



# TEXAS BOYS RANCH

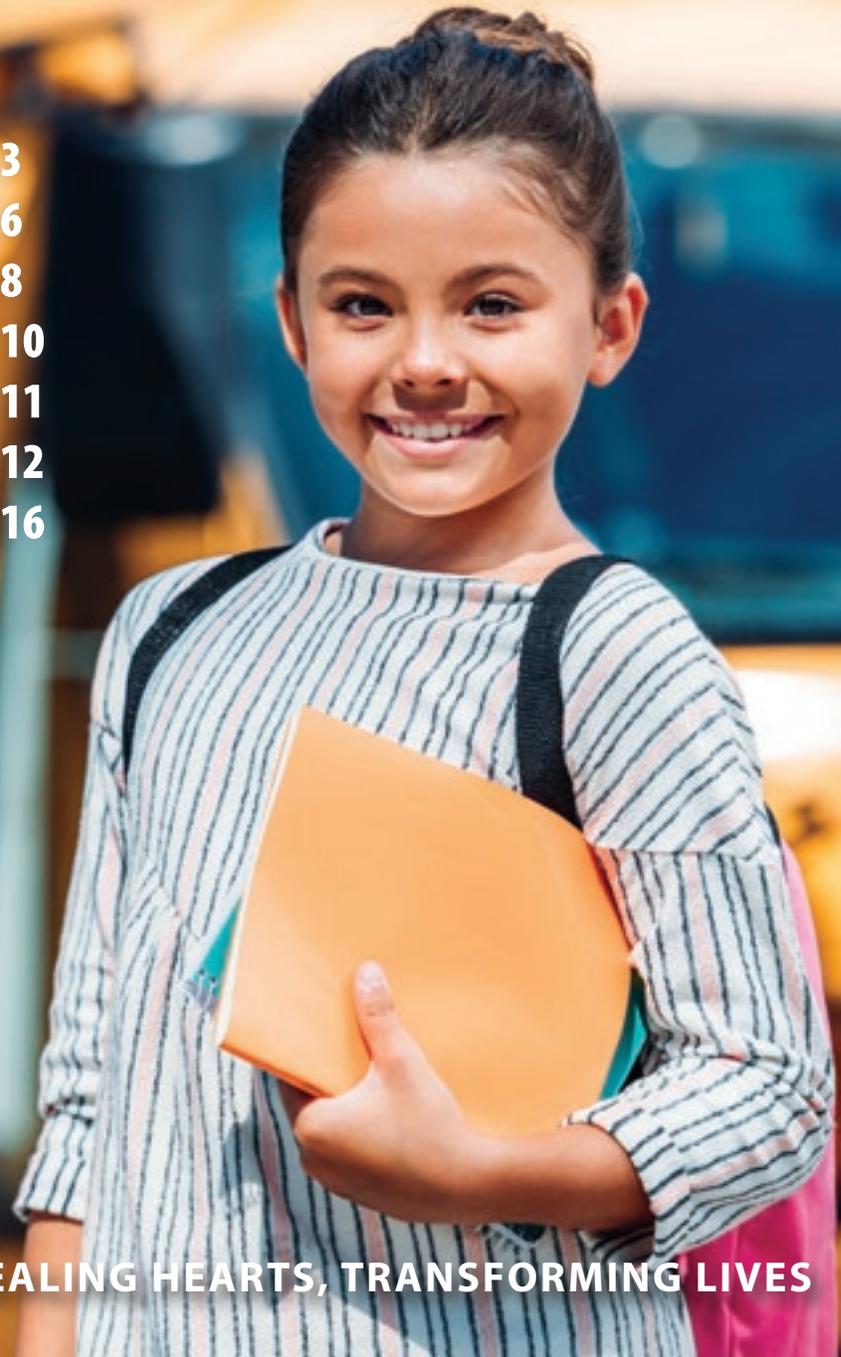
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# Goodbye to Telethon

## THANKS FOX34

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Baby books are filled with memories of the “firsts” in a child’s life. We have pictures of the first time our children fed themselves, the first haircut, the first tooth to come in and the first tooth they lose. And let’s not forget the first photos ever taken of our child in the hospital. We continue to remember and treasure many other “firsts”. Unfortunately, we don’t always recall or celebrate the “lasts” in our children’s lives. There are a few, of course: their last day of high school when they graduate is a bitter/sweet last that we celebrate with our children.

