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Death Notices

Lemons

Glenda Anita (Huie) Lemons, of San Angelo, went to be with her Lord and Savior on November 17, 2020 at the age of 70.

Glenda is survived by her husband, Darrell Lemons of San Angelo; two daughters, Angela Kloesel of Muldrow, Oklahoma, and Dedra (Kloesel) Morris and husband, RA, of Bronte, Texas; three sons, Buddy Lemons and wife, Evelyn of Carlsbad, Texas, Steven Lemons and wife, Mary of Leander, Texas, and Justin and wife Stacy Lemons of Los Banos, California. She was blessed with 14 grandchildren, Kelsey, Ty, Taylor, Toby, Kassandra, Jaxon, Braylie, Mason, Emily, Waylon, Tanner, Dylan, Samantha and Kyle; and one great grandchild, Harley. She is also survived by three sisters, Lana (Dempsey) Hensley of San Angelo, Kelly Greenwood and husband Charles of Irving, and Karen Henicke and husband Ray of Abilene, as well as many other family members whom she held dear.

She was predeceased in death by her father, William John Huie; her mother, Billie (Rogers) Dempsey; stepmother, Geraldine Huie; stepfather, Dolen Dempsey; two brothers, Jerry and Dwain Dempsey; and her father-in-law, Herman O. Lemons.

Graveside services were held on November 25 at Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens at 2 pm, with Pastor Kevin McSpadden officiating.

Arrangements were made through Harper Funeral Home.

Brandt

Lenda Elaine (Presnell) Brandt left us to be with our Father in Heaven on November 20, 2020.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Ronald William Brandt; daughters, Lisa Ann Seiffert of Cranston, Rhode Island, and Gaylena Jean Brandt of Bronte, Texas; sons, Ronald Wayne and wife Teresa Brandt of Midland, Texas, Sgt Major James Lynn Brandt and wife Jessica Brandt of Rochester, New Hampshire, and Michael David Brandt of

El Paso, Texas. She is also survived by her sister, Janet Nichols (Phillip); brother-in-law, James Franklin Brandt, and sister-in-law Linda Trostman; 12 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren.

Lenda was preceded in death by her parents, Gene and Wanda Presnell; mother-in-law, Hazel Brandt; and father-in-law Galen Brandt.

A private memorial will be held on December 2, 2020, at the Cowboy Church in Bronte, Texas.



A Thanksgiving Message to Stamford and Beyond

by James M. Decker

This has been a difficult year for us individually and as a people. A new virus has brought illness and death into too many families and communities. Our rural economy has struggled and the pandemic has caused even more economic hardship, particularly for retail and small business. Social restrictions and cultural strife have taxed individual and collective mental health. And yet, we are not without reasons to be thankful.

On October 3, 1789, President George Washington signed the first of many presidential Thanksgiving proclamations. Our new nation was struggling with the growing pains of

independence and building a republican democracy out of a diverse collection of states and peoples. President Washington wrote that *“it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and to humble implore His protection and favor.”*

Fast forward to October 3, 1863. President Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation of Thanksgiving that was hopefully even amidst the uncertainty and strife of a bloody civil war. He wrote of a nation blessed with bountiful resources, given great blessings by a God who continued to show mercy to the people despite their sins. He wrote that the people should be thankful for these blessings and work towards a future day of peace and tranquility by *“solemnly, reverently, and gratefully acknowledge[ing]”* those blessings with *“one heart and one voice by the whole American people.”*

On October 22, 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt penned a remarkable Thanksgiving proclamation. 20th century America was on the forefront of industrial and technological revolutions and it was experiencing unprecedented material prosperity. President Roosevelt knew that this economic success alone was insufficient to make a nation happy. He wrote that the material well being could be the foundation for national greatness and happiness, but it could not itself be the source of greatness and happiness. He observed that such a life would be *“meaningless and empty as a house where only the foundation has been laid.”* Instead, material well-being must be the foundation on which a nation builds a *“superstructure of individual and national life lived in accordance with the laws of the highest morality, or else our prosperity will in the long run turn out a curse instead of a blessing.”* President Roosevelt called on Americans to be

thankful and pray that they use *“these gifts aright”* as a *“means of grace and not of destruction.”*

Despite the difficulties of this year, I see blessings throughout our land and, like President Lincoln, I remain hopeful. Great challenges still exist in our quest to create a more perfect Union and they will continue to exist as long as we are a nation of flawed humans. To that point, I think of the sentiment of President Roosevelt. Today, we live in the most prosperous time in world history. Seeking prosperity for prosperity’s sake is a sad state, but it is a high calling to build an ever-more prosperous society as a foundation for the true success and happiness in each of our lives.

“Thanksgiving” is not about the size of your family gathering, the extravagance of your meal, or even the Dallas Cowboys

game. It is about giving thanks for our blessings. This week, I encourage each of us to remember the words of Washington - it is our duty to acknowledge the providence of Almighty, obey His will, be grateful for our blessings, and implore His protection and favor. Let us do that solemnly and reverently, with one heart and one voice, like Lincoln. Let us be thankful for our blessings and let us work hard to build that more perfect union, so that we may build a truly prosperous, happy society here in Stamford and in every community—rural, suburban, and urban—in America.

James Decker is the Mayor of Stamford, Texas and the creator of the “West of 98” website and forthcoming podcast. Contact James and subscribe to these essays at westof98.substack.com.

Robert Lee City Council meeting minutes told

The Robert Lee City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 19, 2020, at 6:30 pm at City Hall. Those present included Council Members Grace Todacheeny, Jason Moran, Becca McGuire, Brandi Brosh, and Tracy Grantham. Mayor Allyson Crenshaw was absent.

Prayer was provided by Danny Jasso and the pledge was recited by those in chambers.

Minutes from the September

14, 2020, September 17, 2020, and October 5, 2020, meetings were read. Minutes from the August 10, 2020, meeting were corrected.

The Consent Agenda (Ordinance Enforcement Report, Animal Control Report, and Financial Report) were given. Tracy Grantham made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and was seconded by Becca McGuire. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

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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

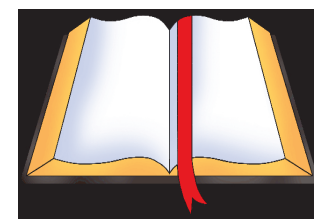
Forgiven Ministries

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. Yesu Mulakaleti, Jr., Pastor
 Sunday Bilingual Mass 8 am
4C Cowboy Church
 Texas Theater, Downtown Bronte
 Interim Pastor Robert Lemmond
 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.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

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

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

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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