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A Hometown Friend... Part 1

By Teresa Bigham
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - In 1902, Ronnie Smith's granddaddy and grandmother made the journey to Floyd County. They settled down in Lakeview.

He is the son of the late William H. and Lillian Smith. He was raised at Lakeview until he was three years old. At that time the family moved just south of Dougherty.

Smith graduated from Floydada High school in 1960. He recalled that is when he met Mickey Dot Hammonds, and the two became lifelong friends.

Smith's wife Phyllis was born in Brownwood and is the daughter of the late Philip and Helen Reasonor. She graduated high school in San Antonio in 1957. She always had a dream of being a teacher, and she followed her dreams. She graduated from Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos in 1960.

Right out of college Phyllis Smith got her first teaching job in Odessa. She was excited about the new adventure, but it was a long way from home.



Ronnie and Phyllis Smith (Courtesy Photo)

The next year she decided she wanted to teach closer to home, and she took a job in San Antonio.

The two were destined to meet. "I had a family member who wanted me to meet this teacher she knew, but I was interested in a pretty young lady I had seen at a drive-in restaurant," Ronnie Smith said. "That pretty young lady was Phyllis. She was also the teacher that my family wanted me to meet."

The two dated for several years before they tied the knot. "One Saturday in 1964,

we just decided that we would get married," Phyllis Smith said. "We drove to Clovis and found the JP and got married. Our parents didn't know what we had planned. We called Ronnie's parents after we were married and told them our news. I waited to tell my mother until I had the chance to go home."

In 1966, Ronnie Smith and his lifelong friends Mickey Dot Hammonds and Murl Stephens were drafted. He did basic training in Fort Bliss in El Paso. He was then moved to Fort Dix, N.J., and



A beautiful peacock that was hatched and raised by Ronnie Smith. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)

from there went to Germany. Smith was an MP in the Army.

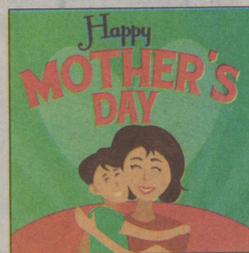
When Smith was transferred to Germany, his wife Phyllis was expecting their first child. She was planning on moving to Germany to be with her husband before the birth. "My doctor told me that if I was going, I had to do it before the end of July," she said. The couple's son Stacy was born September of 1967.

The Smiths returned home on Sept. 11, 1968. Ronnie Smith took a job as depart-

ment head with Mosher Steel.

In 1969, the family welcomed a daughter Andra. The family was now complete.

Smith's job as department head was incredibly stressful at times; he would oversee about 30 jobs at one time. In the summer of 1974, the family was given the opportunity to move back to Floyd County. Smith helped his dad farm, and Phyllis Smith was busy with two little ones. When the fall came around, she took a job teaching second grade at Duncan Elementary School in Floydada.



Upcoming

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The City of Lockney will have a community-wide clean up from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. June 15 - 20. Drop-off point for junk/trash will be at the 600 block of Main St. (old Webster's gas station). For more information call the City of Lockney at 806-652-2355.

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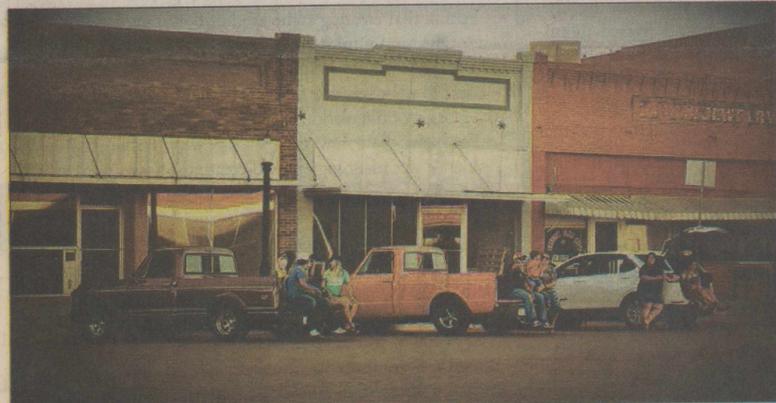


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Sunset Corona Cruising on Main St.



For one night, Lockney stepped back in time to a time when everyone would drag on Main Street. Last Saturday night the community turned out in cool classic cars, new pickups and motorcycles to cruise up and down Main Street. Keeping with the social distancing rule they parked up and down Main Street and enjoyed the hot weather. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)

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City of Lockney gets A+ rating

By Teresa Bigham
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – The City Council of Lockney held a public meeting at 7 a.m., April 28 at City Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Michael DeLeon at 7:02 a.m. He gave the invocation and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas flags.

No public comments were made.

The next item on the agenda was to discuss, consider and take appropriate action on approval of the minutes of the previous called meetings. A motion was made by Councilman Dart Carthel to accept. Councilman Donnie McLaughlin seconded, and was approved unanimously.

The fifth item on the agenda was to consider and take action on various reports,

- a.) Financial reports and payment of bills/total cash balance
- b.) City farm lease
- c.) Floyd County Sheriff's Office matters and activities
- d.) Fire department
- e.) Public works department
- f.) Mayor's report
- g.) City manager and city secretary report
- h.) EDC report

McLaughlin made a mo-



The Floydadal Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. (Courtesy Photo)

tion to approve all reports. Councilman Aaron Wilson seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

A presentation of the 2019 audit report and financials for 2019 by Terry & King CPAs via two-way video was shown. The CPA stated that the City Manager Buster Poling, City Secretary Laurie Garcia and Amy DeLeon were doing a fantastic job. The City received an excellent rating on their 2018-2019 audit.