But many “lasts” go unnoticed because we didn’t know it was going to be the last time it was going to happen.

Small children and young grandchildren love to cuddle. But if your children are grown, do you remember the last time your son or daughter crawled into your lap and nuzzled into your neck? Or the last time your child asked you to kiss their booboo? Did you write about it in their baby book right after the “last time” happened? Or were you convinced that there would be many more such moments? I have had many “lasts” that went unnoticed until years later when God would remind me that I was missing important last time moments. The kind of moments, that had we known, we might have taken the time to take a photo or journal about it. Or just to ponder, “Wow! I will never enjoy this moment again.”

Last August, Texas Boys Ranch probably experienced a LAST TIME. But, we didn’t know it then. Our annual Texas Boys Ranch Telethon was aired on FOX34 Lubbock, as scheduled. Things

were different, but it was a great night. As usual, our amazing friends helped us put on a wonderful event and other great friends supported us with generous donations. We didn’t know at the end of the night that we were closing the curtains on a tradition that had lasted 45 years.

We recently sent a fund appeal letter that spoke about not having a telethon this year. Without intending to do so, we may have led some to believe that the recent change in ownership of FOX34 Lubbock might have been the cause of the scheduling challenges that led to our decision to cancel the telethon this year. This is not true. Every network affiliate is contractually obligated to carry ALL network programming with very few exceptions. FOX34 is no exception. The times that were tentatively approved simply became unavailable. Other possibilities were considered, but at the end of day nothing would work.

I wish to thank FOX34 Lubbock for eight years of hosting our annual Telethon. They have been amazing partners and we are pleased to count the employees and management of FOX34 Lubbock as our friends. Our hope is that the partnership we began to forge in 2013 will lead to future opportunities to work together again.

In truth, God opens AND closes doors all the time. “There is a season for every purpose under heaven.” And we are determined to be ready for the next season and whatever God decides to place in front of us.

Perhaps this is the season

  
John Sigle  
President

# TELETHON memories



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During the year of COVID we learned what a blessing in-person school is for our kids. After a spring break that turned into summer break (which was then extended by two weeks due to cottages being quarantined), our kids were excited to get back to school. However, the first day of school jitters can also create tremendous anxiety as kids either return to see old friends or start attending a different school for the very first time. Many readers probably have fond memories of being at the store picking out that one special shirt, pair of pants, and/or pair of shoes. You may have even run through the store to see how fast those shoes made you or modeled the entire outfit for you parents before leaving for school. Many of our kids have not had that experience before coming to Texas Boys Ranch.

To help ease the tension and alleviate feelings of self-consciousness about school, summer is always wrapped up with back-to-school shopping. Besides helping the kids to select the clothing necessary to complete their wardrobe, every child also takes special care in selecting the first day of school outfit that will help them carry themselves with confidence as they step off the bus to reunite with favorite teachers and friends. While purchasing that one, perfect outfit may seem like a small gesture, it routinely makes a huge impact on our kids.

We often hear of the importance of making a great first impression. This small gesture of the perfect outfit to start school helps our kids make a great first impression at school. And from the opposite side, their first impression of school when stepping off of the bus with a smile on their face can set the tone for the entire year. It is a small price to pay for huge dividends of enjoying school.



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### JEREMY WALKER

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Back to school and back to the rhythm of the fall.

