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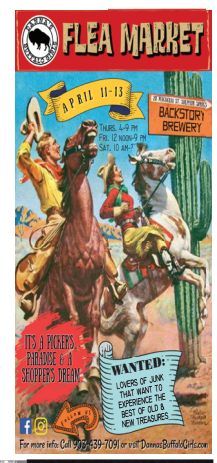
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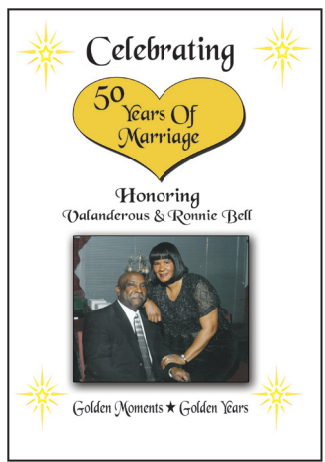
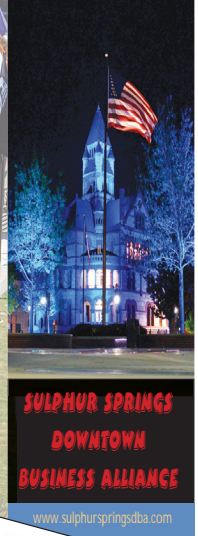
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At The Corral Gate



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Hopkins County kids had a lot of egg-hunting opportunities over the Easter weekend. Here's some highlights from just two of them.

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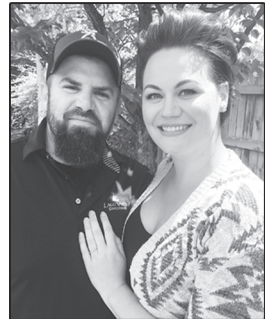
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My daughter Jessie and John Glover



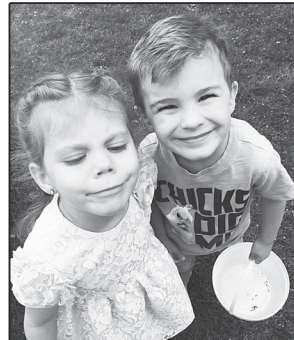
My daughter Angela and husband Ben



My daughter Bobbi Rowland and me.



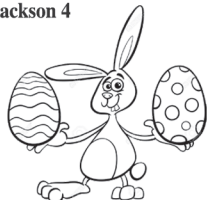
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Colorado grandchildren Ava 3 and Jackson 4



My granddaughter Jade Rowland and her boyfriend Jacob



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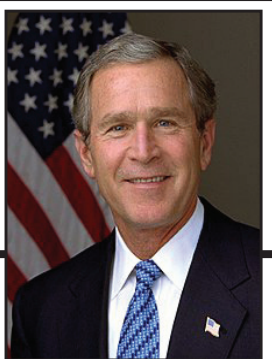
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Bush was born in New Haven, Connecticut, and grew up in Texas. After graduating from Yale University in 1968 and Harvard Business School in 1975, he worked in the oil industry. Bush married Laura Welch in 1977 and unsuccessfully ran for the U.S. House of Representatives shortly thereafter. He later co-owned the Texas Rangers baseball team before defeating Ann Richards in the 1994 Texas gubernatorial election. Bush was elected President of the United States in 2000 when he defeated Democratic incumbent Vice President Al Gore after a close and controversial win that involved a stopped recount in Florida. He became the fourth person to be elected president while receiving fewer popular votes than his opponent. Bush is a member of a prominent political family and is the eldest son of Barbara and George H. W. Bush, the 41st president of the United States. He is only the second president to assume the nation's highest office after his father, following the footsteps of John Adams and his son, John Quincy Adams. His brother Jeb Bush, a former Governor of Florida, was a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination in the 2016 presidential election. His paternal grandfather, Prescott Bush, was a U.S. Senator from Connecticut.

The September 11 terrorist attacks occurred eight months into Bush's first term. Bush responded with what became known as the Bush Doctrine: launching a "War on Terror", an international military campaign that included the war in Afghanistan in 2001 and the Iraq War in 2003. He signed into law broad tax cuts, the Patriot Act, the No Child Left Behind Act, the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act, Medicare prescription drug benefits for seniors, and funding for

the AIDS relief program known as PEPFAR. His tenure included national debates on immigration, Social Security, electronic surveillance, and torture. In the 2004 presidential race, Bush defeated Democratic Senator John Kerry in another relatively close election. After his re-election, Bush received increasingly heated criticism from across the political spectrum for his handling of the Iraq War, Hurricane Katrina, and other challenges. Amid this criticism, the Democratic Party regained control of Congress in the 2006 elections. In December 2007, the United States entered its longest post-World War II recession, often referred to as the "Great Recession", prompting the Bush administration to obtain congressional passage of multiple economic programs intended to preserve the country's financial system.