A motion was made by Carthel to accept and approve the audit. McLaughlin seconded, and it was approved unanimously.

The seventh item on the agenda was a discussion on a zoning variance request by Mac Sherman. He is wanting to run livestock on property he owns on the northeast

side of the city. Because Sherman wasn't informed ahead of time the item was tabled for the next meeting.

The next item was to consider and take action on the seat on the board of directors of the Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority, which is currently held by Jimmy Kemp. Kemp's term was expiring at the end of April, but he is willing to stay on for an additional term. McLaughlin made the motion to accept Kemp staying on for an addition term. Carthel seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Wilson made the motion to adjourn at 7:53 a.m. It was seconded by David Cole. Motion was approved unanimously.

The council members present in the meeting were Carthel, McLaughlin, Wilson and Cole.

City Council passes new animal control fees, golf cart ordinance

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA—The City Council of Floydada met at 6:30 p.m., April 21 in regular session.

In attendance were Mayor Bobby Gilliland, Councilmembers Gabe DeLaFuentes, Dana Crossland, Bettye King, Gail DuBois, Bryan Martin and Steve Lloyd. Also in attendance were City Manager Darrell Gooch, City Secretary Patti Lowrance, City Attorney Karen Houchin and Chief of Police Reuben Ramon.

The Mayor opened the meeting, gave the invocation and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas flags.

No one was present for public forum. The first item on the agenda was a new ordinance to adjust animal control fees more in line with what the costs are to the City for each service. Additional revisions involved the impoundment of animals that are running loose in the City. A motion was made

by DeLaFuentes, seconded by DuBois and passed unanimously.

The second item on the agenda was the repeal of the City's ordinance in conflict with the Texas Transportation Code regarding the operation of golf carts on city streets posted for 35 miles an hour or less.

The Texas Transportation Code requires golf cart drivers on city streets to be 18 years of age and licensed drivers, among other requirements. The motion was made by DuBois, seconded by King and passed unanimously.

Both ordinances are available for the public to read at City Hall.

City Attorney Karen Houchin presented the council with a summary handout on HIPAA regulations and reminded the council to exercise caution with information that they receive during the pandemic.

The Council's next regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, May 19 at City Hall.

Between the lines Flower gardens and concrete pigs



BRUCE W. GREEN

It's one of those mornings you'd like to see go on forever.

I am sitting in the courtyard with the sun climbing behind me, surrounded by books. I needed a light jacket to counter the chill.

I have already checked the weather in all the places where my imagination resides these days – the Panhandle, West Texas and Tucson, Ariz. It is beautiful everywhere today.

My wife is already working – as usual – scurrying back forth in the backyard, talking to herself about “zones,” and the fact that “zone four seems not to be working correctly.” It takes me a moment to realize she is testing the irrigation system. She may actually be talking to me, but, as is my Saturday morning custom, I am sitting, reading, thinking, making notes and, otherwise, pretty much “zoned out.”

I look up from my book and my wife is suddenly standing before me. She commences to explain her theory as to why zone four is not properly watering our southwestern flower bed. She is competent in many things, and especially things having to do with creating backyard beauty. I, on the other hand, am competent only to move rocks, statuary and bags of mulch. But I use a flower garden well.

For just a brief moment, my mind flashes back many years ago to my wife explaining that she was pregnant with our second child while she was holding our first – who was perhaps four months old. I was paying my way through a private graduate school, attending classes in the morning and working afternoons and nights. Our nursing first born had no complaints, but my wife and I barely had enough to eat each day.

I learned in that unforgettable moment that we often have only one chance to do the right thing – like looking raptly into the eyes of one's wife, smiling and telling her how happy an unexpected pregnancy makes a worried husband.

So, understandably, as she stands before me, I stop my reading this morning, look at my wife and listen intently as she runs through the watering schedule for all six irrigation zones in our yard. It's the most important thing on her mind at this moment in history. At this instance, she doesn't care about what's going on in Congress, trade imbalances or global warming. She's not even sure either of those things exist. She cares about our flowers and getting water to them.

Since I didn't just fall off the turnip truck, how the flowers are watered in our yard suddenly becomes the most important thing in my world as well.

I am not a person normally given to thinking about watering plants, but I appreciate that my wife is. And I appreciate the effects that regular watering has on plants.

Just take a live plant to the office and fail to water it (not that I have ever done that). You'll learn a lot about the world. There is a cause behind every effect and an effect that flows from every cause.

I think that creating some kind of flower garden is perhaps one of the most important things a person can do. It seems that all the higher things in life – all the things that satisfy the soul – come to us by way of a flower garden. Flower gardens are like the fine art of the world.

For many years now, the first task we entertained at a new residence was planning out and creating a flower garden, with paths, places to sit in the shade, meaningful statuary and even a few signs. At the last few places we lived, my wife even made a hand painted wooden sign that reads, “We don't rent pigs!” She places the sign near two concrete pigs we have dragged from house to house, and on which our grandchildren love to be photographed.

That quote will only be recognized by those familiar with the television miniseries “Lonesome Dove,” and, of course, it makes no sense at all. But it's perfect in a flower garden, which isn't about making sense. It's about beauty, contemplation and whimsy.

That reminds me of the great Augustus McRae quote from “Lonesome Dove”: “It ain't dying I'm talking about. It's living. I doubt it matters where you die, but it matters where you live.”

Dying comes soon enough and we don't get to choose where we are when it happens. But every person can plant a flower garden. Then he can sit in it on days like today, enjoy the beauty, contemplate the higher things and remember all the good things that have come and gone.