The freedom of the summer funnels itself into the focused atmosphere of the school year. Our kids complain about how “early” they must get up for school, but they don’t seem to mind that much after the first few weeks of their new routine. They tell stories of their friends, sports, band, games, new teachers and old memories. They settle into the groove of school, filled with excitement and expectation for what awaits them. Little do they know that they are preparing themselves for a future equally filled with potential.



### ANGELA SKORICK

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It’s in the air! That feeling you get when it is back to school time. The children are excited to meet new teachers, see old friends, and get back into a routine. They are so happy to get new backpacks, school supplies, and clothes. It is generally a positive time, however, some find it hard to return to school because they struggle with learning new concepts, have moved from school to school, and it is just a reminder they are still not home. Please pray for our kiddos as the new school year starts. Pray that they will be successful in their schoolwork, have fun with friends, and enjoy all of the activities that come with being back in school.

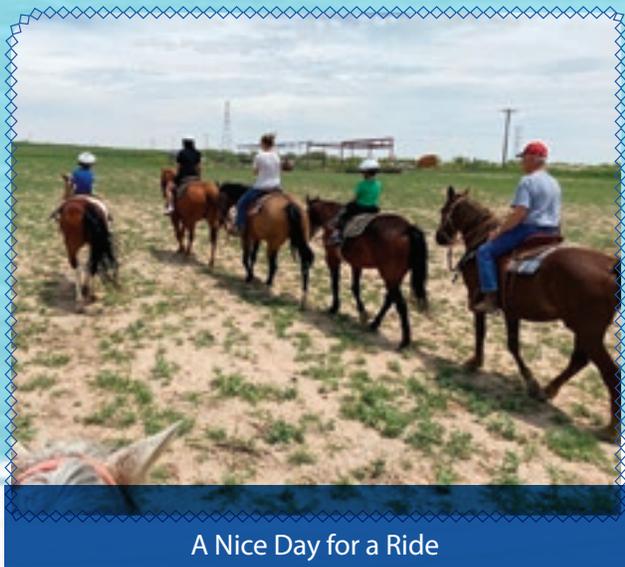


### KATY PHILLIPS

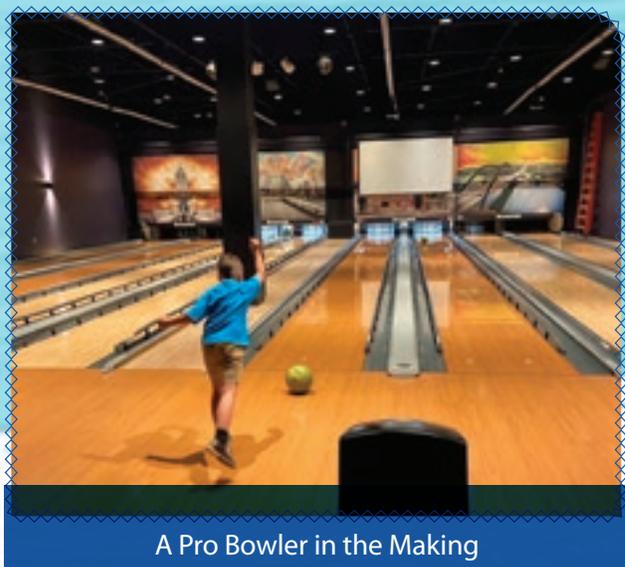
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Hard to believe we are gearing up for back to school after such a fun summer due to the generous donations from our community! We have been camping, swimming, fishing, visiting museums, and playing outside as much as we can! While we typically serve ages 0-17 (and everything in between), this summer we have had a very young crew with an average age of 6. It has been magical to watch them explore nature and learn all summer long about the world around us. With everyone being so young, we have been able to participate in numerous Vacation Bible Schools in our community churches. How humbling it has been to help our children learn more about what it means to be a part of His family, even while they are separated from their biological families.

