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In 1956, Ed began serving as an Area Field Representative for Texas Farm Bureau, covering the largest territory in the state. For 31 years, he traveled the southwest, organizing a grassroots network of counties representing the voice of agriculture at local, state, and national levels. Additionally, he was one of the driving forces behind the establishment of the Farm Bureau's annual Citizenship Seminar, a summer camp for high school students that taught free enterprise, patriotism, responsibility, and leadership – values that Ed cherished and championed every day of his life.

Ed loved his hometown of Bronte, and served in virtually every capacity at some time - he helped found the V.F.W. and Lions Club, and served as president and member of the school board, nursing home board, and many county boards. A steadfast supporter of Bronte businesses and volunteer organizations, Ed loved nothing better than presiding as auctioneer and rousing up the crowd to generate money in local charity auctions.

But above all, Ed Cumbie loved God and served Him faithfully every day in his family and through his service in numerous positions in the First

Baptist Church in Bronte, which is the same church his grandfather founded. But, Ed's servant's heart more often represented God quietly and without attention. Those who received that love and generosity know this well.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents, R.E. and Emma Cumbie, and his sister, Georgia Mae Mackey. He is sadly missed by his wife of 68 years, Helen Jane Luby Cumbie; beloved daughters, Linda (Pat) Gladden, Susan (Paul) Williams, Dawn Burwick, and Shelley Cumbie; along with cherished grandchildren, Jerrod (Melissa) Gladden, Jeffrey (Ashley) Gladden, Nick (Jodie) Arrott, Jael Williams, Shay Burwick (Doug Mitchell), Lindsey (Sean) Brown, Cory Scott, and T.J. Scott. Great-grandchildren who loved their Gramps include Taylor and Lexy Gladden; Lauren and Ava Saucedo; Samantha, Jackson, and Graham Gladden; Payton and Callen Arrott; Addison and Mac Mitchell; Kaycie and Austin Brown; Ashton Peake, and Aryanna and Tristen Scott.

Pallbearers will be his grandchildren. Honorary pallbearers include his faithful ranch foreman, David Nobles, along with James Lynn Vaughn, Clay Allen, Martin Lefevre, Steve Cochran, Rex Jones, and Pat Phillips.

Public viewing will be at Shaffer Funeral Home in Bronte

from 9 am to 4 pm on Friday, July 24, with Family Visitation from 5 pm to 8 pm at the First Baptist Church of Bronte's sanctuary. Funeral services will be Saturday, July 25, at First Baptist Church at 10 am with graveside to follow. Ed's love of Texas A&M and the Bronte Longhorns will be remembered, and attendees are invited to wear maroon in the spirit of celebration. Services are under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes memorial contributions to the "Edward M. Cumbie Scholarship Fund" in care of the First National Bank, Drawer C, Bronte, Texas 76933 or to the First Baptist Church of Bronte.

The health and safety of attendees is the family's main concern, and masks must be worn to all services. They will be provided, along with other COVID-19 related protocols. The service will also be live-streamed to the church's Fellowship Hall and on the First Baptist Church of Bronte's Facebook page for those in the at-risk population.

The family wishes to thank Ballinger Home Health and Hospice staff Whitney Medina, Amy McKinney, Paula Rodriguez, Debbie Lemons, and Marina Diaz.

Online condolences can be made to [www.shafferpioneer.com](http://www.shafferpioneer.com). 03-1t

Taylor seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Everett Beford moved that a 'hazardous bonus' be given to each employee as agreed upon in executive session and for this to be done through the payroll program. He was seconded by

Gina McCutchen and the motion carried unanimously.

Everett Bedford moved that the meeting be adjourned and was seconded by Lanette Fletcher. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:12 pm.

# UPCOMINGS!

## Food Manager Certification training set for August 26-27

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension will be hosting a two day Food Manager Certification Training on Wednesday, August 26, and Thursday, August 27 from 8:30 am until 5 pm. The training will be held at The Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center in San Angelo.

The registration fee will cover the course materials and ANSICFP Accredited Certified Professional Food Manager examination. A valid photo ID, such as a driver's license, ID card, military ID, or passport, must be presented to take the exam. If you do not have an acceptable form of ID, you will not be able to take the exam.

Seating is limited due to COVID-19, so contact the Tom Green County Extension Office at (325) 659-6527 for

registration and availability.

## RLBC to host Ladies Retreat

Robert Lee Baptist Church is hosting a Ladies Retreat on Saturday, August 8, beginning at 10 am. The speaker will be Jodie Barnes and music will be led by Amber Bosworth. There is a small registration fee to participate. For more information and to register, please visit [www.robertleebaptistchurch.org/upcoming-events.html](http://www.robertleebaptistchurch.org/upcoming-events.html).

## Benefit account set up at RLSB

An account has been set up at Robert Lee State Bank to assist Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department Chief Ross Torres. Ross is currently undergoing medical treatment due to kidney failure. Checks can be made out to Rosendo Torres Jr Benefit c/o Robert Lee State Bank, PO Box 549, Robert Lee, Texas, 76945.

## ECCHD board meeting minutes told

The East Coke County Hospital District Board of Directors met for a public hearing concerning the budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year on Monday, June 15, 2020, at 5 pm in the patio area of Bronte Health and Rehab Center. President Howard Baker presided over the meeting. Other board members present were Everett Bedford, Lanette Fletcher, Gina McCutchen, and Jerita Taylor. Administrator Daisy Toms, Chief Financial Officer Johnny Mathis, and Business Office Manager Fran Sonnenberg were also present.

The meeting was called to order at 5 pm by President Baker.

A quorum was established. Prayer was led by Johnny Mathis.

There were no public comments.

Lanette Fletcher moved that the public hearing be adjourned at 5:05 pm due to no public presence. Gina McCutchen seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Immediately following the public hearing, the board held a regular meeting. President Howard Baker presided over the meeting. Other board members present were Everett Bedford, Lanette Fletcher, Gina McCutchen, and Jerita Taylor. Administrator Daisy Toms, Chief Financial Officer Johnny Mathis, and Business Office Manager Fran Sonnenberg

were also present.

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 pm by President Baker.

A quorum was established.

The minutes of the May 18, 2020, meeting were reviewed. Everett Bedford moved that the minutes be approved as presented. He was seconded by Gina McCutchen and the motion carried unanimously.

Everett Bedford moved that the proposed budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year be adopted as presented. Lanette Fletcher seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Toms presented the Director of Nurses' Report on behalf of Ms. Valadez.

Ms. Toms gave the Administrator's Report and reported that BHRC currently has 28 residents. There is still a

vacancy for PRN CNA's.

Mr. Mathis gave the Chief Financial Officer's Report and distributed current Accounts Receivable Aging Reports, as well as Financial Statements, through May 31.

The board reviewed the bank statements and petty cash reconciliation. The credit card statement had not been received at the time of the board meeting.

The board reviewed all bills that have been paid.

The regular board meeting adjourned at 5:28 pm.

The board moved to executive session at 5:30 pm.

After completion of executive session at 6:04 pm, Everett Beford moved that CNA pay be increased as follows: starting pay of \$12.50 per hour and increasing up to \$16.50 per hour for longevity and experience within the BHRC facility. Jerita

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