So, don't delay. Plant a flower garden, hang up a memory, stay home and stay safe. bgreen@lknewsgroup.com

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The 501: To cut or not to cut

I'm promoting a shocking new style – very short. Yes, I cut my own nails. I'm calling the new cut the “Corona” cut. Short nails are easier to keep clean. Talk about ethical. If my Corona cut catches on, nail techs will be looking for new professions. Unlikely scenario. Short unembellished nails look blah. Call me blah, except for all my bandanas.

A friend of mine is stuck with a beautiful set of crimson fake nails that are getting unbearable because they've grown too long. Read that sentence twice.

It's not that the artificial nails have grown, but her real nails have, and the bought nails are professionally stuck to her God-given growing nails, meaning the extra set is projecting farther and farther from the ends of her fingers, day by Corona day. She's been unable to turn on her dishwasher, and she's finding it harder and harder to open the car glove box.

Speaking of glove boxes, I'm guessing they're once again actually being used for gloves. But instead of keeping a supply of the disposable kind in the glove box, I reuse my throwaway gloves. Guilty as charged.

I've seen video instructions on how to remove disposable gloves properly. I follow those instructions. Then I keep the gloves and wash them, inside and out.

Tip: If you blow into one of those gloves or hold it under a running faucet the fingers all pop out immediately. Presto!

Yes, quarantine has been a time to learn stuff. Hats off to everyone who's learned new math. Some children somewhere may have learned to borrow and carry numbers.

All I have is one glove trick.

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County approves businesses to open at 50% occupancy

By Teresa Bigham
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA – Floyd County Commissioners called an emergency meeting on Wednesday, April 27 at the Floyd County Courthouse.

Open discussion was held with the elected officials, community leaders, business owners and citizens concerning re-opening Floyd County by allowing 50% occupancy versus 25% occupancy at the businesses designated by Governor Abbott's Phase

1 plan.

Due to the low number of cases, Floyd County businesses are eligible to open to a 50% occupancy level. Commissioner Tanner Smith made the motion to accept the motion, Commissioner Nathan Johnson seconded the motion and was approved unanimously.

Governor Abbott's plan lists businesses that may open to 50% are restaurants, malls, movie theaters, museums and libraries and churches.

Public swimming pools,

bars, gyms, spas and salons will continue to remain closed through Phase I. Nursing homes, state supported living centers, assisted living facilities and long-term care facilities will continue to remain closed to visitors.

Commissioners present for the meeting were Martinez, Smith, Bigham and Johnson.

The next Commissioners' Court meeting will be held at 8 a.m. Monday, May 11 at the Floyd County Courthouse.

The 501: To cut or not to cut



HANABA MUNN WELCH

Hair and nails have taken advantage of COVID-19 to grow unchecked. The significance of beauticians, nail technicians and dog groomers everywhere has come into sharp focus. Our civilization is teetering on the brink of something.

Have you seen the video of the woman cutting her own hair? It's not pretty. Similar dog trimming videos must exist – not to say the dogs would be doing their own trimming. On second thought, nothing surprises me when it comes to animal antics on Facebook.

Back to humans.

I'm thinking about cutting my own hair. I don't have a license, so it will be an illegal cut, making the whole experience more exhilarating. If I don't cut off too much, someone can fix my crime post-quarantine. Meanwhile, I can conceal the damage with a bandana. I wear one over my hair anyway.

Along with pajamas, bandanas are in vogue. Yesterday I wore four. One covered my hair. The one around my neck was there so I could pull it into place in case I found myself face to face with another human. The other two, both soaked in vanilla, were wrapped around my arms at elbow level, my defense against buffalo gnats. I pour vanilla on all my April and May bandanas, which does not set me apart in farming circles.

Forget about hair and vanilla and vicious gnats. Think about nails.

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SOCIETY

Through strong faith Main Street Pizza was born... Part 2

By Teresa Bigham
The Hesperian-Beacon

(Editor's note: We apologize for the error that was made last week on this two-part series. The first part ran again by mistake.)

LOCKNEY - He worked the second shift at Walmart Distribution Center, so when he got off work, he would go home, catch a few hours of sleep and then go to Village Pizza where the owner taught him how to make pizza. He would change his clothes in the bathroom for his shift at Walmart. He learned all the ropes in only four months.

In late January 1990, DeLeon recalled the owner of the pizza restaurant telling him the business was up for sale. DeLeon kept going in and working for free. In early March, the owner told DeLeon he would finance the business for him. At that time the price was \$15,000 for just the equipment.

Being newly married and a baby who was born in February, DeLeon was determined to make a better life for his family. He sat down and talked to his parents. They went

to the bank, and got a loan for \$6,000. He went back to the owner with his loan money. The owner told him "give me \$3,000 down and keep \$3,000 for running costs."

By April 1990, DeLeon and his brother David were in partnership, and Main Street Pizza was born.

"This would have never happened if it wasn't the Lord's plan," DeLeon said. "If you speak out in faith the Lord hears you and He guides you in every step."

Part of the purchase of the equipment was the secret recipe for the one-of-a-kind crust that had been around since the late 1960's at least. It's still made the same today.

"In 1990, our nation went to war, and we had a recession," DeLeon said. "I wasn't able to stay afloat. I was able to keep making my payment to the equipment, but I wasn't able to make my lease payment. In February of 1991, Wanda Baker leased me a building, the building we're in today, but she couldn't do any repairs to it. Davis Lumber allowed me to charge items I needed to make the proper repairs, and Mrs. Baker didn't charge any

rent for a few months while I made the proper repairs. My dad and I made all the repairs, and we were able to reopen as a carry out pizza place."