# Round THE RANCH



A Nice Day for a Ride



A Pro Bowler in the Making



Camping Fun



Camping in Colorado

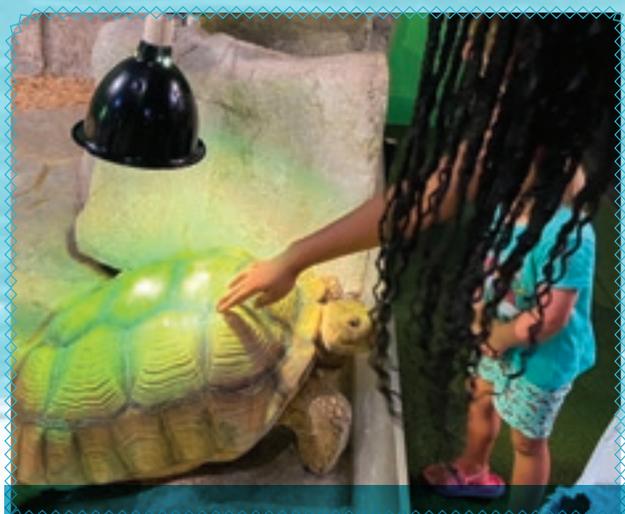


Fun at the Zoo



Getting the Garden Ready

# Round THE RANCH



Making a New Friend



Nice Day at the Ballgame



Vacation Fun!



Visiting the Aquarium



VR is So Cool!



Wow! Collision King Cereal Donation



## What do you think about when you think back to your school days?

I mean way back, like to elementary school or maybe middle school. I can remember one thing those experiences of my youth all had in common- a certain amount of anxiety and fear, especially at the beginning of the new school year. It can be difficult for a child to start a new school year with a new teacher and classmates they may not know. It can be even more difficult for a child who has had their life turned upside down.

Joey is one such kid who had recently had his life turned upside down. Joey is almost ten years old. He missed a lot of school due to school closings last year. He was supposed to be homeschooled but not a lot of that actually took place. After Joey arrived at Texas Boys Ranch, it was discovered that he was essentially a full grade behind and would possibly have to be held back. This news only added to the woes that Joey was already facing. Joey is not a kid to be kept down,

however. When he learned about the availability to work through the summer on his schooling, he jumped at the chance. Joey has had lots of support from TBR staff and volunteer tutors, and it is looking like he will hopefully be able to start the school year off in the grade he is supposed to be in.

## There are lots of success stories at Texas Boys Ranch just like Joey's.





That's because we are passionate about providing a good education for the children we serve. When you make the decision to help with sending kids back to school, you aren't just ensuring they have the things they need for the classroom. You are ensuring that every child will be supported in whatever way they may need, whether at the Ranch or at school.



**A good education can make such a difference in the lives of children like Joey. Won't you please use the card and envelop provided and send in your support today?**

Thank you for helping to provide a good education for the kids at the Ranch.

*John Sigle*

John Sigle,  
TBR President

**But we just couldn't provide this support without your help.**

We rely on the folks in our community, like you. Who are as passionate about helping hurting girls and boys as we are, to help out in whatever way you feel called to do. So won't you prayerfully consider making the choice today to help out the kids at the Ranch with their back to school needs, as well as with the ongoing needs they will have throughout the year?





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# THE ↑ UPS ↓ and DOWNS OF FUNDRAISING

I have been working in fundraising in one capacity or another for several different organizations for over twenty years now. During that time I have learned a lot. I'm sure you've heard the Murphy's Law quote, "Whatever can go wrong, will go wrong?" Well, that can be especially true with fundraising events. I usually tell people that I learned a long time ago not to stress too much over events because we just have no control over things like weather or any number of other things that might come up. But I still sometimes find myself in that familiar place- stressing over things. I always know God will see us through, but that nagging, human doubt still creeps in unfortunately.

I know one thing for sure and that is I can always count on our amazing donors to step up and make sure Texas Boys Ranch is getting the help and support we need.

