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Obituaries



Smith

Lynn Doris Smith gained her angel wings on January 9, 2021. Her battle with dementia is over. She was 87 years old.

She was born on April 14, 1933, to Josephine Grace Landers Varnadore and Henry Clay Varnadore. She attended school in Robert Lee, where she competed in basketball and volleyball. She graduated in 1951 and married James Royce Smith in 1952.

She lived all of her life in Coke County, except for the last eight years in Tom Green County at the New Haven Memory Care Facility. She will be greatly missed by all who

knew her. She loved her family and friends with all of her heart. Even when she couldn't remember people she was always full of laughter and wanted to hold your hand when you talked to her. She leaves a huge hole in our hearts that we will try to fill with our memories of family reunions and her competitive spirit and her cooking - her rolls were the best!!!

Lynn Doris is preceded in death by her husband, James Royce Smith her parents, Grace Landers Varnadore and Henry Clay Varnadore; four brothers, Clell Varnadore, William Varnadore, JCue Varnadore; and one sister, O'Nita Scott.

Lynn Doris leaves behind James Royce Smith, Jr., residing Grand Prairie, Texas, with his wife Barbara; Debra Lynn Gleghorn, residing with her husband Shane in Ballinger Texas; Edwin Smith, residing in San Angelo Texas, with his wife Charmaine and Noal Smith, in San Angelo Texas, with his wife Kristi.

She also leaves seven grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Online condolences can be made at www.shafferpioneer.com.
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Traffic Stops Resulting in Citations - 60

Total Inmates in Jail as of January 11, 2021:

Males - 3
 Females - 3



December 2020

Sheriff's Information Report - 3

- Criminal Trespass - 1
- Theft - 1
- Estray - 2
- Welfare Concern - 3
- Mental Health - 2
- Public Service (includes funerals, court, motorist assist, alarm calls, etc) - 262
- Civil Process - 2
- Prisoner Transport (includes arrest and to and from court) - 6
- Livestock Calls - 51
- Accidents - 4
- Accident Assist DPS - 7
- Blue Forms Issued - 2
- Traffic Stops - 79

SHOP LOCAL

Please Support
 Your Hometown Businesses!



30 Years! At the December Soil and Water Conservation District meeting, Mike Arrott (left) was awarded for his 30 years of service to the board. He has been the chairman for 17 of those ears. He owns MACS AG, a business that helps landowners with conservation practices such as brush management, raking, and reseeding. Mike and his wife, Andra, reside in Bronte.

Letter to the Editor

The Joseph Thomas Foundation was started in 2007, by John and Erin Thomas after the loss of their 6 year old son. Joseph was born with multiple medical complications. While the big expenses of Joseph's conditions were covered by Medicaid, it was the constant barrage of little expenses that whittled away at their ability to simply survive financially. Had it not been for gifts from their church, family and others, they were unsure how they would have made it.

Following Joseph's death, John and his wife reflected on their journey and felt a calling to help other families on a similar path. It was decided that they would establish a non-profit, The Joseph Thomas Foundation in honor of their son. This foundation would help medically fragile children and their families by helping cover

expenses not covered by Medicaid and/or insurance.

They began by helping a few children a year, and in doing so, it helped them as grieving parents. Through the grace of God and continued support of friends and the community, the Joseph Thomas Foundation has exceeded all expectations. They

have helped over 100 kids with over \$100,000. Entering the second decade of their work, they are eager to see what is in store for the foundation in the future.

JTF helps children from birth through high school with:

- Making their family vehicles wheelchair accessible.
- Surgery expenses and prescriptions.
- Leg braces and wheelchairs.

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

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

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

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

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

Tennysson

Tennysson Baptist Church

Hwy 277 • Tennysson

(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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