"With the trials that America is going through today with the COVID-19 virus, our business was down 44% the first week, but with faith in our Lord it's slowly coming back," said DeLeon.

He has a set way he has his employees clean the restaurant. "Everyone knows how I want it done, and they all work very hard," said DeLeon.

"They wipe everything down from the doorknobs inside and outside, the little candy machines, coke fountain and everything in between. We use a sanitizing solution on everything. Our community is strong, and we will get through this. God has us in his hands."

DeLeon has been through many trials and has never lost his faith. He and his family would love to thank the community for their support, Davis Lumber for believing in him so many years ago and Craig Ellison for fixing his car so he could make his dream come true and bring Main Street Pizza to Lockney.

Lockney Board holds virtual meeting



The Lockney Senior Citizen's directors held a virtual board meeting via Google on Tuesday. They decided for the health and safety of the staff and patrons the dining hall would not reopen until at least the end of May. They will still offer curbside and delivery services. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By LuAnn Collins
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA — The Center will be open for take-outs and deliveries. Call us at 806-983-2032.

We are in need of five more deliveries or take-outs per day. We are doing our best to stay open to deliver to those who cannot leave their homes. Everyone is still eating, even if self-quarantined. So, if you can help us please order a meal to be delivered or come by for a take-out.

The prices of our meals are \$6 for members and \$7 for non-members. Anyone who is breathing is eligible to eat with us, or right now for a carry out or delivery.

We are in need of a volunteer delivery driver for one day or more. You will receive a delicious meal as payment for your time. The driver will report to the Center at 11:15 a.m. The deliveries take

about 30 minutes.

Remember, Tuesday meals are \$4 meals. Check the menu to see what is offered each Tuesday.

Call us at 983-2032 for home delivery by 11 a.m. Our delivery drivers will begin delivering at 11:30 a.m.

Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, TX 79235. Our phone number is 983-2032. Thank you for remembering the Center with your donations or memorials.

MENU

May 11 - May 15

Monday - Salisbury steak

Tuesday - Tacos - \$4

Wednesday - Swedish meatball and noodles

Thursday - Chicken strips

Friday - Hamburger casserole

(Menu subject to change without notice)

Emergency plan important for elderly

By Kay Ledbetter
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AMARILLO—With the wildfire and spring storm season nearing, it is a good time for older adults, their families, caregivers and the professionals who serve them to establish an emergency plan, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service specialist.

"Older adults and persons with special needs might need to plan for additional time, assistance and/or resources in case of emergency," said Andrew Crocker, AgriLife Extension gerontology and health specialist, Amarillo. "Taking steps now, before the emergency, can reduce the stress an incident can cause and ensure everyone knows the plan to best care for loved ones during and after any crisis."

Crocker outlined some key steps to take, depending on where your loved one lives:

Pack an emergency bag. Regardless of where a person lives, whether in their own home or in a facility, making a portable

emergency supply kit can ensure they have everything they need if they are forced to evacuate. While many emergency preparation steps are the same for everyone, older adults likely have more medications and medical devices they rely on, Crocker said.

The supply kit should include at least a three-day supply of medications, nonperishable food and water, medical devices, such as hearing aids and batteries, glasses or contacts, a flashlight and batteries, personal hygiene items and chargers for cell-phones.

"Working closely with a health provider to get an additional supply of extra medication for this type of emergency kit will be important," he said. "It's also important to keep an eye on expiration dates for medications, food and water. Don't make your kit today and expect everything to still be good when you need it in 36 months or so."

Additionally, consider including copies of important documents and place them in a waterproof

bag for safekeeping. These may include copies of their medical insurance card - this may be especially important since the Medicare number is no longer the Social Security number, a photo ID and legal documents.

Also include up-to-date lists of any allergies and health conditions and all medications including dosage, time of day and who prescribed them, and contact information for family members, doctors and caregivers. Here is one example.

If an elderly loved one lives at home. Elderly Texans living at home need to know someone will be there to help them in times of flood, wildfires, tornadoes, snow storms and other crisis. (Texas AgriLife Extension Service photo by Kay Ledbetter)

"Something that is often overlooked when deciding whether to stay or go in an emergency are the number of support services that older adults and persons with special needs count on to successfully live independently," Crocker said.

Even though the emergency may not merit leaving home, will the home-delivered meal service be impacted in the aftermath? Will the home health com-

Recipe of the Week

By Teresa Bigham
The Hesperian-Beacon

This week's recipe is brought to you by 15-year-old Anna Hernandez of Lockney. She is the daughter of Elizabeth Hernandez and Frank Hernandez.

She is a first year Floyd County 4-H member where she is a member of the rifle club. In her spare time, she also enjoys working in her flower garden, painting and playing card games with her family.

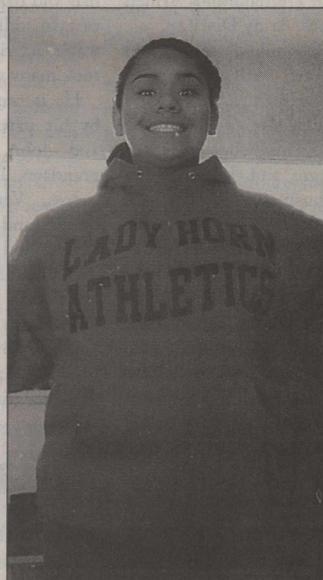
She is a freshman at Lockney High School and has a natural love of sports. She plays softball, and in track she throws the discus and shot put.

Hernandez has the biggest heart and is friends with everyone.

"My family is my everything and I'm very blessed to have so many friends," she said. "I love living in this community. I look forward to seeing where life takes me."

