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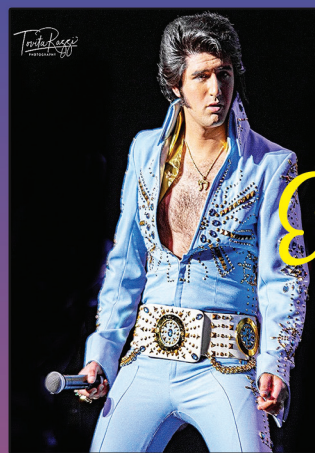
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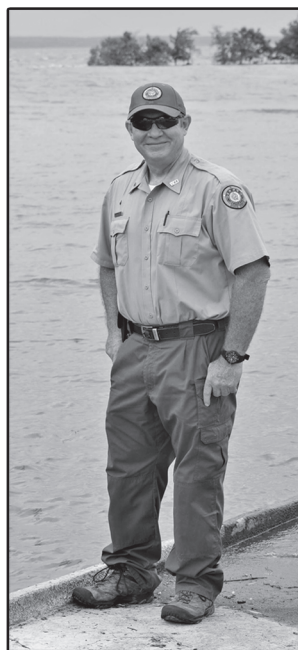
Here's just a few of the attractions available locally. Anglers, you can fish from the banks or piers, or rent a kayak and fish the shorelines. Crappie, bluegill, bass and catfish are best catches. Boaters also love the lake. Remember, fishing licenses are not required if you fish from the bank or piers inside Cooper Lake State Park! The swimming beach is another of the most popular delights. Bring a picnic and enjoy the numerous table and grill areas scattered throughout the complex for day use, or plan to enjoy a campfire during the evening while watching the stars. Enjoy the fresh breezes off the water and the whisper of the trees that forest the park. There are tree-canopied areas for tent camping, and you can do what I did, and make a reservation to stay in one of the comfortable family-size cabins. Cooper Lake State Park even has equestrian trails for campers who bring their horses. You'll find that Texas State Parks are great places to relax, recreate and recharge your soul!

Another of the great things about State Parks is that there are planned activities which everyone in the family is bound to enjoy. According to Killian, Cooper Lake State Park conducts nature programs that are fun, interesting and educational. The Skins and Skulls nature program led by a park educator or "interpreter" lets kids and grown ups get a safe, up-close view of some of the wild animals which inhabit the park. You can attend a program on edible and useful plants as well as learn about the many types of trees. You can learn about stinging and biting insects. There's also Wildflower Watch, Night Hike and many hiking trails for daytime use. All programs are free with a valid entrance permit. Remember too, at Cooper Lake State Park, there is a police presence for the safety and support of campers and day visitors, with added support from Hopkins County and Delta County sheriff's departments.

How much does it cost to enjoy a day at Cooper Lake State Park? Killian says that's another exciting discovery! Park entrance fee is \$5 for adults and free for kids age 12 and under.

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### ***Margaret Ann Box***

Funeral Service for Margaret Ann Box, age 78, of Sulphur Springs, will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, July 11, 2019 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Chapel with Buddy Wiggins officiating. Interment will follow at Restlawn Cemetery with C.J Aaron, Cody Box, Gary Clem, Jeffery Hathcoat, Tucker Hathcoat, Turner Hathcoat serving as pallbearers. Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 P.M. on Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.

Margaret Ann was born on February 27, in 1941 in Spalding, OK to Patrick and Willie Mae Jones. She married Deearmous Box on August 31, 1957 in Leveland, TX. Margaret worked as a Healthcare Provider but her most important role was that of wife, mother and grandmother. She was a member of League Street Church of Christ.

She is survived by her husband, Dee Box; children, Pam Aaron and husband, Tippy, Jeff Box and wife, Lou, Darrel Box; grandchildren, Tangie Hathcoat and husband, Jeffery, C.J. Aaron and wife, Nichole, Shaunda Clem and husband, Gary, Cody and wife, Asia, Ragan Box, Raylee Box; 10 great grandchildren.

Margaret Ann was preceded in death by her parents.

Arrangements are under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. The online register can be signed at [www.murrayorwosky.com](http://www.murrayorwosky.com)



### ***Patricia Virgel***

Funeral services for Patricia Virgel, age 74, of Peerless were held at 2 P.M. on Sunday, July 7, 2019, at Murray Orwosky Funeral Home with Bro. David Burns officiating and Bro. Doyle Hayes and Bro. Phillip Mathis assisting. Interment followed at Peerless Cemetery with Ben Stoneberg, Jamison Virgel, Brian Virgel, Danny Stewart, Andy Kendall, and Wesley Houchins serving as pallbearers and serving as honorary pallbearers were Tony Virgel, Tim Virgel, and Terry Speed.

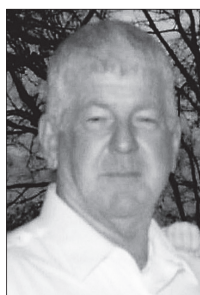
Visitations was held on Saturday, July 6, 2019, from 6 to 8 P.M. at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Chapel. Mrs. Virgel passed away on Wednesday, July 3, 2019, at Medical City-Plano.