Nationally, Bush was both one of the most popular and unpopular U.S. presidents in history, having received the highest recorded presidential approval ratings in the wake of the 9/11 attacks, as well as one of the lowest approval ratings during the 2008 financial crisis. Bush finished his term in office in 2009 and returned to Texas, where he had purchased a home in Dallas. In 2010, he published his memoir, *Decision Points*. His presidential library was opened in 2013. His presidency has been ranked among the worst in historians' polls that were published in the late 2000s and 2010s. However, his favorability ratings with the public have improved after leaving office.

George Walker Bush was born on July 6, 1946, at Yale–New Haven Hospital in New Haven, Connecticut, while his father was a student at Yale. He was the first child of George Herbert Walker Bush (1924–2018) and his wife, Barbara Pierce (1925–2018). He was raised in Midland and Houston, Texas, with four siblings, Jeb, Neil, Marvin and Dorothy. Another younger sister, Robin, died from leukemia at the age of three in 1953. His grandfather, Prescott Bush, was a U.S. Senator from Connecticut. His father was Ronald Reagan's vice president from 1981

to 1989 and the 41st U.S. president from 1989 to 1993. Bush has English and some German ancestry, along with more distant Dutch, Welsh, Irish, French, and Scottish roots.

Education

Bush attended public schools in Midland, Texas, until the family moved to Houston after he had completed seventh grade. He then spent two years at The Kinkaid School, a prep school in Piney Point Village in the Houston area.

Bush attended high school at Phillips Academy, a boarding school in Andover, Massachusetts, where he played baseball and was the head cheerleader during his senior year. He attended Yale University from 1964 to 1968, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history. During this time, he was a cheerleader and a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon, serving as the president of the fraternity during his senior year. Bush became a member of the Skull and Bones society as a senior. Bush was a rugby union player and was on Yale's 1st XV. He characterized himself as an average student. His GPA during his first three years at Yale was 77, and he had a similar average under a nonnumeric rating system in his final year.

In the fall of 1973, Bush entered Harvard Business School. He graduated in 1975 with an MBA degree. He is the only U.S. president to have earned an MBA.

Family and Personal Life

George and Laura Bush have two granddaughters and are expecting their first grandson.

Bush was initially engaged to Cathryn Lee Wolfman in 1967, but the engagement eventually fizzled out. Bush and Wolfman remained on good terms after the end of the relationship. While Bush was at a backyard barbecue in 1977, friends introduced him to Laura Welch, a schoolteacher and librarian. After a three-month courtship, she accepted his marriage proposal and they wed on November 5 of that year. The couple settled in Midland, Texas. Bush left his family's Episcopal Church to join his wife's United Methodist Church. On November 25, 1981, Laura Bush gave birth to fraternal twin daughters, Barbara and Jenna

Hobbies

Bush has been an avid reader throughout his adult life, preferring biographies and histories. During his time as president, Bush read the Bible daily. He also read 14 Lincoln biographies, and during the last three years of his presidency, he reportedly read 186 books.

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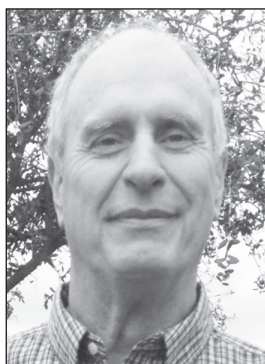
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Nell Ross

Funeral services for Nell Ross, age 98, of Sulphur Springs, were held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, April 20, 2019 at West Oaks Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Fred Lewis officiating. Interment followed at Yantis Cemetery. Visitation was at 9:00 a.m., prior to service. Nell passed away on April 17, 2019 at Willow Bend Assisted Living in Denton, TX. She was born on June 1, 1920 in Como, TX, the daughter of Oscar and Effie Mae Coker White. She married James Lorell Ross on May 27, 1938. He preceded her in death on August 6, 2005. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Sulphur Springs. She is survived by son, James Alan Ross and wife Jois of Denton, son-in-law, Charles Kurkjian of Frisco, granddaughters, Christi Kurkjian of Sulphur Springs, Debbie Kurkjian of Frisco, Kati Kurkjian of Frisco, sister, Jackie Dodd Roundtree of Como, and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband, she is preceded in death by her parents and daughter, Teresa Ann Ross Kurkjian. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church Television Ministry at 116 Oak Avenue, Sulphur Springs, TX 75482. Arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. www.westoaksfuneralhome.com



Thomas "Tom" Melton Howell, Jr.

