change will emphasize safe recreation in the heat and reduce the demand on fire and rescue teams.” The trails subject to closure include Lighthouse; Comanche; Givens, Spicer, Lowry (GSL); and Rock Garden. These trails historically have had the most heat-related incidents and provide minimal shade for hikers. Closures will be posted in

advance on the Palo Duro Canyon State Park Facebook page and visitors will be able to access the trails during the cooler portions of the day. “Our number one priority is the safety of our visitors and staff,” added Allen. “This change will help protect our visitors during the most dangerous part of the day on days with elevated risk. Fortunately, visitors will be able to experience the canyon on other trails during the heat of the day and all trails during the cooler times of the day. During these closures, there continue to be numerous other trails and recreational opportunities to explore. “Trails like Rojo Grande and Paseo del Rio are more shaded and offer a great experience to guests,” said Allen. “The Lighthouse formation is observable from the Visitor Center and Canyon Gallery’s viewing scope from the comfort of air conditioning. Visitors to the park will still have a great experience and we hope a safe one.” The park has a longstanding partnership with Texas Tech University’s West Texas Mesonet project and the National Weather Service to collect temperature data daily on both the top rim and floor of the canyon. The data collection has produced beneficial information over time including a real-time

weather dashboard at the park Visitor Center. In 2018, data collection led the National Weather Service to classify Palo Duro Canyon State Park as its’ own unique weather zone. The canyon represents a stand-alone microenvironment where weather events are unique. Heat radiates from the sun directly and from the rocks and soil on the canyon floor.

Join TPWD’s Great Outdoor Scavenger Hunt


Summer’s going by fast but there’s still time to jump in the car for an unforgettable road trip, near home or across the state. The Texas Parks & Wildlife magazine’s Great Outdoor Scavenger Hunt (GOSH) returns for a third year of carefree fun across Texas. Travel to various locations on the magazine’s list, take a selfie and post it with the hashtag #GOSH2022. Discover history, wildlife, parks, waterways and quirky attractions - plus some classic eateries to visit and an iconic Texas soundtrack on Spotify and Apple Music as a “bonus” to enjoy along the way. The GOSH 2022 challenge ends at midnight on Labor Day, September 5. Select from seven regions: Dallas, Central Texas, Houston, East Texas, Panhandle, South Texas and West Texas. Register on the Texas Parks and Wildlife magazine website or the contest

Area Churches Invite You to Worship


Bronte
Bronte Church of Christ
PO Box 346
118 S. Jefferson • Bronte
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
St. James Catholic Church
215 N. Washington, Bronte
(325) 365-2687
Rev. Yesu Mulakaleti, Jr., Pastor
Sunday Bilingual Mass 8 am
4C Cowboy Church
Drawer R • Bronte • (325) 895-4080
Robert Lemmond, Pastor
Sunday, 10:30 am - Texas Theater
Wednesday Bible Study 6 pm -
4C Feedlot Youth Building
Robert Lee
Bible Baptist Church
PO Box 938 • 9th & Austin
Sunday 10 am Sunday School,
11 am and 5 pm Worship,
Wed 5 pm Bible Study
Emmanuel Pentecostal
PO Box 794 • 1004 Hillcrest
Pastor Brantly Robertson
(972) 841-2009
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
Robert Lee Cowboy Church
James Brunson, Pastor
(469) 834-3932
10:30 am Sunday • Robert Lee Rec Hall
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
Wed. 6 pm, Worship
Northside Church of Christ
PO Box 508
9th & Chadbourne • Robert Lee
(325) 453-2685, (325) 763-2118 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
Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting
Victory Assembly of God
(325) 453-2208, PO Box 638
202 E. 6th Street, Robert Lee
Rev. Rocky Youngblood, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study
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




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