Patricia was born on Feb. 13, 1945, in Cooper, to Joe Bill and Florida Maynard. She married Elbert W. "Pete" Virgel in Cooper on March 14, 1961, and she was a member of Peerless Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Pete Virgel; children, Terry Virgel and wife Vicki, Randy Virgel, and Donnie Virgel and wife Robyn; grandchildren, Jodi, Brian, Lacey, Mason, Peyton and Alyson; five great grandchildren; sisters, Betty Stewart, Billie Robinson and Connie Parker.

Patricia was preceded in death by her parents; grandchild, Matthew Virgel; sisters, Dorothy Skinner and Frances Rowe; brothers, Ronny Maynard and Joe D. Maynard; and several nieces and nephews.

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### ***Donnie Ray Pipkin***

A funeral service for Donnie Ray Pipkin, age 63, of Pine Forest, was held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at West Oaks Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Shannon Gammill officiating. Interment followed at Greenwood Cemetery with Tode Johnson, Brad Mobley, Billy Huie, Rusty Garmon, Ryan Garmon, Chris Pryor, Randy Mobley, and Jason Mobley serving as pallbearers, honorary pallbearers were Pine Forest Coffee Drinkers, David Screws, Keith Bain, David Vail, Ricky Bain, Calvin Bain, Bob Bain, Bill Egan, Paul Bennett, Brian Bain, Edith Bain, Adam Hostetler, and Perry Hostetler. Visitation was held from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Monday, July 8, 2019 at West Oaks Funeral Home. Donnie was born March 6, 1956 in Flora, Texas the son of Chester Pipkin and Mildred Woodard Pipkin. He married his wife, Paula on July 16, 1976 in Sulphur Springs and she survives. Donnie

passed away on Saturday, July 6, 2019 at his residence. Donnie was a professional Truck Driver and recently he was a driver for Bell Concrete. He attended Life Fellowship. In addition to his wife, he is survived by sons, Patrick Pipkin and wife Angie of Pine Forest, Cody Pipkin and wife Kayla of Greenwood, and brother JR Pipkin and wife Cathy of Mt Pleasant, grandchildren, Alana Landers, Maysen Pipkin, Makenzi Pipkin, Addisyn Pipkin, and Bo Jackson Pipkin. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Billy Jack Pipkin, Jimmy Pipkin, and sister, Laverne Huie. Arrangements were under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. [www.westoaksfuneralhome.com](http://www.westoaksfuneralhome.com)

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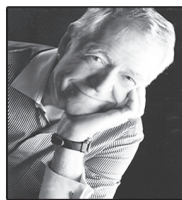
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Jo Rae Wagner of Harlingen has had some unique experiences in the plumbing business.

"I ran heavy equipment out in the field, I did project management, estimating and purchasing, just about everything involved in big plumbing jobs. When I first went to work here in the valley the guys didn't like taking orders from a female. They didn't know what to think. Fast-forward about 35 years. I was the first woman appointed to the National Plumbing Board. I had been on the Texas board for about a year and they shoved me to national. In 125 years they had not had a female on the board. I was sort of a shock to them. There were 38 board members from all over the country but I discovered I knew a lot more than a lot of them did because I grew up in the business. Eventually they got to where they trusted my judgment. I served 4 years there and had to wear a tie to every meeting. That was the dress code.

"I decided to run for president. You had to go to all the states and do some politicking, just like you were running for a federal office. I didn't think I had a chance because there were two males running." Jo was vice president of the National Plumbing Board in 2007, then president-elect in 2008. She became president in 2009. She changed the dress code.

"I told the board I was going to make the tie optional but they had to wear panty hose. After wearing a tie for 4 years I told the 37 guys that if they didn't wear panty hose to meetings they had to donate \$100 to the board's foundation. When I set the dress code the head of the foundation also was on our board. He was elated because the foundation got thirty seven hundred dollars from each of my first two meetings because they were not about to put on panty hose."

Jo Rae and her husband had CTO, a plumbing and contracting company that built hospitals and high rises from the Rio Grand Valley to San Antonio and Austin. Jo's maiden name was Colletti.

"I'm full blooded Sicilian, both father, mother and grandparents. In fact my grandparents were the first generation that came here from Sicily. My mother had a restaurant and I said I would never be in that business because you don't have a life."

Guess what business she's in now. She owns a restaurant in Harlingen named Colletti's. It's in the Reese Building, an ancient hotel that she has restored and turned into an office complex. In addition to the restaurant it has an insurance office, a dentist and a law firm that has more than 100 attorneys who deal with child immigration issues. They occupy 5 floors of the 6-story building. When Jo opened her restaurant she assembled her employees and set some ground rules.

"They are nice guys but I told them I had been in a male industry my entire life so if it takes you more than 10 words to say something I've already tuned you out."

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