You may have heard about us not having the telethon this year. I can tell you there was much stress and agonizing over that decision, to be sure. What got me through the tuff aspects of making a decision like that was that I know TBR has many amazing supporters who consistently step up when the going gets tough. It is difficult to make it alone in this world. Whether it's an individual, an organization like ours, or a hurting child, we all need help, especially when life throws us difficult situations. I want to sincerely thank each and every person who has helped and who will help us take care of precious children this year. I have said it many times before and I will always believe that we just couldn't do what we do without YOU.





**MICHAEL NUDELMAN**  
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School is right around the corner, and for many families it can be a strain on the budget sending kids back to school. Can you imagine the expense of getting all of the girls and boys at Texas Boys Ranch ready for school? At times our numbers at the Ranch and the Children’s Shelter can be over 40 kids! That’s a lot of new school clothes, backpacks, and supplies they will need to get the new school year started off right.

We are asking all our church partners to please consider helping us with this task. Weather it’s the whole church, a bible class, or maybe a life group, we would love it if you could take up a special collection for our girls and boys to get new clothes, backpacks, and other things they need for school.

**Gift cards to Walmart, Target, or Academy would be wonderful as well!**

New clothes and backpacks really help the girls and boys have confidence as the new school year starts. Before they came to TBR, many of our kids never had new cloths or backpacks for school.

**Thank you for helping us with our mission of  
 Sharing Jesus, Healing Hearts and Transforming Lives. God bless!**

**TEXAS BOYS RANCH  
 BACK TO SCHOOL  
 SUPPLY DRIVE**

Help our boys and girls start their school year off with a bang.

**WHAT WE NEED**

- Pens (blue, black, and red)
- Pencils
- Plastic folders with brads (all colors)
- Colored pencils
- Crayons markers
- 1" notebooks
- 1.5" notebooks
- Large pink erasers
- Notecards
- Expo markers
- Earbuds
- 1-3" binders
- Pencil bags
- Notebook paper (wide ruled)
- Disinfectant wipes
- Combination locks
- Boys and girls Backpacks (ages 4-10)

**Drive Ends August 1st**



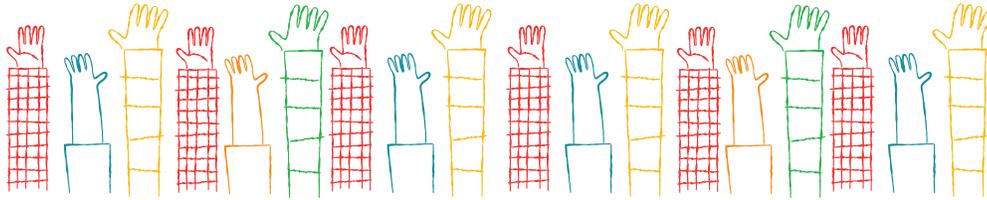
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I can't believe it's already July and we are working on our back-to-school plans. Most kids are starting to grumble because they aren't ready or don't like school because they struggle. Families are starting the busy balancing act of work and school along with in-school, and out-of-school activities. This means it is time to for me to work with our directors to look at what our volunteer needs for the fall will look like. We are working hard to create more opportunities for individuals and groups with weekday, evening, and weekend opportunities available. Below I have listed the opportunities that we know. If you have any questions or to request your Individual Application Packet or Group Information Form, please email me at ascott@texasboysranch.org

## *volunteer opportunities*

**Groups: Childcare for monthly Foster Family Support Meeting**  
**Individual: Homework Angels, Cottage Angels, Mentors**



### 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Texas Boys Ranch Unaudited Financial Report for Newsletter  
For the Year Ended January 31, 2021

**Total Children Served: 217**

**Operating Income**

|                             |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Churches & Individuals      | \$ 1,122,118 |
| Residential Care - Ranch    | 773,177      |
| Foster Care                 | 713,683      |
| Children's Shelter          | 617,785      |
| Fundraising                 | 186,478      |
| Ranch income                | 56,341       |
| Earnings from endowment     | 183,373      |
| Foundations, Trusts, Grants | 740,056      |
| Other/Miscellaneous         | 27,095       |