ANNA'S EASY CHILI RECIPE

- 1 lb. of ground beef
- 2 16 oz. cans Ranch Style beans
- 1 tsp of garlic salt
- Half of a small onion, diced
- 1-1/2 cups of water



Brown your ground beef. Mix the garlic salt and diced onion into the ground beef. Add the cans of Ranch Style beans and the water. Let it simmer for about five minutes.

Enjoy a delicious bowl of Anna's Easy Chili along with cornbread.

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY — As most of you know as of May 1, restaurants were allowed to open dining rooms to 25% capacity.

With that being said, the Lockney Senior Citizen's board of directors made the decision to keep the dining room closed. We feel that this decision is the right one for everyone's safety.

We WILL continue serving lunch Monday - Friday via drive-through, curbside pickup and delivery. We serve lunch from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Also the Friday Night Fish Fry and Sunday

Lunches will continue in the same manner as the daily lunch.

At this point Thursday night pot luck/game night is CANCELLED until further notice.

We appreciate all of you and can't wait to see you.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us 652-2745. Stay safe!!

Mark these dates on your calendar!

MAY CALENDAR

- May 15 - Friday Night Fish Fry - 5 - 8 p.m.
- May 26 - Board Meeting - 5:30 p.m.
- May 29 - Friday Night Fish Fry - 5 - 8 p.m.
- May 31 - Sunday Lunch - Menu to be announced at a later date.

pany still be able to come for their appointment?

"While there may not be primary impact on the person, there may be downstream effects of the event that impact the person's ability to stay at home," he said.

Check list of things to do for family member:

- Ensure your loved one has a TV and/or battery-operated radio and encourage them to heed advice about whether to evacuate or remain in place. Older adults may be less likely to abandon their home than other age groups.
- Make a list of friends, neighbors, faith leaders and other close acquaintances who can check on your loved one if you live far away. Also, provide them with your contact information. Older adults may be more likely to evacuate or take some other type of precaution if someone in their social circle encourages them to do so.
- Determine how your loved one will stay in touch with you during an emergency, keeping in mind that cellular service can often be

overloaded in a large-scale emergency.

• Investigate where the county/municipality or local emergency authority has a "registry" for persons who may need some additional help during an evaluation.

• Practice evacuating or sheltering-in-place with your loved one.

If a loved one lives in an assisted living or nursing home Crocker said it is still important to develop a list of friends and neighbors who can check in on your family member. Depending on their health and cognitive status, it may be necessary to create a portable personal emergency supply kit for them here also.

It will be important to make an appointment with someone from the management team to discuss the facility's disaster preparedness and evacuation plans, he said. Depending on the type of facility, they may close their doors in an emergency with the expectations that the residents evacuate themselves rather than providing

for evacuation.

"It's really incumbent upon the older adult and the family caregiver to find out what plans they have in place for emergencies and whether they review, test and update them regularly," Crocker says.

To learn about specifics, ask the following questions:

- How are power outages handled there — does the facility have backup generators and are they maintained regularly?
- Who will administer medications and tend to special needs like oxygen therapy during an emergency?
- Do you evacuate residents? Who will be responsible for evacuating your loved one and getting him or her to a safe place?
- Are all residents taken to the same evacuation point? Or are persons with special health care needs taken to facilities that can handle their condition?
- How will the staff communicate to family members what's being done to care for loved ones during an emergency?

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OBITUARIES/CHURCH

Johnny Bill 'JB' Sue

Johnny Bill 'JB' Sue entered the gates of Heaven on Friday, May 1, 2020.

He was surrounded by his wife of 63 years, sons and daughter-in-laws.

Johnny was born in Winnsboro, Texas to Sally Mae and John Thomas Sue on January 23, 1936. His family moved to Floydada, Texas in 1949 where he lived until his passing.

In March 1955, he met the love of his life, Margie Ellen Taylor Sue at Bible Baptist Church. Since that time, Johnny has been an active member and deacon of the church.

Johnny and Margie married September 8, 1956.

In 1957 they moved to Canadian, Texas, returning to Floydada in 1959. On July 1957, Johnny enlisted in the United States Armed Forces, Army Division.

After military service and working with other motor companies, he started his business, Quality Body Shop, in February 1962. Margie and Johnny were in business together until his retirement in 2008. In addition to running his business, Johnny served the community with his service on the Floydada City Council from 1970 - 1980.

Over his 84 years of loving life, Johnny Bill was

surrounded by family and friends. He never met a stranger and always had a joke to share.

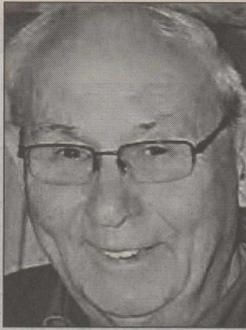
His love for God, his family and friends were always apparent in everything he did. Being the father of two sons, he attended many sports and school activities. He may have been rushing from work to an event, but he was always there.

This tradition continued with the love of his grandsons. Margie and he spent countless hours traveling to any event the grandsons were participating in. Papa was their greatest fan.

When not traveling the South Plains to attend grandson's events, summer family time was at White River Lake. Papa taught all the grandsons to water ski, fish and drive the lake golf cart. In addition to summer water activities, the family took many winter ski trips.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Sally Mae and John Thomas Sue, grandson, Tanner Bill Sue, sisters, Verna Lee 'Sue' Sewell and Christine Sue Noble, and brothers, William Oscar Sue, Henry Forest 'Buddy' Sue and Robert Floyd Sue.