July 15, 1951 – April 18, 2019

Thomas "Tom" Melton Howell, Jr, 67, of Sulphur Springs passed from this life to join his Lord and Savior on April 18, 2019.

Tom was born on July 15, 1951 in San Antonio, Texas to Thomas and Dorothy Howell. When Tom was 3, the family moved from San Antonio to Garland, Texas. Growing up in Garland, Tom was the oldest of 5 siblings. His dad, Thomas Sr, would take him and his siblings to their family farm where he developed an interest in animals and working with his hands. As soon as he was old enough, he joined the South Garland FFA where he started showing beef cattle at different shows around the state. This love for animals placed him on a path to attend Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas. While attending Texas A&M he met and married the great love of his life, Gladys Irene (Powell) Howell on August 19, 1972.

Once he graduated from the Texas A&M in 1973, Tom got his first teaching job as an Ag Teacher in South Garland. However, soon he moved Sulphur Springs, Texas where he started teaching Ag classes and began working with the two other Ag Teachers (John Boles and Danny Johnson) that were already teaching there. This dream team of Ag teachers impacted countless student lives and set many on paths to accomplish great things.

Together, he and his beloved wife Gladys enjoyed the blessings of children, grandchildren, and a life filled with love and laughter. Always the teacher, Tom devoted his life to teaching kids of all ages everything he knew about farming, cattle, working with metal and being an honest, hardworking man. Quick to volunteer his time, family, friends, and neighbors alike could count on Tom to help them with anything from fixing fence to fixing trailers. A farmer and metal worker, Tom loved tending to his cattle, and getting his hands dirty.

Tom was a member of First Baptist Church of Sulphur Springs, the Radio Bible Class at FBC, and later a participant of Terrific Tuesday Alzheimer's group.

Tom is survived by his wife, Gladys Howell of Sulphur Springs; their two children Andrew Howell and his wife Kimberley of Calvert, Matthew Howell and his wife Lyndi of Sulphur Springs. He is also survived by his sister Beverly Prater and her husband Troy of Garland, his brother Larry Howell and his wife Gwen of Terrell, brother Gary Howell and his wife Diana of Denison, brother George Howell and his wife Trisha of Garland, five grandchildren, Drew, Rusty, Casey, Thomas, and Jonathan, and numerous extended family members and friends.

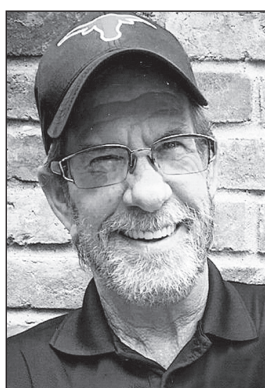
The family received friends for visitation and a celebration of life at First Baptist Church from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and funeral immediately followed on Monday, April 22, 2019. Interment followed at Greenview Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials may be made to Terrific Tuesday, 150 MLK Dr., Sulphur Springs, TX 75482. Arrangements were under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. www.westoaksfuneralhome.com

Erik Wayne Stewart

A memorial service for Erik Wayne Stewart, age 39, of Emory, was held 3:00 pm Saturday, April 20, 2019, at Wilson-Orwosky Funeral Home Chapel. Pastor John Robertson and Jonathan Criswell officiated. Erik passed away suddenly on Saturday, April 13th. He was born December 4, 1979 to the parentage of Philip and Debra Sue Rowan Stewart. He attended Rains High School. Erik was a construction worker by trade, but his heart was hunting and fishing. He loved his children more than they will ever know. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Survivors include: Son: Hunter Stewart (Mother, Ashli Davis) of East Tawakoni; Daughter and Son: Aubrey Stewart and Gunner Stewart (Mother, Amy Robertson) of Emory.