**Total Income \$ 4,420,106**

**Operating Expenses**

|                            |              |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Residential Care - Ranch   | \$ 1,375,066 |
| Foster Care                | 687,976      |
| Children's Shelter         | 691,278      |
| Ranch/agriculture expenses | 187,728      |
| Administration             | 291,501      |
| Fundraising & Advancement  | 359,836      |

**Total Expenses \$ 3,593,385**

**Net Income or (Loss) \$ 826,721**



**ERIC CREEL**

President, Texas Boys Ranch Foundation  
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“I am not a Very Important Man, as importance is commonly rated. I do not have great wealth, control a big business, or occupy a position of great honor or authority.”

Forest Witcraft began his short article, entitled “Within My Power,” for the October 1950 edition of Scouting magazine with those words. I suspect most of us would say something very similar about ourselves. We work hard and try to do a good job for our employer and customers. We look out for the best interests of our family. We try to do good in our communities. We serve our God to the best of our abilities. But most of us are not what the world would hold up as Very Important People. We’re just ordinary folk.

The essay continues by suggesting that a humble citizen may, in fact, change the course of history through participating in the molding of a child’s life. In the fall of 1950, Mr. Witcraft mused that perhaps if there had been a humble citizen who took a special interest in “an undersized unhappy Austrian lad by the name of Adolph”, that young man would have found “a joyous boyhood, full of the ideals of brotherhood, goodwill, and kindness. And the world would have been different.” A humble citizen might have influenced “a Russian boy called Joe” who would have learned the lessons of democratic cooperation.

You and I, humble citizens, ordinary folk, can indeed change the future. Your gifts to Texas Boys Ranch Foundation have the power of molding children today, as well as those who will require our care in the future. That happens because, while some will be used for today’s needs, a significant portion of your gift will be added to the permanent endowment where it will be multiplied many times over, ensuring the future is bright for this ministry of molding young lives.

As you consider your legacy in this world, consider Forest Witcraft’s concluding words: “A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove. But the world may be different, because I was important in the life of a boy.”

You can reach Eric at the Texas Boys Ranch Foundation office at [ecreel@tbrfoundation.org](mailto:ecreel@tbrfoundation.org), or by phone at 806-749-1103.

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## ANNUAL PERFORMANCE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT SNAPSHOT REPORT

FY 2020



SERVING FAMILIES SINCE 1975

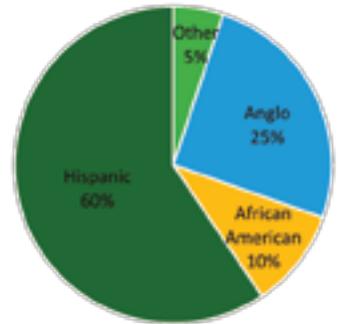
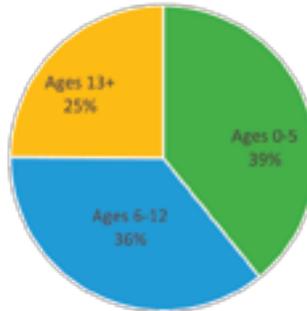
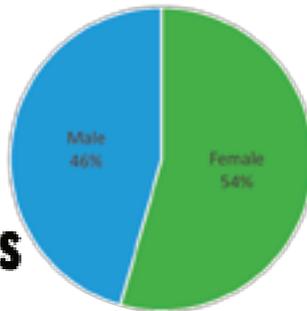


**252**

### TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN SERVED



**2478**



### THERAPY SESSIONS

- ◆ 111 FAMILY SESSIONS
- ◆ 159 GROUP SESSIONS
- ◆ 2208 INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS



**100%** SAFE IN CARE

**60 OPEN AND CLOSED CASE RECORDS REVIEWED**

HR AUDIT CONDUCTED WITH NO FINDINGS

**5** PHYSICAL INTERVENTION RESTRAINTS

**100%** DEBT FREE ORGANIZATION



**82%** EMPLOYEE SATISFACTION

**92%** CLIENT SATISFACTION

**13** ADOPTIONS

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# MEMORIAL AND LIVING HONOR GIFTS

April 1 - June 30, 2021

Memorial and Living Honor gifts are made to honor loved ones and friends, while also providing care for children who desperately need help. We are deeply grateful to the many people who show their affection and respect for their loved ones in this very special way.