Johnny Bill is survived by his wife, Margie; son, Sheldon Bill Sue (wife Atha)



JOHNNY BILL "JB" SUE

of Floydada, Texas and son, Kelby Trent Sue (wife Niki) of Lubbock, Texas. He is survived by his grandsons, Taylor Blake Sue (wife Molly) of Floydada, Texas, Regan Reade Sue (wife Sydney) of Austin, Texas and Cayden Field Sue (fiancé Bailey Melton) of Dallas, Texas; great-grandson, Sawyer Blake Sue and sister, Irene Sue Rushing.

In respect of social distancing, graveside services were held Sunday, May 3, 2020 at the Floyd County Memorial Cemetery, Floydada, Texas.

Arrangements were under the personal care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home, Floydada, Texas.

Moore-Rose Funeral Home encourages family and friends to express their condolences and share memories of Johnny Bill by signing his online guestbook.

John Campbell

John Campbell, age 84, passed away Monday, April 27, 2020.

Arrangements were under the personal care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

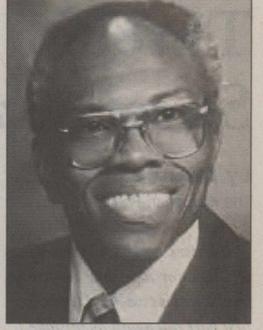
John was involved in the community and worked for various stores in Floydada. He had his personal business, Campbell Framing, he worked for 52 years at Kirk and Sons, 5 years at Caprock Community Action, 13 years at the Capada Theatre, 1 year at Friends Convenience Store, and 10 years at Allsup's Convenience Store.

He also served on the Floydada ISD Board. John was named Man of the Year in 2013 and was a member of the Floydada Chamber of Commerce and the CME Methodist Church.

His hobbies included fishing. John will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Lee Andrew Campbell, Sr. and Gertie Campbell, two brothers, Raymond Campbell, and Lee Andrew Campbell, Jr., and four sisters, Velma Coleman, Mildred Black, Bobbie Minnitt, and Juanita Price.

John was survived by his wife of the home, Louise (Davis) Campbell; daughter, Althea Green (Eugene, Jr.); son, Cornelius Campbell (Lisa); five grandchildren, LaShauntee Wellington, Chance Campbell (Sarah), Chelsea Campbell, Emerald Green, and Eugene Green III; great-grandchildren, Andrew Wellington II, Kenyan Campbell, Evelyn Camp-



JOHN CAMPBELL

bell, and Elyza Hood; siblings, Carrie Davis, Stella Jones, Clarissa Wells, and James Campbell, and several nieces and nephews.

Moore-Rose Funeral Home encourages family and friends to express their condolences and share memories on John's online guestbook.

Ninalie Teuton

Ninalie Teuton, age 90 of Lockney passed away on Saturday, May 2, 2020.

A Memorial Service will be held 1 p.m., Friday, May 8, 2020 at First Baptist Church in Lockney with Joseph Tillery officiating.

Cremation arrangements are under the personal care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney.

Ninalie was born September 22, 1929 to Alvin O. and Grace (Jones) Foster in Petersburg, Texas. Nina graduated from Lockney High School in 1946 and then attended Lippert's Business School in Plainview graduating in 1948.

Ninalie was an RSVP volunteer and was recognized as the RSVP Volunteer of the Month in 2012 and 2013. Nina was selected as the Pioneer Woman of Floyd County during Old Settlers Day festivities in May of 2015.

Ninalie also enjoyed many

hobbies including playing the piano, reading, and cooking. One of her greatest joys was spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, especially if they were fishing.

She was also a member of the First Baptist Church in Lockney for well over 50 years.

Ninalie is preceded in death by her husbands, David Williams in 1957 and Dan Teuton in 1998; two children, daughter, Shari Williams in 1957 and son, Shelby, when he was only 13; her parents, Alvin and Grace Foster; and her sister, Wilma Huffman.

Those left to cherish Ninalie's memory are her son, Bruce Williams; her daughters, Rhea Offutt and Vicki Smith and husband, Dan; six grandchildren, Courtney Offutt Evans and husband, Ryan, Spencer Offutt and wife, Hope, Tony Williams, Sydnee Brooke Heugatter and husband, Austin, Dustin Offutt, and Brian McAlpine; seven great-grandchildren, Devlin Offutt, Camdon Offutt,



NINALIE TEUTON

Tristin Evans, Madison Unger, Mikayla Heugatter, Devon Offutt, and Justin Williams; one sister, Barbara Cawley and her beloved caretaker and friend, Sanjuana Gomez.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Ninalie's memory may be made to the Benevolent Fund at the First Baptist Church in Lockney or to the Lockney Senior Citizens Center.

Online condolences may be made at www.moore-rose.com

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Obituary policy

The Hesperian-Beacon will post an obituary in the next possible issue for \$65. If a photo is wanted, add \$10.

Death notices are free, containing name, date of death, date of service and survivors.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Small Acts

The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." —Matthew 25:40 (NIV)

As I left the restaurant carrying my box of leftovers, I saw a person lying in my path. As I approached, I leaned over and asked, "Would you like something to eat?" He responded with "Yes!" As I set the food down, four or five people walking behind me leaned over and put money in his hat. As I got into my car, I began thinking about how giving to others leaves me feeling joyful.

I then thought about all the easy ways that I can give to others every day. I can buy extra food at the market and make extra portions of dinner to give to people in need. I can carry bottles of water in my car to hand out to people who are homeless. I can stop and talk with

people I meet, sharing time with them. Even while driving, I can be courteous to other drivers. When I'm waiting in a line I can allow someone who looks rushed and harried to go ahead of me. Through these and other small acts of mercy we can share God's love with the world and fill our own hearts with joy.

