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## Obituaries



### DiFrancesco

John Baptist DiFrancesco, Jr., went to be with the Lord July 28, 2017. He was born February 23, 1947, in Brookhaven, MS, to John Baptist, Sr., and Wadie Bell (Calcote) DiFrancesco. John graduated from Jesuit High School in 1966, and he was part of the first graduating class of nursing school at El Centro College. John went on later to receive his Bachelor's degree in Healthcare Administration from the University of Texas at Dallas. He worked in nursing home administration for over 40 years and was an integral part of the design operation of the Truman W. Smith Children's Care Center in Gladewater, TX. He also served as an administrator of the East Coke County Hospital District. John was a member of the San Angelo Cowboy Church, served on several advisory boards and has belonged to numerous civic organizations.

John was a Patriot and he served as a Navy hospital corpsman with the 3rd Marine Division during the Vietnam War. During the four years of his service, he was deployed all over Southeast Asia. John comes from a strong military heritage. His father, John DiFrancesco, Sr., was on the Battleship USS Massachusetts in WWII and was in most of the big battles in the Pacific, Iwo Jima and Coral Sea. His brother, Joseph DiFrancesco, III served in the United States Marine Corp. John's son, John DiFrancesco, III, served as a Navy Seabee. John was also elected to Commander of the 21st District of the American Legion in 2013. The 21st District is one of the largest in the nation, comprised of twenty-seven counties in Central Texas. John loved the ranch life. He owned DiFrancesco Cattle Company in Mount Pleasant, TX, and later Blackwell, TX.

The company provided agriculture livestock production, animal specialties products and service. There he oversaw the livestock, chicken houses and the exotic animals. John raised registered Brahman and Longhorns. John was a loving father and grandfather. He was an avid collector of many items. He enjoyed watching John Wayne movies, especially the "Shootist." John fought a good fight but is now pain free and living with his Mother and Father in the kingdom of Heaven.

John is survived by his daughter Tara DiFrancesco Day and husband Brandon; son John Baptist DiFrancesco III; grandchildren Jake Lee Day, Wade Scott Day, John Baptist DiFrancesco IV and Paisley Sue DiFrancesco; sisters Susan DiFrancesco and husband Henryk Borecki and Jennifer DiFrancesco Petersen and husband Ron; brother Joseph Michael DiFrancesco III and wife Margaret; uncle Joseph DiFrancesco Jr.; aunts Anna DiFrancesco, Nancy DiFrancesco, Josie DiFrancesco Centenaro and Gloria DiFrancesco Copley; nieces

Katherine Anne Petersen Lara Alexandra Petersen, Wadie Ann DiFrancesco and Margaret Ann DiFrancesco; and nephew Christopher Wade Petersen. He was preceded in death by his parents John Sr., and Wadie DiFrancesco; maternal grandparents Wade and Jennie Calcote; paternal grandparents Joseph and Bianca DiFrancesco; aunt Fannie DiFrancesco Merritt; and uncle Tom DiFrancesco.

Funeral services were held at 10 am, Tuesday, August 1, 2017, at Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Steve Bishop officiating. Interment followed in Sparkman Hillcrest Memorial Park, 7405 W. Northwest Hwy, Dallas, TX, 75225. The family received friends Tuesday morning at the funeral home from 9 am to 10 am.

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### Robert Lee Mini Cheer Camp set for next week

The Robert Lee Mini Cheer Camp will be held Monday through Friday, August 7-11, 2017. It will be held each day from 9 am to 11 am at the Robert Lee High School Tennis Courts.

The camp is for children going into Pre-K through 6th grade. The children will learn cheers, chants, sideline routines and dance from the Robert Lee High School cheerleaders.

Thursday has been designated as Crazy Day with Friday being Steer Spirit Day. Presentations and awards will be held at 10:30 am Friday, August 11.

Campers will be able to perform at one High School pep rally and for 5 minutes at a home football game. The game performance is tentatively set for September 1, 2017.

Each camper is urged to bring

a water bottle or drink. Snacks will be for sale. Children must bring their money in a purse/sling-pack or baggie with their name on it.

New Steer Football t-shirts will be available in August. For more information on the shirts or camp, contact Maranda Hood at maranda.hood@rlisd.net.

### 4-H Mini-Camp set for August 14-15

Coke County 4-H Mini-Camp will be held Monday, August 14 and Tuesday, August 15, from 9 am until 3 pm at the Robert Lee Rec Hall. There is a small fee to cover the cost of supplies and all participants are asked to bring a sack lunch. Parent volunteers are welcome and needed. Come ready to have a fun filled day full of hands on activities, team building, and leadership skills and learn more about what 4-H has to offer.

Contact the Extension Office at (325) 453-2461 if you have any questions.

### Ag leases to be covered in workshops

By Kay Ledbetter

After such a positive response last year, four new Rancher Leasing Workshops covering grazing, hunting and livestock leases are scheduled across the state by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

The free programs are funded by the Southern Extension Risk Management Education Center, said Tiffany Dowell Lashmet, AgriLife Extension agricultural

law specialist in Amarillo.

"Last year, 100 percent of participants said they would recommend these programs to a friend, so we decided to offer them in more locations," Lashmet said.

The schedule will be:

- Aug. 22, noon-4 p.m., Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 1102 E. Farm-to-Market Road 1294, Lubbock.

- Sept. 1, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Hildebrand Equine Complex, 3240 F&B Road, College Station.

- Sept. 19, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., AgriLife Extension office for Frio County, 400 S. Pecan St., Pearsall.

- Oct. 19, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Tom Green 4-H Center, 3168 N. U.S. Highway 67, San Angelo.

Lashmet said lunch will be provided by two sponsors: Ag Workers Insurance for the Lubbock, College Station and San Angelo programs, and Security State Bank for the Pearsall program.

Participants will need to RSVP at least one week before the meeting they will attend to Kim Garcia, 806-677-5626 or kim.garcia@ag.tamu.edu.

Each workshop will address the legal risks associated with agricultural leases, Lashmet said. The goal is to educate landowners and producers on the importance of utilizing written leases as a risk management tool.

Joining Lashmet on the program will be AgriLife Extension economists from around the state.

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## 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 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

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, (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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