Robert Michael "Shorty" Kephart

Mr. Robert Michael "Shorty" Kephart, age 57 of Winnsboro, passed away on Wednesday, April 17th, 2019 at his home in Winnsboro. He was born on May 18th, 1961 in Manchester, New Hampshire to William Kephart and Phyllis Milne Kephart. He was a retired Floor Technician of Floor Medic in Longview and was preceded in death by sisters, Karen and Debbie.

He is survived by his parents, Bill and Phyllis Kephart of Kentucky; wife, Karen Kephart of Winnsboro; sons, Bobby Kephart of Longview and Will Kephart and his fiance' Barbara Zernick of Longview; borther, Billy Kephart of Kentucky; sisters, Linda Carver of Tennessee, Patty Kephart of Kentucky and Ginger Backman of Florida; two grandchildren, Carson and Reed Kephart.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, April 23rd, 2019 from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm at Beaty Funeral Home-Winnsboro 816 W. Broadway Winnsboro, TX 75494. Funeral Services followed at 1:00 pm with Bro. Clarence Bosarge conducting, Interment was at Lee Cemetery in Winnsboro, with Bobby Kephart, Will Kephart, C.J. Collins, Steven Lawrence, Micheal Williams, Andy Breaux serving as pallbearers.

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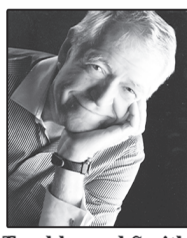
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Ruth Merton and her husband Dan live by the San Gabriel River near the community of Mahomet. It's in northeastern Burnet County near the Williamson county

"A lot of people were trying to settle Texas in the early 1850's and they thought if they could get some camels into Texas they would flourish more than horses," says Ruth. "Some people from the Middle East came to Texas and one of the men was called Mohamed. He had a lot of camels that he raised around here. Since that time it has been called Mahomet. A post office was established in 1857 but was closed in 1916. Mt. Horeb Lodge in Mahomet is the oldest Masonic Lodge in Burnet County."

A wagon train with 16 wagons brought Ruth Merton's family to Texas from Missouri. They bought land in 1852 near Georgetown for 25 cents an acre. The land is still in the family thanks to Ruth's great grandmother Maggie McCormick whose husband had mortgaged the land to buy sheep. But he died and the sheep were stolen.

"She said she would eat dirt and go naked, but would never sell the land," says Ruth. "She milked her cows, got her eggs every Friday and left about 3:30 in the morning in a buggy by herself and she would drive all the way to Georgetown to sell her eggs, cheese, cream and butter to farmers who came into Georgetown. She did that and paid off the mortgage on the land. Our family still works that land today."

Her family donated limestone used to build Southwestern University in Georgetown. A limestone fence surrounds the family land and the family home is built of limestone.

"The walls are 2 and a half feet thick. Every room has a fireplace. That house is where I was born, where my father was born and his father was born. The house has a medallion from the Texas Historical Commission." Ruth's 92-year-old aunt spent her 90th year writing about family stories. She put them in a book titled THE OLD HOUSE. Ruth's great great grandfather had a gristmill in Burnet. To run it, he bought a steam engine locomotive.

"It was from Waco and he pulled it with mules to Burnet. It was such a hard way to pull it. They would struggle all day and just make a little bit of progress. It took months but they finally got it to Burnet and put it to use running the grist mill."

Once he put too much fuel in it and it blew up.

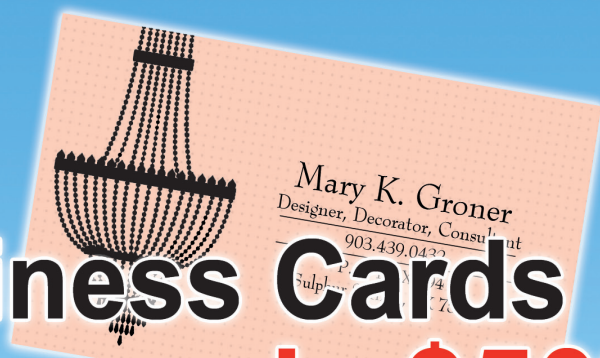
"He was killed. And all they could find was little pieces of bone here and there. And that was on January first, 1880. We've got the newspaper clipping that said you could hear the explosion for miles around. All that was left was just a little finger bone that my great grandmother Maggie had kept. When she was buried they buried the finger bone with her. She loved her daddy so much."

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