—Dean T. Skoglund (Minnesota, USA)

TODAY'S PRAYER

Dear God, every day show us those who need what we can give as we pray, "Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation" (Luke 11:2-4, NIV). Amen.

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Templo Bautista Salem

Lockney
Rev. Joe Hernandez
Bun Prayer Service - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed. Meeting - 7 p.m.

Templo Bethel

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Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 5 p.m.
Wed Service - 7 p.m.

Templo Nueva Vida

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Co-Pastor Gilbert Flores
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Evening Worship - 5:00 P.M.
Wednesday Service - 7:00 P.M.

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Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 6 p.m.

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Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
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Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.

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Morning Worship...11 a.m.

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Darwin Robinson, Pastor
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Sunday School...10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:50 a.m.
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Wednesday - 7 p.m.

Calvary's Cornerstone Fellowship

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Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Bible Study - 6 p.m.
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Wednesday Service - 7:30 p.m.

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Floydada
Sunday Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study - 7 p.m.

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Mark Snowden, Pastor
Nathan Adams, Minister of Students and Discipleship
Ashley Adams, Minister of Music
Ludustria Prisk, Director of Children's Ministry
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church

Lockney

Joseph Tillery, Pastor

Chad Cook, Youth Min.
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

Floydada
Gary Boles, Pastor
Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School - 10:50 a.m.
Youth (Sunday) - 6:30 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

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Rev. Ricky Carsensen, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service - 6 p.m.
Wed. Jr. High - 5:30 p.m.
Wed High School - 6:30 p.m.

Grant Chapel Church of God in Christ

Joe Bennett, Pastor
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday - 8 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

Main Street Church of Christ

Lockney
James Blair, Minister
Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church

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Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
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AGRICULTURE

Floyd County "4-H Spotlight"



By Teresa Bigham
The Hesperian-Beacon

Jordyn Varner, a 17-year-old junior at Lockney High School, is this week's Floyd County 4-H Spotlight. She is the daughter of Mandy Thompson and the late Waylon Varner.

She is active in Floyd County 4-H and Lockney FFA. She also is part of the powerlifting team at LHS.

Varner loves to participate in the 4-H Rifle program because it is a way for her to learn a new skill.

"Rifles can be intimidating to some people, but I feel that the more a person knows about guns and gun safety then that person will feel more comfortable in any situation that may come up," Varner said. "This program is about learning rifle in a safe and proper manner and learning how to control your breathing, control muscle movement and it definitely teaches patience."

Her 4-H Rifle coaches are Jerry Chappell and Teresa Bigham.

For those who would like more information about this program, please contact Ag Agent Mark Carroll at the Texas A&M AgriLife office at 806-983-4912.

Floyd County "4-H Spotlight"



By Teresa Bigham
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Drake Gonzales, an 8th grader at LJH, is this week's 4-H Spotlight. He is proud to be a Longhorn. Gonzales takes great pride in his schoolwork and has a love for math, science and band.

Gonzales has been a Floyd County 4-H member for three years. He has taken part in the archery food challenge, pistol and rifle class as well as stock shows.

In 2018, Gonzales placed 4th in archery in the National Archery In-School Program (NASP) intermediate archery contest. That year he was also the club secretary.

When he has some down time, family and friends can find Gonzales practicing his archery or taking part in an art project.

"I really like being part of 4-H because of all the new people I get to meet," Gonzales said. "Plus I love the fact that I'm always learning something new. It's just a great club all the way around."

When he graduates high school, Gonzales has plans to further his education in law enforcement and forensic science.

Producers encourage to participate in HPHW Irrigation Assessment Program

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LUBBOCK – Interested producers are encouraged to participate in the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District's (HPWD) 2020 Irrigation Assessment Program.

"The Irrigation Assessment Program has two major benefits. Producers learn more about the performance of their center pivot or subsurface drip irrigation system. Plus, it gives a better understanding of groundwater conditions in aquifers within the HPWD service area," said Field Staff Supervisor Keith Whitworth.

Since 2013, cooperators have volunteered to have their irrigation systems assessed by HPWD staff. Water levels in wells are measured at the beginning/end of the growing season. In addition, flow rates of the wells/irrigation systems are checked using an ultrasonic flow meter. This service is provided free of charge to program participants by HPWD.

Total pumping hours, gallons per minute pumped, and number of irrigated acres are calculated to determine the total acre-inches of groundwater applied during the growing season. Rainfall totals are determined through use of radar estimates from April-September. This gives an estimate of the total inches of water available for plant use.

For example, the 2019 program participants' well data indicates an average depth-to-water of 223 feet and an average flow rate of 105 gallons per minute. The average amount of irrigation water

applied in 2019 by program participants was 13.4 inches for corn, 11.2 inches for cotton, 16.7 inches for silage and 3.6 inches for wheat. All information gathered from each site is shared with program participants.

Whitworth said water samples are also collected as an extra service to Irrigation Assessment Program participants. HPWD is able to check Total Dissolved Solids (TDS), chloride and pH levels of groundwater. Knowing the water chemistry in wells is important since it impacts efficient use of supplemental nutrients applied to crops.

Interested producers are encouraged to contact Whitworth at 806-762-0181 for additional information.

Created in 1951 by local residents and the Texas Legislature, the High Plains Water District works to conserve, preserve, protect and prevent the waste of underground water within its 16-county service area. HPWD is the first groundwater conservation district created in Texas.

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Texas Beef Council publishes annual report

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN – The Texas Beef Council (TBC) has published its 2019 annual report. This report describes key national and state checkoff program activities and reviews revenues and expenditures in fiscal year 2019.