## HONORARIUMS

### All Staff at TBR Children's Shelter

Mr. Jerry Dennis

### All TBR Houseparents

Mr. Jerry Dennis

### Dennis, Jerry

Billy & Traci Cheek

### Father's Day

Monterey Baptist Church

### Key, Charles & Paula

Kevin & Gay Atkins

### Stewart, Jim

Billy & Traci Cheek

## MEMORIALS

### Amburn, Denise & Jody

Tedburn Investments, Inc.

### Baccus, Brenda

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### Baldwin, Rustin

Greg & Ruth Lance

### Boyles, Denny

Roger & Debbie Graham

Lighthouse Legacies

### Burgett, Bryan

Roy & Joan Roberts

Bret Holloway

Mrs. Helen Isom

### Carpenter, Donald

Brian & Jeanie Patterson

### Correa, Santiago

Mr. Nathan Morris

### Courtney, JoBeth

Stephanie Stewart

### Czeczotka, Dortha

Bob & Charlotte Mize

### Dawson, Dian

Randy & Gay King

### Dorsett, Mark, MD

Jerry & Susan Devine

### Duncan, Shelby

Danny & Kathy Bell

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### Duncan, Marcine

Mr. Mike Davison

### Durfee, Minnie Marie

Redbud Lions Club

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### Ellison, Douglas

Hurst Farm Supply, Inc.

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Virginia Stewart

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Delwin & Ann Marrow

### Gilbreath, Owen

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### Gossett, Steve & Sarratt, Tina

Ms. Donava Seales

### Grabbe, Louis

Mr. Mike Davison

### Harlan, Chris

Delwin & Ann Marrow

### Hawkins, Wanda

Jeff Mercer

### Hilton, Neil

Wes & Linda Rowntree

### Hodgin, William "Bill"

R. L. & Glenda Rhoten

Marsalee Hastings

Donna Eason

The John Wargo Family

Mrs. Pat Baker

Ragan & Cherie Holt

Jo Herrington

Sharla Garrett

Hurst Farm Supply, Inc.

Ms. Margaret Stephenson

Larry & Jan Isom

Mrs. Barbara Robbins

Don & Robin Walker

### Jabour, Jesse Joe

Billy & Traci Cheek

### Jageler, Scott

Darrel & Sherry Werley

### Johnson, Alice Joy

Joe & Jameree Freeman

### Jones, Wilda

Mrs. Kathy Busby

### Jordan, Tracy L.

Mrs. Gloria Jordan

### King, Gene

Larry & Dana Bryant

### Klopp, Jeanie Faye

Mrs. Helen Isom

Roy & Joan Roberts

Jordan, Jerry & Glenda

Mrs. Gloria Jordan

### Laughery, Keith

Brent & Cathy Noble

### Lenzen, Lois

Bob & Charlotte Mize

### Lusk, Newman

Roy & Joan Roberts

### Marshall, Chris

Hurst Farm Supply, Inc.