"Our annual report gives Texas beef producers valuable insight into the important promotional, educational and research activities that their checkoff dollars are funding," said Brad Hastings, chairman of the TBC audit and budget committee from Amarillo, Texas. "We encourage cattlemen and women throughout the state to take a few minutes to read the report and learn more about how we're working to build beef demand, both here in

Texas and worldwide."

The annual report presents combined 2019 revenues for the TBC and the Beef Promotion Research Council of Texas (BPRCT) from state and national checkoff assessments and investment income, less remittances and refunds. An accompanying chart breaks down TBC and BPRCT investment categories by dollar amount spent and percentage of total expenses.

Readers can view a summary of state and national beef education, promotion and research programs funded by the \$1-per-head Texas state Beef Checkoff program and the \$0.50-per-head Texas receives from the national Beef Checkoff program. These programs follow the five core strategies within the TBC's FYI 2019 mar-

keting plan. Highlights include the "BBQuest" video series, the "For All Plates of Life" advertising campaign, culinary/foodservice education, international marketing, the "Raw Truth about Beef" video series and consumer outreach with nutrition and health influencers, among others.

The report also reviews the national Cattlemen's Beef Board's FY 2019 expenditures by program category and dollar amount spent. It shares program highlights, including new beef products developed with the United States Meat Export Federation (USMEF) for international markets, beef nutritional research efforts and the checkoff's Consumer Beef Tracker that provides key insights into consumer perceptions and behaviors.

"As producers read our 2019 Annual Report during these unprecedented times, we want to assure them that we're adjusting the short-term strategic direction of our FY20 programs," said Richard Wortham, executive vice president of the Texas Beef Council. "The Beef Checkoff is designed to build demand for beef products, and TBC will continue to proactively and efficiently invest checkoff dollars to promote beef to consumers while the world copes with the novel coronavirus."

To request a copy of the TBC annual report or a more detailed audited financial report, email beef@txbeef.org or call toll-free 1-800-846-4113. To read the annual report online, visit TexasBeefCheckoff.com.

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SCHOOL NEWS

“Adopt a Whirlwind” celebrates seniors

By Yelena Serrato
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA – In an effort to shower Floydada High School (FHS) seniors with love and encouragement during this time, the community of Floydada created the “Adopt-A-Senior” initiative to

celebrate the graduating class of 2020.

Parents posted their kid’s pictures and bios on the “Adopt-a-Whirlwinds” Facebook page, and then someone in the community comments “adopted” in the comments. The community members then can choose one or two seniors

to send anything from a congratulatory card to a gift basket to help make their final semester special.

Every Floydada High School senior has already been adopted at least twice since the movement began.

Although the school year did not go as planned for

many seniors, the love and support from the community has helped ease the sting of a disappointing end. The kind gestures have uplifted the spirit of seniors and has brought joy into their life.

The community of Floydada has truly gone the extra mile for their high school seniors.



FHS Senior Lindsey Marquez along her adopters the Paz Family (Courtesy photo)



FHS Senior Ethien Rodriguez alongside his adopters the Briley family (Courtesy Photo)



FHS Senior Ruth Ramirez alongside her adopters Olga Perez (Courtesy Photo)



FHS Senior Rene Coronado alongside his adopter Shery Back (Courtesy Photo)



FHS Senior Sinai Padillia alongside her adopter Robin Nixon (Courtesy Photo)



FHS Senior Jose Lira alongside his adopter Jazmin Casares (Courtesy Photo)



FHS Senior Izel Pacheco alongside her adopter Mary Ann Cavazos Reyes (Courtesy Photo)



FHS Senior Tyson Snell alongside his adopters the Hernandez family (Courtesy Photo)



FHS Senior Eric Johnston alongside his adopters the DelaFuente family (Courtesy Photo)



FHS Senior Amber Morales alongside her adopter Ashely Diaz (Courtesy Photo)

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Joy Bradley

Joy Bradley, of Granbury, Texas passed away on April 27, 2020. A graveside service was held at 11 a.m., Friday, May 1, 2020 at Plainview Memorial Park. Rev. Kyle Brock officiated.

Services are under the care of Kornerstone Funeral Directors of Plainview. She was born November 3, 1933 in Caddo County, Oklahoma to L.E. and Nell (Ramsey) Walker. She married Melvin Bradley on September 1, 1951 in Olustee, Oklahoma. She was a devoted wife to her husband Melvin, a loving mother and an exceptional Granmom. She is preceded in death

by her husband, Melvin Bradley, her son, Doug Bradley, her daughter, Brenda Bradley, her parents, L.E. and Nell Walker, brothers, Loyal and Dean, and sisters, Arletta, Fay and Betty. She is survived by her two daughters, Connie Seale and husband, Donnie of Amarillo, and Pam Hood and husband, Marty of Granbury; her sister, Carol Ellis and husband, Troy of Huntsville,

Alabama; three grandchildren, Melissa Murphree and husband, David of Plainview, Heather Irby and husband, Ryan of Dallas, and Brandon Seale of Lubbock; three-step grandchildren, Matt Hood and wife, Sarah of Williamsburg, Virginia, Nathan Hood of Lubbock, and Natalie Hood of Lubbock; seven great-grandchildren, Gracie, Hunter and Daxson Murphree, Caro-

line, Hayes and Josephine Irby, and Carson Seale; and three step-great-grandchildren, Cameron and Landon Hood and Berklynn Hood. The family suggests memorial contributions be sent to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 446, Lockney, TX, 79241 or your favorite charity. Online condolences may be made at www.kornerstonefunerals.com



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