Idalou Church of Christ

Buck & Joyce Gossett

Donny & Terri Tucker

### McCarty, Bryson Grant

Pat Davis

Jeff & Angie Oswald

### Middleton, Roy A.

Jerry & Linda Hall

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James Morgan Construction, LLC

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Sue Middleton

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Ms. Trudy Gamble

Billy & Traci Cheek

Don & Marilyn Burney

Mr. Fuston McCarty

Jamie Thomason

Bob Bryant

Ms. Helen Lou Conner

Scoggin Dickey Buick

Mitch & Jenny Watson

### Mora, Betty Deavours

Roy & Joan Roberts

### Moore, Kelsie

Danny & Kathy Bell

Nutrien Ag Solutions

### Murphy, Pat

Randy & Gay King

### Myatt, Floyd

Larry & Dana Bryant

Ms. Lloydine Huffaker

### Osborne, Scherrie

Wes & Linda Rowntree

### Patterson, Pat

Todd & Nancy Dipprey

### Pennington, Jim

Donald & Rita Harris

### Peterson, Jerry A. "Pete"

Larry & Dana Bryant

### Pharr, Harold

Mr. Jerry Pharr

### Raines, Toni

Mrs. Barbara Thomas

### Rapier, Larry

George & Pam Goodall

### Ray, Barbara JoAnn

Brady & Jenny Goen

Billy & Traci Cheek

Calvary Baptist Church

### Reynolds, Roy Richard

Hurst Farm Supply, Inc.

### Riley, Bob

Ms. Lloydine Huffaker

Larry & Dana Bryant

### Roberts, Greg

Roy & Joan Roberts

### Robinson, Geneva Ann Devin

Panhandle Steel Buildings

Bill & Betty South

Sandra Disbrow

Brady & Jenny Goen

### Stephenson, Welton

Pete & Glena Curtis

### Tucker, Emerson

The Twentieth Century Club

### Walker, Ola Mae

Ann Walker

First Baptist Church, McAdoo

### Wallace, Leo

Ms. Sammi McLaurin

Lee Roy Motley

### Welborn, Bobby

Buck & Joyce Gossett

Bucky & Sherri Gossett, Jr.

### Whatley, Morton Allen "Sonny"

Nancy Gallimore

Darleen Fletcher

Mr. Cody Hurdt

### White, Binie

Mr. Wayne Parker

### Young, Karen L.

Walter & Willa Didway

## Circuit Rider

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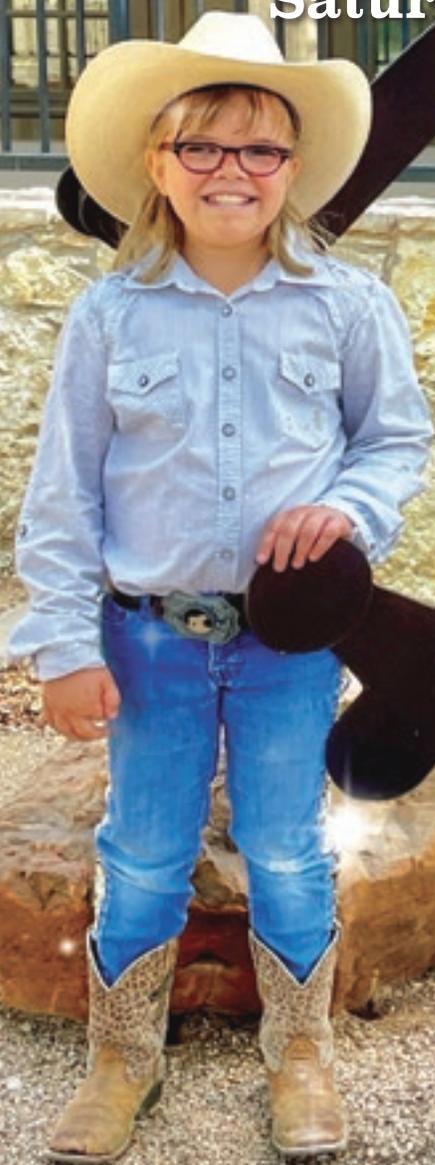


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# Sparkles & Spurs

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~ Saturday, August 21st



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2322 Mac Davis Ln, Lubbock, TX 79401

**Guest Speaker**



**Steve Gomez**

**Lubbock Christian University  
Women's Basketball Head  
Coach**

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For updates about the event, go to our website and Facebook page.

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